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WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy. Slightly rising temperature.

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Britons Fight Behind Libyan Frontier

Area Tax Payers To Study Basin's Proposed Program

President McRae Calls Meeting In Big Spring, Oil Men To Be Present

A proposed tax program for 1941, drafted by the executive and central tax committees of the Permian Basin Association, will be discussed in an open meeting for taxpayers of the area in Big Spring Wednesday.

Hamilton McRae, Midland, president of the association, called the meeting.

Executive and tax committees of the association will be present at the meeting, which Wilburn Page, executive secretary, described "as one of the most important of the year for the Permian Basin Association."

In addition to the committees, tax men of both independent and major oil companies operating in the Permian Basin have been invited.

Set For 2:30 p. m. The meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. in the Settles ballroom with McRae presiding.

The proposed tax plan was drafted by the association's central and tax sub-committee following a study at several meetings. Methods to carry out the program may be undertaken at the session.

Page said the plan had been commended by the tax committees and sub-committees of agencies of taxation in the area.

Thirty or more Midland citizens are expected to attend the meeting. The taxation committee of the Permian Basin Association is composed of: D. H. Griffith, Midland, Chairman; Don Davis, Midland; Frank Kelley, Colorado City; Ben L. Le Fever, G. H. Hayward, Big Spring; T. G. Roach, McCombs; Luther A. Neal, Odessa; M. C. Lindsey, Lamesa; Harry Winston, Snyder; J. V. Schilling, San Angelo; J. Frank Matchett, Seagraves; Major H. Rogers, Levelland; A. L. Duff, Sr., Seminole; and W. A. Hudson, Kermit.

Executive Group

The executive committee of the association is as follows: McRae, C. C. Thompson, Colorado City, vice-president; S. E. Cone, Lubbock, vice-president; George Elliott Jr., Odessa, vice-president; C. W. Meadows, San Angelo, vice-president; Page, executive secretary, Midland; Frank H. Kelley, Colorado City; LeFever, Cliff Wiley, Big Spring; William R. Edwards, McCombs; E. L. Farmer, Odessa; Thomas Duggan, Jr., Lubbock; C. M. Armstrong, Seagraves; Henry J. Brice, Snyder; Carl Rountree, Lamesa; Dean Nowlin, Tahoka, and J. L. Green, Midland.

The first objective of the Permian Basin tax program proposal is: "to promote economy and efficiency in local units of government."

The association's proposal has objectives: To maintain a strong central tax committee of tax paying and tax-conscious citizens, representing the area served as well as the interests represented in the association; to organize local tax committees in each political subdivision of the area, who are duty bound to work in co-operation with public officials to make a careful study of local financial problem in view of eliminating waste and effecting economical budget control; to set up a tax bureau and maintain the continuous services of a tax analyst to carry on necessary research in each political sub-division.

Red Cross May Send Hungry Europe Food

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The American Red Cross has made tentative arrangements to send food ships to hungry Europe—one to Spain and the other to unoccupied France—it was learned authoritatively today.

Actual departure of the ships depends on a successful outcome of negotiations in progress between the United States and British governments, and the prospects were considered good.

While unwilling to exert pressure on the beleaguered British government for a general lifting of the blockade, the State Department, it was learned, is seeking permission for an American ship to proceed to Marseilles with a cargo of condensed milk and concentrated vitamin products for undernourished children in unoccupied France.

The British government has ruled out any relaxation of the blockade for food shipments to countries occupied or dominated by Germany, blocking proposals for a large scale American relief program in continental Europe.

Seeking a continuance of Spain's neutrality, however, Britain has granted permits for some food shipments from South America to Spain, where need already is acute, and is understood to be willing to sanction the projected \$1,000,000 shipment of foodstuffs from the United States.

Petroleum Tank Struck By Lightning



Two men watch helplessly as flames, caused by lightning, leap to the top of a 55,000-barrel petroleum tank at the Southport Refinery, Texas City, Texas. One person dead and fifteen injured. Firemen were unable to snuff out the blaze as the ground was flooded and they feared that it would spread to the refinery.

Fate Of France Depends On Axis

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 16 (AP)—The fate of conquered France's Vichy government and possibly even total Nazi occupation of her soil was believed here today to depend on how the Axis takes the week-end upheaval in the cabinet of Chief of State Philippe Petain.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler's representative in Vichy today to talk to Petain, according to diplomatic reports reaching Bern.

