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## Fighting Flares Anew In Palestine

### ISRAELI ARMY BEGINS ALL OUT DRIVE ON EGYPTIAN POSITIONS IN THE NEGEV

BY ELIAV SIMON  
United Press Staff Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (UP) — The Palestine war broke out afresh today with Israeli land, sea and air forces reported throwing everything they had into a sweeping assault on Egyptian positions in the Negev.

United Nations truce observers in the field reported that Israeli troops, planes and warships attacked during the night and pressed a full fledged campaign against the Egyptians throughout the day.

The eruption of major hostilities two days before Christmas violated a United Nations Security Council order which brought a shaky peace to the Holy Land Nov. 16.

It was accompanied by an Israeli warning to the UN that the Jews reserved the right to freedom of action because Egypt had refused to negotiate for an armistice as ordered by the Security Council.

The first word of the new hostilities came from an Israeli military spokesman. He reported big scale fighting in a broad reach of the rainswept Negev, without saying who started it.

But the spokesman said the Israeli forces had driven the Egyptians from the entire northern Negev, and had opened up lines to Jewish settlements cut off in the Faluja pocket 20-odd miles south of Tel Aviv.

UN truce headquarters in Haifa received the first details from its truce teams in the field. They were skimpy on Israeli infantry action, but reported widespread action by Israeli planes and warships.

One report said the Israeli forces struck at an air field in Egypt, presumably in an air attack.

Israeli naval units appeared off Gaza, key Egyptian base near the shore, and hurled shells into the town. Other Jewish vessels struck at smaller points along the coast, a UN truce headquarters spokesman said.

### Army Deserter Back In Uniform

CAMP HOOD, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP) — A "good army" will take Millard J. Allison back into its ranks on a "normal duty status," but the onetime sergeant will be only a buck private.

Maj. Gen. James G. Christensen, commandant at Camp Hood, announced last night that Allison, much-decorated hero of World War II combat under the Canadian flag, would not have to serve a court martial sentence of six months at hard labor.

The six months and deduction of \$35 monthly from his pay were fixed by a court martial last week as Allison's punishment for deserting the U. S. Army in the fall of 1941.

Impressed by Allison's fine record in combat, the court martial recommended clemency. Christensen, after reviewing the record of the case, "approved the sentence but remitted the execution."

Armored units were next to swing into action according to the military spokesman. Heavy rains had turned the usually arid fields into mud, and the armor had to stay on the main roads.

Fighter plane duels were reported over the entire front, looping in an irregular pattern through the semi-barren region which had become the main prize of contention in the Palestine war.

One of the focal points of the new fighting was the Jewish settlement of Nirim in the western Negev. An Egyptian armored column operating around the village was engaged by Jewish forces.

The outbreak abruptly ended the troubled peace in Palestine since Nov. 16 when the United Nations Security Council ordered the Jews and Arabs to stop fighting.

### THE WEATHER

By United Press  
EAST TEXAS — Considerable cloudiness this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Occasional rain Friday and in the extreme west portion this afternoon and tonight. Colder in the northwest portion Friday. Moderate east to southeast winds on the coast.  
WEST TEXAS — Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Rain turning to snow in north portion of Panhandle tonight. Colder Friday. Lowest temperatures 24-32 in the Panhandle tonight.  
Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today.  
Maximum ..... 52  
Minimum ..... 47  
Hour's Reading ..... 52  
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. today.  
Maximum ..... 61  
Minimum ..... 36

### Accord Reached Averting Phone Workers Strike

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23 (UP) — A strike of 50,000 Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. workers in five states was averted early today when the company and the Independent Communications Workers of America agreed on a 10.55 cent hourly increase.

Federal conciliation officials said the boost would amount to \$3 to \$5 weekly increases for most workers.

The strike, which was expected to be called today, would have tied up telephone communications in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The union had offered to settle for a 15-cent average increase, but the utility said it would go no higher than a 6.7 cent average.

Union and management spokesmen were expected to meet today to sign a one-year contract, retroactive to Dec. 1. The agreement also will include restoration of certain seniority rights, conciliation officials said.

A company spokesman said the increase would cost the utility about \$11,500,000 (M) a year.

### Helicopter Saves Expectant Mother

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 23 (UP) — Mrs. Freida Johansen awaited the birth of her baby in an Anchorage hospital today following her rescue from a gale-swept frozen lake by a helicopter.

The Keinal, Alaska, woman was in labor last night when pilot Lt. Charles Weir of the 10th Airforce Rescue Squadron snatched her from the grounded plane where she had been marooned for 24 hours. She was grounded with pilot Jack Kellogg Tuesday on the way to Anchorage to await the birth of her baby.

Weir was forced to leave behind three crewmen of a C-64 plane which crashed on the lake 35 miles east of here yesterday in an attempt to rescue Mrs. Johansen. Her rescue plane failed to reach Mrs. Johansen and returned to Elmendorf Field because fog and strong winds made landing impossible.

### Safety Council Estimates Many Accident Deaths

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (UP) — The National Safety Council estimated today that Christmas holiday traffic accidents would kill 265 persons.

The council's estimate covered the period between 6 P.M. next Friday and midnight Sunday. It included only immediate deaths.

"We are not trying to put a damper on Christmas cheer," said Council president Ned H. Dearborn.

"We hope this estimate is far too high."

He said it might be, if motorists exercise care and refrain from drinking, or if the weather is so bad that drivers must use extra caution or stay at home.

### Two U. S. Soldiers Sentenced To Life

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 23 (UP) — Two United States Army recruits have been sentenced to life imprisonment for the Aug. 4 murder of Akiri Nagai, Japanese chauffeur of the Australian mission in Tokyo, the Eighth Army announced today.

The soldiers, Arthur D. Smith, 24, of Baltimore, Md., and Eugene K. Wilson, 18, of Killebrew, Tex., also were convicted of homicide in the death of Tokutaro Yamaguchi, a Japanese.

Both were members of the 56th quartermaster supply and sales company in Yokohama.

Colossal Cave, one of Arizona's many wonders, is 28 miles east of Tucson. The cave was formed by underground waters into formations resembling animals, buildings and people.

### Most Of Texas To Only Dream Of White Xmas

BY UNITED PRESS

The Panhandle may have a white Christmas but the remainder of Texas apparently will be only cloudy skies and occasional rain, the U. S. weather bureau reported today.

The forecast called for occasional rain in the extreme west portion of East Texas tomorrow and for most of west Texas.

The weatherman said a high pressure area over the Ohio Valley was causing circulation of the southerly winds to pick up moisture from the Gulf area.

At 6:30 A. M. observation time today, the only rains reported were .97 at Amarillo and .02 at Alice. Many points were scheduled to receive showers during the day, the forecast indicated.

Yesterday's high was 84 at Brownsville with Clarendon's 47 the low maximum. This morning Amarillo had the state minimum of 36 and Brownsville the high minimum of 70 degrees.

### C. D. Brantley Gets Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. John Ussery have received word that their son-in-law, C. D. Brantley, has been made a captain in the driver's license division of the Department of Public Safety. Prior to the appointment Capt. Brantley had been a sergeant and assistant supervisor of the Houston district.

He is being transferred to San Antonio where he will be supervisor of the San Antonio District after January 1.

Capt. Brantley formerly resided in Ranger and was employed by the Texas Electric Service Company. Mrs. Brantley is the former Frances Ussery.

### Entire Family Killed In Crash

ALICE, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP) — Authorities today were investigating the crash of a private plane northeast of Alice in which five members of the Orville Bullington Miller family were killed last night.

Dead as a result of the crash were Mr. and Mrs. Miller and three young sons, Orville, Jr., 3, James Crain, 2, and infant Robert Stanley, of Dallas.

The Millers were en route from Dallas to Duval County for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Miller, a former Navy pilot, apparently attempted an emergency landing on a highway one-half mile northeast of Orange Grove when the craft ran low on fuel.

The five-passenger plane struck a power line, then crashed into a mesquite thicket.

This year's bumper corn crop is being produced on the smallest corn acreage in 15 years.

### Leaves For Christmas At Home



President Harry Truman waves to Washington crowd at airport as he left for Independence, Missouri, for a typical American Christmas at home with a group of relatives. — (NEA Telephoto).

### DUTCH ADVANCE SLOWED DOWN AS INDONESIAN FORCES BRACE

BATAVIA, Dec. 23, (UP) — The Dutch high command reported today that resistance by Indonesian Republican forces on all four sides of the roughly rectangular front in Central Java had slowed down the Dutch advance.

The slowdown enabled the Republicans to invoke the scorched earth policy, blowing up roads, bridges and other installations in the path of the Dutch, a war communique reported.

This was the first official Dutch report of any appreciable resistance by the Indonesians since the campaign opened Sunday. Only yesterday the Dutch reported that their forces were unable to make contact with the Republicans who were falling back everywhere without waiting for the advancing armies.

Acknowledging relatively heavy resistance in four sectors, the high command nevertheless said the poorly-equipped Indonesian units were beaten back everywhere.