Berlin's approval of the ouster of Pierre Laval as Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, observers said, may hinge on what the French chief of state tells Abetz.

Sources here said Laval, at first reported under guard in his own home, now was rumored to be a prisoner in Chateau De Pellevoisin, along with the Republican leaders who face "war guilt" charges in the impending Riom trials which Laval himself advocated.

Authorized sources in Berlin said that the Laval dismissal came as a surprise and that, until the German government has been fully informed of what it means, the German press will not even report that Laval is out, succeeded as Foreign Minister by Pierre-Etienne Flandin.

135 Students To Play In Concerts

One hundred and 35 students will participate tonight in the first of a series of winter band concerts to be presented at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Three bands of Midland schools will play: M. J. Armstrong, high school band director, will direct. The beginners' band of 55 pieces will play first; the Junior high band of 25 pieces will play next, and the Senior high school band last.

Proceeds from admission will benefit the band fund.

Greeks Kill Officers In Storming Position

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (AP)—An Italian General and a Colonel were reported killed today when Greeks stormed an important position. Fascist forces were trying desperately to hold.

The Italians were said to have fled, leaving many dead, including other senior officers.

This was on the southern front, where the Greeks are driving toward Valona, one of the three remaining Albanian ports in Italian possession.

"In this sector our troops scored another great victory by storming and occupying another height which the Italians defended with a General and a Colonel at their head," one report said.

"These two senior officers, with revolvers in hand, induced their men to defend the position. However, both officers were hit in the breast and died."

One Vote Defeats Reeves County Road Bond Ballot

PECOS, Dec. 16 (Special)—One vote Saturday defeated a proposed \$250,000 bond issuance in Reeves County, as Pecos and Orla voters voted: 117-59 for in Pecos and two for and two against in Orla, one vote short of a two-thirds majority.

Large Audience Hears Vocalists Annual Cantata

A choir of 102 city singers, under the direction of Supt. W. W. Lackey Sunday night presented a Christmas cantata, "The Star Divine," by Lansing, to an audience estimated at 700 to 750 people in the high school auditorium which was practically filled.

The cantata was in keeping with a custom here for about 20 years, presenting a religious program of music by singers during the Christmas season.

"The Star Divine" was sung in solo and chorus in eight numbers, with Mrs. De Lo Douglas as a soprano soloist, and alto choruses replacing alto solos scheduled for Mrs. Jack Hawkins, who was ill and unable to sing.

The two-part program opened with singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the choir and audience, and invocation by the Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Other programs The Rev. J. E. Pickering, pastor of the First Christian Church, presented the scripture reading, Luke 2:8-14, which was followed by a soprano solo, "The Holy City" by Mrs. Joseph Mims.

The cantata choir sang "Silent Night," humming the music softly as a finale.

The cantata formed the second part of the program. Benediction was given by the Rev. W. J. Coleman, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Two other special musical programs were presented yesterday, one at the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and the other at Trinity Church at the 5 p. m. vesper hour. Both were presented by the combined choirs of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches under direction of Miss Jesse Scott Price and Miss Frances Gillett.

Hymns and Christmas carols were featured in the morning's program with Tom Brown, Mrs. James Brooks, and Mrs. J. Harvey Herd, soloists.

The vesper program was similar with the same singers taking the solo numbers.

Gunman Kills Three At Tavern Shooting

EDINBURG, Dec. 16 (AP)—Three men were killed and a fourth wounded by a stream of bullets fired through an open Tavern window last night at Los Ebanos, small settlement near the Sam Fordyce oil field in Western Hidalgo County.

The dead were Special Deputy Sheriff Saragoza Flores, about 50, Marcos Ramirez, about 60, and Santana Garza, 27.

Justo Flores, 30, was shot in the knee. Guadalupe Munoz, 58, the fifth man seated at the tavern table, escaped injury.

Sheriff R. T. Daniel said the gunman stood outside the window and pumped at least ten bullets into the group, that many cartridges being found after the shooting.

Daniel theorized the shooting might have been an outgrowth of an old neighborhood feud or that someone might have come into the Tavern and argued with the group earlier in the evening.

IS DISMISSED. A. R. Beals was dismissed from Western Clinic Hospital Sunday.

Court Broadens U. S. Authority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Supreme Court broadened today the authority of the federal government to regulate the nation's hydroelectric projects.