One of the strongest Indonesian stands was made 25 miles west of the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, in the Seraju Valley near Purworedjo. The Dutch were de-

layed sufficiently for the Republicans to put the torch to many buildings in Hagelang, northwest of Jogjakarta.

The Dutch reported that they battled a full day before overcoming Indonesian resistance in the Demak area east of Semarang on the north coast. There the Dutch were trying to slice across the base of the Japan bulge and cut off its looping coastline from the Indonesians.

After overriding temporarily heavy resistance around Turen, southeast of Malang in Southeast Java, the Dutch reported, they broke through and advanced toward Bilhar.

Around the big oil refinery city of Tjepu, west of Soerabaja, the Republicans threw up road blocks and blasted the roads, holding up the Dutch long enough to scorch the earth as they gave way.

In still other areas, the Dutch said, the Indonesians blew up bridges and roads but put up lighter resistance.

Army headquarters reported that other Dutch forces had invaded Bantam Province in West Java, the last Republican area in that part of the island.

## Ranger Faces Nearly Certain Curtailment In Use Of Water

By Ruth W. Ducker

"Unless we get rain immediately, Ranger is faced with an inevitable curtailment in the use of city water."

This statement was made Wednesday by Water Commissioner A. L. Stiles as he surveyed Lake Hagaman which in the drought scorched months since the last heavy rains fell the early part of June, has shrunk to less than half its normal size.

"There is no immediate threat of running out of water," Stiles said, "but we must face the possibility that we may not get enough rain, soon enough to relieve the situation, and so we must look to conservation of what we have."

Stiles and City Secretary Lester Crossley pointed out that the water level is dropping at the rate of an inch a day and this over a greatly reduced water area. Estimates differ as to how long

the water will last at the present rate of consumption, with some figuring that there is a 60 day supply while others say that the supply could last until March 15.

The city, however, is taking no chances and changes are underway at the lake to assure the maximum in water service as long as the supply lasts. The old intake pipe at the lake now stands in such shallow water that a new intake pipe is being installed 1,200 ft farther down the lake in 7 foot water. A temporary pump house is being built for pumping facilities on the new line, which is being installed as a permanent unit, ten and 8 inch pipe is being laid from the water system pump house to the intake spot in the middle of the lake and this will be sufficient to carry normal supplies.

Stiles pointed out that no changes are being made in the treatment of water since every

precaution in this respect has been provided for and has been practiced since the installation of the most modern equipment several months ago. He also stated that one of the reasons for moving the intake pipe, is to remove the possibility of bad tasting water from too shallow depths where the old pipe now stands.

In speaking of the reduced water supply, Stiles stated that the normal maximum depth of the water at spillway level is 28 feet and the lake is now only 8 and 1 half feet deep in the deepest spot. When the rains fell in June the water level rose to within three feet of maximum depth.

"That means," he said, "that the lake has fallen 16 1/2 feet since those rains in early June. The once spreading lake is now confined to the main channel which was originally dammed to form the lake."

Well...  
I Dunno,  
But...

Time was running out today and if Bugs Bunny hadn't been issuing his daily warning, you could have sensed the nearness of Christmas by the hustle and bustle of people and "well wishing, merry" attitude of people.

It's inevitable! People strain themselves to the breaking point getting ready for the great season and nerves get frayed, but come a couple of days before Christmas and you can't suppress it. It just creeps out—the Christmas spirit.

Like we've said before maybe we should try to keep this spirit all of the time, but maybe it's better coming once a year, for a real regeneration of spirit. There's always the possibility that a too merry slap on the back in the middle of July, might not be taken in the Christmas spirit.

But why argue the case! We have Christmas as it is, and God grant we always have the privilege to observe it as we do this year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills had a real happy surprise this morning, and one that'll make the holidays brighter as well as the whole year round. They had a telephone call from their son, W. H. (Bill) Mills in Sacramento, California, who with his whole family wished them a merry Christmas and informed them a local dealer had been instructed to deliver to them a brand new radio.

Well, the Christmas cards are getting away ahead of us and there's just not a chance to catch up with friends. But more and more each year, we enjoy hearing from friends via the Christmas card route.

In the mail this morning was one from Mrs. Flora Blackhear of Denver, Colorado, who visited her cousin, Mrs. Al Tune, here last summer.

Susie Hansford, (Mrs. R. H.) says that if you really want to enjoy Christmas carolers, just stay in bed or confined to home for a long time and you'll find real joy when the carolers come around at Christmas time.

On two successive evenings the Hansfords have been serenaded by carolers, one group, the Intermediates of the First Methodist Church with Gaston Dixon, directing and the other group from the Second Baptist Church.

### Houston Man Dies In Drilling Mishap

DALLAS, Dec. 23 (UP) — R. L. Vandervee of Houston died last night at Parkland Hospital from injuries received when he was caught in the moving parts of a drilling rig Dec. 9.

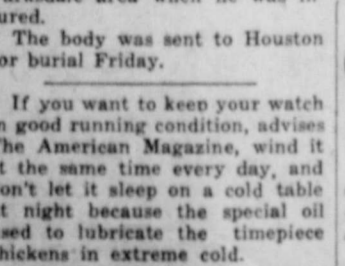
His right arm was torn from the body, and his left arm and leg were broken in the accident.

Vandervee was drilling a well to determine a water supply for Dallas Power and Light Co. in the Parkdale area when he was injured.

The body was sent to Houston for burial Friday.

If you want to keep your watch in good running condition, advises The American Magazine, wind it at the same time every day, and don't let it sleep on a cold table at night because the special oil used to lubricate the timepiece thickens in extreme cold.

### SHOPPING DAY TO CHRISTMAS



Well, I guess I'll go shopping now. Get lots of time. You know how fast us rabbits are.

# RANGER DAILY TIMES SPORTS

MARVIN GROSS Sports Editor

## WACO, NEW BRAUNFELS PICKED TO CAPTURE STATE CROWNS

By Ed Fite  
United Press Sports Writer  
The championships of class AA and A in Texas schoolboy football should come to a rest in Central Texas this year.

For Waco and New Braunfels a pair of potent offensive machines—boast the attack and defensive necessary to bring them the titles in their respective divisions of the Texas Interscholastic League.

Without further ado, we'd like to go on record with the prediction that the finals scores in Saturday's two title games will be:

Waco 29, Amarillo 7.  
New Braunfels 27, Monahans 13.

Coach Howard Lynch's Amarillo Sandies probably could have given the Central Texas Tigers a battle on Texas Christian University sod in Fort Worth Christmas Day if the club hadn't been stricken by injuries.

But, with Claude Fox and

James Garner both out of action there seems little reason to expect that the Panhandle Sandies can match the finesse on the ground or through the air that Coach Carl Price's Tigers can muster.

Both class A contenders, as do their big brothers in the AA ranks move into the finals with unblemished records, but that of the New Braunfels Unicorns looms best for the inaugural class A championship.

The passing of Claude Kincannon and the running of Richard Parma and Bobby Patton for Waco can't be ignored and only a superhuman psychological job by Lynch in "firing up" the Sandies seems the only hope Amarillo has of becoming the league's top championship winner.

Waco now holds a half-title edge over the Sandies—four full titles and a co-championship to Amarillo's four crowns—since the TI started in 1920.

Kincannon's aerials should be the big difference. He has hit 73 of 122 throws this season for a phenomenal 1,302 yards and, when he wasn't passing, has managed to pick up a creditable 527 yards rushing and seven touchdowns.

But, even on the ground, the Tiger can move. Parma has counted 21 touchdowns, gained 1,071 yards rushing and added considerably more as the major receiver for Kincannon's passes. Patton has crossed enemy goal lines 10 times while rolling up 388 yards rushing and has booted 39 out of 43 conversion attempts.

New Braunfels' record is even more impressive. Since 1920 it were not kept on the Unicorns until after the first five games, no season total is available. But for the last nine victories, their statistical record tops Waco's for the fall season.

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## Conference Fives Split Court Tilts

By United Press  
Southwest Conference basketball teams wind up their pre-holiday schedules tonight with two games—Arkansas tackling the potent Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater and the Texas Aggies playing host to Southwest Oklahoma at College Station.

Conference teams broke even in two starts last night. Texas Christian tied up its game with Iowa as the final whistle blew at Iowa City, but lost out 47-46 in an overtime period.

Texas A&M overcame an early deficit to turn in a 50-30 victory over Southwest Oklahoma at College Station.

T. C. U. tied the game at 43-all at the final whistle on Bob Hendricks' long shot after rallying from a 26-18 halftime deficit. Hendricks led the Horned Frog scoring with 12 points.

Jimmy Kirkland scored eight of his 17 points on four quick field goals at the start of the second half as the Aggies iced away the game against the Oklahomans. He was high point man for the night, followed by Sam Jenkins with 15.

## 8A Tenders Plans For Spring Meet

District 8A, consisting of these schools — Breckinridge Junior High, Comanche, DeLeon, Dublin, Eastland, Gorman, Hamilton, Ranger, has completed organization plans for the University Interscholastic League Spring Meet which is set for April 1 and 2 at Dublin, according to R. J. Kidd, director of the League.