In a decision by Justice Reed, the tribunal ruled specifically that the Federal Power Commission may require the Appalachian Electric Power Company to obtain a standard federal license for its dam and power projects on New River near Radford, Va.

It was a 6 to 2 opinion. Justice Roberts wrote a dissent in which Justice McReynolds concurred. Chief Justice Hughes did not participate.

The decision was contrary to the contentions of Attorneys General of Virginia and 40 other states that the federal government was attempting to exceed its authority. Invasion of state rights was claimed.

Government attorneys contended the power commission had jurisdiction over hydroelectric projects whenever interstate commerce, flood control or "navigable capacity" of interstate streams was affected.

U. S. Pays Respects At Lothian Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—With full military honors, the United States gave further expression today to the nation's esteem for the Marquis of Lothian, honoring his ashes with a temporary resting place among America's revered dead in Arlington National Cemetery.

Under the mast of the battleship Maine, a short distance from the grave of the unknown soldier, a vault was prepared to receive the remains of the British Ambassador, who died suddenly last Thursday.

Funeral services—followed by private cremation—were conducted yesterday at the Washington Episcopal Cathedral, where the Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, prayed that God might "strengthen and sustain" the British people "in this hour of their need."

Hall Says AAA Office Here Functioning Well

Jack B. Hall, representative from the state office, paid a routine visit to the Midland County AAA office today, and declared the organization here was functioning well.

Hall said that the AAA was bringing to a close a successful year. Most appropriations and payments for participation in the program have been made to area farmers and ranchers, he added.

The recent marketing quota referendum showed a percentage increase of voters in favor of the quotas over the state, Hall said.

Vandals Destroy More Christmas Decorations

Vandals destroyed Christmas decorations in the city over the weekend with one residence reporting flags stolen last night.

Previously, lights in downtown decorations had been shot out with guns.

Police are expected to extend their vigilance to the residential sector.

VISIT IN BIG SPRING Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner visited Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stuter in Big Spring Sunday.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Hoover Asserts Bridges Should Be Deported.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 16 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today the investigations of FBI agents convinced him Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, should be deported.

American's Mission Guarded Secret.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Col. William J. Donovan, former assistant United States attorney general, arrived here today, but kept his mission a closely guarded secret. "I can't say anything about why I am here," Donovan declared, "but please don't make me either mysterious or important."

Abetz In Paris For Settlement.

VICHY, France, Dec. 16 (AP)—German Ambassador Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's representative in Paris, arrived here today with his staff. Observers expressed belief that his visit was extremely important for future negotiations between Germany and France.

Texas Electors Cast Votes For FDR.

AUSTIN, Dec. 16 (AP)—Texas' 23 electoral votes were cast for President Roosevelt by Democratic presidential electors meeting here today.

Weather Forces Clippers Back To Lisbon.

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Atlantic and Dixie Clippers, both United States-bound, returned here today upon receipt of word of bad weather out over the Atlantic and swells off Horta, the Azores. Both had taken off this morning.

Sandhills Well Flows At Rate Of 7,708.68 Barrels Of Oil Daily

By Frank Gardner. Oil Field.

One of the largest potentials in the Tubb or Sandhills deep Permian pool in Western Crane County was attained by Gulf Oil Corporation No. 14 W. N. Weddell et al when it flowed through open tubing and casing at a rate of 7,708.68 barrels per day. The 24-hour rating was based upon flow during the last four hours of a six-hour proration test.

No. 14 Weddell also proves one-half mile east extension of the northeastern part of the pool. It is bottomed at 4,524 feet in lime and was acidized with 5,000 gallons. Oil tests 36.5-gravity and gas measures 3,908,000 cubic feet daily, making gas-oil ratio 507-1. Before acidizing the well flowed at a rated 2,848 barrels a day to set a record for the immediate area. It is in the center of the northeast quarter of section 29, block B-26, public school land. Eastern Crane's deep wildcat, Gulf No. 1-F University, is drilling at 8,570 feet in lime and chert.

Shows Oil, Water. On test at 4,276 feet in lime, Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1-B W. F. Cowden Heirs, Northern Ector County wildcat, bailed an unreported amount of oil and water. Source of water was uncertain, but it was thought by some to be drilling water.