Harley F. Davis of DeLeon has been named Director General of the Meet. The following Contest Directors have been appointed:

Director of Athletics Truman W. Beard of Gorman.  
Director of Declaration Mrs. V. M. Santy of Hamilton.  
Director of Debate Robert Dale Bonas of Dublin.

Director of One-Act Play W. D. Raley of Dublin.

Director of Extemporaneous Speech Nobia Dunn of Comanche.  
Director of Slide Rule and Number Sense Bertha Ross of DeLeon.

Director of Shorthand and Typewriting Ethel Wolosz of Eastland.

Director of Story-Telling Francis Clay of Dublin.  
Director of Ready Writers Mrs. George Robinson of Ranger.

Director of Spelling Plain Writing Lucille Dike of DeLeon.

## Plentiful Supply Of Bowl Tickets

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23 (UP)—It looked today as though some of the scalpers with Sugar Bowl tickets might get scalped.

Tickets to the Oklahoma-North Carolina game, once a black market prize of rarest beauty, and fabulous price, have begun to show up at the regular price of admission.

Harry E. Kornbaum, who is running a special train to the game in New Orleans Jan. 1, said no less than 150 persons have called him trying to sell seats at the regular price of \$5.15.

He said he has enough tickets for everybody on his special tours plus 30 extras.

"I just wish I had some of the money back that I paid for tickets earlier," he said.

Red Men Red Faced DURING. Okla. (UP)—The faces of 25 Indians were really red here after they got lost in the woods they are traditionally supposed to know. Even their excuse was pale—they got lost after they relied on a white man to lead them back from a tribal council wienner roast.

Blood cells are so small that 60,000 could be placed on a pinhead, the World Book Encyclopedia says.

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## GROSS UNDERSTATEMENTS

BY MARVIN GROSS  
The Bulldogs presented Coach Sam Aills with a pretty nifty Christmas present—a victory over DeLeon after four straight defeats. Only thing that worries Sam is that the boys may wait until next Christmas for another win.

The local boys practically have the conference chase sewed up. Basis for the optimistic statement is that DeLeon had beaten Comanche and Gorman which makes the Bulldogs superior over three quintets. And as soon as we figure out another formula we'll have them winning the state title.

Kenneth Williams decided maybe he wasn't getting a clear enough view of the hoop so he donned glasses and guard. Result—12 points and the highest total Kenneth has tallied all season.

Coach Aills is thinking of providing bifocals for the remainder of the squad to step up point production. The way some of the boys were missing those "crip" shots it looked like a grown up edition of Blind Man's Buff.

They say he's slipping but Mr. Shortstop copped another title. For the third time in his career, Marty Marion led the Senior Circuits shortstop in the field. He's still the number one man with the glove and probably will be for years to come.

Question of the day is whether the All-America Conference will close up shop. Of course when one team such as the Cleveland Browns makes a runaway race of the league it shapes up as a pretty unhealthy affair. If the loop moguls could import some competition for the Browns a few more fans might pay their way into the ball parks.

The gloom season has been extended this year what with the myriads of bowl coaches moaning their respective squads haven't a chance. If such be the case it seems rather foolhardy to go ahead and play these post season extravaganzas.

Main weapon of the cracker-jack Longhorn quintet is accuracy from the foul lines. Texas led the nation in free shots last year and used this system to turn back N. Y. U. and St. Joseph's. They only count one point each but if you get enough of them they offset a lot of doubledeckers.

The Steer quintet is so short-handed that it's only rare that more than six players get in a game. And half of this total stands under six feet that miracle man Jack Gray makes the midget attack pay off and has been doing it ever since he took over the reins.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (UP)—Connie Mack, as spry as his amazing 1948 Philadelphia Athletics, celebrated his 86th birthday today and said Santa Claus could oblige by bringing him a "long ball hitter."

A man who could hit a good one at the right time would do wonders for the A's, who confounded the experts last year by "staying up there" through a major part of the season, Connie said.

Mack cut a birthday cake in his Shibe Park tower office and explained to reporters and photographers how he already had plugged up one weakness of his '48 team.

Last season, Connie was plagued by the lack of a dependable pinchhitter. To fill the gap, he acquired Coaker Triplett, Wally Moses and Taft Whight during the off-season.

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BZZ-- OKEY DOKEY!  
HOW'S THAT, FOLKS?  
PERFECT

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS BY BL MERRILL BLOSSER

Christopher Malloy  
WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY IN THE HALL.  
HMM! WHAT'S THE OLD GIRL UP TO NOW?  
SHE'S GOING UP TO THE TOWER ROOM! SHE HASN'T BEEN UP THERE IN YEARS! CAN SHE BE SUSPICIOUS?  
I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF THE SCENE OF THIS MURDER— IF IT WAS A MURDER.

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### One-Man Committee



Representative Clare Hoffman, Republican from Michigan, presides over his one-man House Labor Sub-Committee this morning with only reporters present. CIO president Murray had notified Hoffman that he would ignore the subpoena sent him on grounds that the one-man subcommittee is not a legal subcommittee and therefore does not have the subpoena powers. Hoffman is investigating the violence that occurred at the Kalamazoo, Michigan, plants of the Shake speare Co. — (NEA Telephoto).

## TRUMAN PLANS WORK SCHEDULE DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION

BY WARREN DUFFEE  
 United Press Staff Correspondent  
 INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 23, (UP)—President Truman swung into his family Christmas holiday at home today by sleeping later than usual and then taking his normal brisk early morning walk.

But there was work on the President's schedule, too. He planned tentatively to spend part of the day in Kansas City at his desk in the presidential suite at the Hotel Muehlebach.

Mr. Truman did not leave the spacious, two-story white frame house until 8 A. M., when he left by the back door and began a spirited two-mile, 25-minute walk through the uncrowded streets of his home town.

He cheerily told reporters as he started that the "fresh air would

be good" for them. He walked steadily, not stopping, but waved occasionally to townspeople who passed on the street and called Christmas greetings.

He passed his former boyhood home, a gray frame house at the corner of River Boulevard and Waldo Avenue, four blocks from the summer white house.

The President was expected to work on routine matters and possibly his forthcoming budget and state of the union messages.

The temperature here was almost freezing and the sky overcast. The weatherman predicted possible snow that would make it a real white Christmas for the chief executive and his family at home.

As the President swung on the sidewalk, two men in a small truck stopped to look at him. One

of them, who gave the name of Glenn Watson, Columbia, Mo., got out and shook hands with Mr. Truman and wished him a Merry Christmas.

The President's walk took him along one side of the town square, and as he turned the corner, a young couple in a convertible shouted, "Hello Harry." Mr. Truman smiled back.

The President jokingly told reporters after the walk he would make it three miles tomorrow and four miles the next day "to get you boys in shape."

Although the chief executive had some business on his mind, he was most of all a happy family man home for Christmas.

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## Fort Worth Livestock Report

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (UP)—(USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 350; slow, steady to weak. Beef steers and yearlings scarce. Few common and medium cows 17.00-18.50, most canners and cutters 12.00-17.00, shelly canners down to 11.00. Sausage bulls 15.00-20.50. Stocker cattle scarce.

Calves 250; steady to weak. Medium and good slaughter calves 19.00-23.50, odd head choice 24.00-25.00, cull and common 15.00-18.50, stockers scarce.

Hogs 300; butcher hogs steady to 50 lower than Wednesdays average, sows and pigs steady. Top 21.00 paid for good and choice 190-275 lbs., good and choice 150-185 lbs. 19.00-20.75. Common and medium soft and oily hogs 16.00-18.50. Sows 16.50-17.50. Feeder pigs 19.00 down with common pigs hard to move around 13.00-15.00.

Sheep 500; receipts mostly shorn slaughter lambs selling steady. Medium to good shorn lambs with no. 2 pelts 20.00-50. Few milk fed lambs 22.50. Odd medium ewes 8.50.

## Plans Drawn Up For TB Hospital

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—Mayor Oscar Holcombe announced today plans for a \$3,000,000 (M) tuberculosis hospital in Houston next year.

The mayor met with the city's tuberculosis hospital board today and announced proposed construction of what he said would be the "finest tuberculosis hospital in the nation."

Financing the institution, the mayor said, would be \$1,750,000 in bonds to be sold by the city, plus "generous individuals and some of the fine foundations, and the state will aid us."

A five-story building with 300 beds is planned, Mayor Holcombe stated, to be designed so that four more floors can be added.

Preliminary plans have been drawn by architect Maurice Sullivan, who studied hospitals in New York, Jersey City and Waukegan, Ill.

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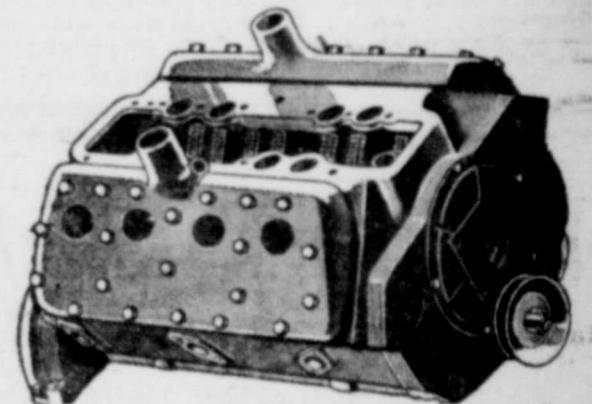
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### TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

**By United Press**  
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—Some 3,000 Houston telephone workers, assured of a new wage increase, were on the job as usual today after the St. Louis announcement that contract negotiations had been successful.

Houston and the Gulf Coast area was apparently assured of uninterrupted holiday service when rumors of a wildcat strike also faded.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)

H. S. Needham and one has a free ticket at the **Tower Theatre** Box Office To See



Thursday and Friday Plus our second feature Allen Lane as Red Ryder in "Homesteaders of Paradise Valley"

Police sought new leads today in the brutal slaying of Leslie D. Gibbins, 28 year old bus driver, fatally shot at he stopped to pick up a passenger.

Capt. George Seber of the homicide squad said "little progress" had been made, and that questioning of four negro suspects had no tangible results.

Gibbins was found mortally wounded in his bus in a remote residential sector early Wednesday morning. He died before ambulance attendants reached the scene. Missing was \$30 in cash and bus tokens.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—Houston's "big city" complex received another compliment today with a recommendation that traffic lines be thinned by installation of a subway.

Houston attorney Jimmie Brinkley, candidate for the house of representatives in the Jan. 8 special election, said the underground transportation was the answer to the city's growing pains. Brinkley is president of the Young Democrats of Texas, and

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### Announcement Of Engagement Made

Mr. and Mrs. Benard N. Burns of Fort Worth today announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jane, to Clarence E. May Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May of Ranger.

The wedding will take place Sunday, Jan. 30, 1949 at the University Christian Church in Fort Worth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Paschal High School in Fort Worth and of Texas Technological College in Lubbock where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma organization.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Ranger High School, attended John Tarleton College at Stephenville and the University of Texas, holding a BBA degree from the latter. He is a member of Chi Phi fraternity and during World War II served with the Navy as a lieutenant seifor grade. At the present he is associated with his father in the insurance and real estate business in Ranger.

### Former RJC Student To Wed February 12

Mr. and Mrs. James Clayton Cook, of Gorman, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlene, to Billy Dee King, son of Mrs. Gus King of Abilene. The wedding date has been set for February 12, 1949.

Mr. King is employed by Shell Oil Company in Odessa. Miss Cook is a teacher in the Midland public schools. Both are graduates of Hardin Simmons University. Miss Cook is also a graduate of Ranger Junior College.

is a former president of the student body at the University of Texas.

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—A jar of cookies and a serenade were the Christmas gifts of Texas State University for negroes to Gov. and Mrs. Beauford H. Jester yesterday.

The home economics department of the Houston school sent the cookies. They were delivered by a group of carol singers, which serenaded the Governor and his wife at the executive mansion yesterday.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes and sons of Houston, formerly of Ranger, are expected to arrive today to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murray of Austin are here to spend the holidays with Mr. Murray's sister, Mrs. Willard Swaney and family.

Carl Webb left today for Lubbock where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell DeBolt and sons, Darian DeBolt and Jimmie McLaughlin and Pat McLaughlin of Peoria, Illinois have arrived to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin.

Other guests in the McLaughlin home for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLaughlin and daughter of Austin who are already here and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Neher and daughter, Kim, of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Owen and daughter, Juan, of Eastland.

Mrs. C. J. May and Son, Johnnie of Salt Lake City are the holiday guests of Mrs. May's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ervin. The Ervins will also have as their guest, their other daughter, Mrs. Nona Ervin Hayes of Handford, California who is due to arrive today.

Mrs. Susan Hunt spent Wednesday in Fort Worth and was accompanied home by her son, Bob Hunt a student at the University of Oklahoma. Mrs. Hunt will also have for her guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Park Weaver and sons, Park Jr. and Ralph, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gholson arrived Wednesday from Fort Worth to spend the holidays with Mr. Gholson's mother, Mrs. John M. Gholson.

Charles Osteen, a student at the Medical School of the University of Texas at Galveston, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Osteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Mills of Waco were to arrive today to spend the holidays with Mr. Mills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills.

Jack Pearsall, a student at the University of Texas, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pearsall. Their daughter, Marjorie Pearsall, a nurse on the staff at the Veterans Hospital in McKinney will arrive today or Friday for the holidays.

Ralph W. Turner is expecting his son, Charles Turner of San Antonio in Ranger for the holidays.

## Area OIL News

### EASTLAND COUNTY GORMAN AREA

December 22. F. D. Glass Jr., No. 1 H. O. Bailey are doing a fishing job after having lost 2 joints of drill pipe and a collar in the hole. They were pulling the pipe preparing to run a jeep when the accident occurred. They had drilled to 2,930 feet.

Coast Oil Corporation No. A5 Griffin completed. This operation made a good well. They ran a potential Tuesday but we have not the completed figures, however, it is as good as any on the lease according to the production man. It will make the allowable.

A. W. Gregg No. 1 Paine acidized Wednesday using 500 gal-

Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Jr. and her mother, Mrs. Jack Blackwell, left today for Tulsa, Oklahoma where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Cooper's daughter, Mrs. James Horton, and Mr. Horton. Mr. Cooper will join the family later for a visit in Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cross of Kilgore, O. R. Cooper, of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cooper of Kilgore and Mrs. Annie Laura Jensen of Colorado Springs, Colorado are the guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Sr.

Francis McHenry, a student at the University of Missouri is expected tonight to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McHenry.

Mrs. Ella White will leave Friday to spend Christmas in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She will be joined in Fort Worth by her daughter, Betty White of Waco.

Mrs. W. S. Adamson will leave Saturday for Hugo, Oklahoma where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. James Campbell and Mr. Campbell.

Azatte Joseph and Freddie Joseph will leave Friday night for Houston where they will spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Ray C. Ameen and Dr. Ameen.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Suffody will spend the Christmas week-end in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Barbara Getts, a student at N.T.C.S. at Denton is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Getts. The Getts will also have as their holiday guests, their son, Bill Getts, a student at the University of Houston.

Sam Aills will spend the holidays in Nagadoches with his parents.

Edith Hunter of Fort Worth is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Golda Dodd for the holidays.

ions of acid. The response was good. The well is now cleaning itself. They have run into all sorts of trouble on this job with a channel job on casing allowing the gas and oil to come up on the outside of the casing. They think they have this corrected now and are watching it in its cleaning process, hoping to really make a well out of it now.

Magnolia is acidizing its Lewis well out of Desdemona using 5000 gallons of acid. They have drilled to about 2962 and may have to go deeper.

W. L. St. Clair with Commercial Co., of Sinto, is shoving off for the Christmas holidays, leaving at about 2:00 P. M., Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Barron are leaving Wednesday for Louisiana to visit with relatives and friends over the holiday season. He is production man for Coast Oil Corporation here in the Kirk Field. Claude Bell and F. D. Glass were in the Gorman Hotel lobby Wednesday keeping the place from being absolutely devoid of operators for the remainder of the week, as were also Frank Kirk Ed P. Griffin and Roy Parker.

But by and large, it looks like most every one will be trying to spend the holidays at home which is what we all look forward to for Christmas, isn't it.

Jimmie Courtney who is superintending operation for Martin Harris Drilling Co., on D. D. Feldman's Cooper Grocery lease left Wednesday afternoon for Midland his home town.

E. P. Griffin No. 1 B. Calloway are setting pipe after having drilled to 2952 feet.

Coast Oil Corporation No. A5 Griffin drilling at 2900 feet. St. John Drilling Co., who is drilling the above mentioned operations said Tuesday that his men would be on the job until the 23rd, at which time he intends releasing them to go home for the holidays. They will be back for duty the 27th.

Kirk and Haynes No. 1 Glover still WOC. Some trading is going on that operations. Swiss Oil Co., a branch of National Cooperative Refinery Association will be involved in the transactions. Swiss Oil is Homer Snowden's Co., we understand.

National Cooperative Refinery Association No. 1 Krell installing tank batteries Tuesday and preparing to tie into the pipe line which they are completing to the operations. Premier seems to have this oil, also.

## Spur Search For Murder Suspect

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—A "very, very dangerous" suspect was sought today for questioning in the murder of Staff Sgt. Glen A. Jones, Green, Ia.

The 36-year-old soldier was found shot to death yesterday. He had worked in the criminal investigation division of Fourth Army headquarters here.

Army spokesmen said only that Jones "could have been investigating a case."

Authorities said a .25 caliber pistol used in the shooting has been found. They said the gun and shell found near Jones' body were taken to Austin for laboratory analysis.

Officials said burns on Jones' coat indicated he was shot at close range.

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D. D. Feldman No. 2 Cooper Grocery WOC on surface pipe. They set about 110 feet of 10 3-4 and, according to Mr. Courtney, they are not going to lose the well from the top down, at any rate. They are going to give that cement plenty of time.

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