The well reached depth of 4,270 feet with rotary and cable-tool unit was installed at that point after 7-inch casing had been cemented at 4,244 feet. The oil showing occurred in a zone said to correspond to the Goldsmith pay horizon, found farther west in Ector. No. 1-B Cowden this morning was drilling ahead with cable tools below 4,276 feet. In the event the Goldsmith zone fails to produce it will be carried to the Holt pay land at the top of the Clearfork.

Gulf No. 322 C. A. Goldsmith et al, semi-wildcat on the west side of the Goldsmith pool, flowed 135 barrels of 35.9-gravity crude on 24-hour test, with gas ratio 600-1. It topped pay at 1,413 feet, halting drilling at 4,223 feet and was shot with 77 quarts.

Forest Development Corporation No. 2 Brandle, nearly a mile west of the firm's discovery pumper in the Douro pool of Central Ector, recovered six feet of gray dolomite showing slight porosity and carrying sulphur water of core taken from 3,370-85 feet. It is coring ahead.

North Basin Wildcats. Gulf No. 4 Mallett, deep test in Northwestern Terry County, is coring unchanged at 5,822 feet in lime and anhydrite. In the southwest part of the county, Sloan & Zook Company No. 1 Bailey obtained full recovery by coring from 5,648-59 feet. Core was described as slightly porous lime carrying sulphur water. Operators are drilling ahead at 5,720 feet in lime and probably will quit at 5,800.

Denver Producing & Refining Company No. 1 Ima Lewis, also in Southwestern Terry, is drilling past 5,120 feet in lime.

Three miles west of the Duggan pool in Southeastern Cochran, Atlantic Refining Company and Ray E. Rhodes No. 1 Dean is bailing and cleaning out at 5,111 feet, plugged back from 5,150. It is showing a little water with about 15 barrels of oil per day. Operators plan to acidize after it has been cleaned out. It already has been shot with 210 quarts from 5,050 to 5,102 feet.

Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 (See OIL NEWS, Page 5)

Communique Reports Advance Force "Well Across" Border As Goal For Victors In Egypt Looms As Bardia

Royal Air Force Shells Berlin In Prolonged Attacks And Hitler Counters With Bombing Of Sheffield, Greeks Drive On Toward Elbasani

By The Associated Press.

Britain's desert fighters were reported today to have driven across the frontier into Italian Libya in the 8-day-old battle of Egypt, RAF planes bombed Berlin in "prolonged" attacks, and the Greeks launched a fierce new offensive toward Elbasani, in central Albania.

A British general headquarters communique said advance forces of the counter-invasion army were "well across" the Libyan frontier.

The goal of the British drive appeared to be Bardia, 25 miles inside Libya. Strongly defended positions around Sallum, Egyptian port five miles from the frontier, were still held by the Italians, the communique acknowledged.

Adolf Hitler's high command listed four killed, 12 wounded in the overnight assault on Berlin, as well as "some" houses damaged, two hospitals hit and a suburban rail line "temporarily disturbed."

Nazi bombers countered with a raid on Sheffield, North England steel center, raining explosives on the city (pop. 500,000) while rescue squads still dug for victims buried alive in the wreckage left by last Thursday night's attack.

Bombs On London The British Press Association said a large casualty list in Sheffield was "leaked."

A few bombs also fell in London. Seven persons were reported trapped in bomb-smashed houses on the capital's outskirts and two children were removed dead from the rubble of the homes.

In the Mediterranean conflict, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's forces were reported scoring new gains against the hard driven Italians.

Cairo dispatches said bitter fighting raged during the night in the Salum sector, five miles inside Egypt, with Fascist troops desperately attempting to make a stand in the rain following yesterday's sandstorm.

Italy officially acknowledged that her troops were fighting bloody hand-to-hand battles in an effort to save Libya from the British counter-invasion.

Uses Fresh Troops The Italians said Marshal Graziani was hurling fresh Fascist troops from deep within Libya into the bitter battle.

British warships harassed Italian efforts to consolidate their defense along the coastal roads and the RAF bombed and strafed the troops from above.

The Italian high command said the Fascist submarine Neghell torpedoed and sank a British cruiser of the 9,100-ton Southampton class off the African coast while acknowledging that a British air attack on Naples Saturday night.

Sub-freezing weather reached as far south as Austin today, and continued cold was forecast for a large part of Texas. Skies generally were clear after several days of sleet, snow and rain.

In West Texas, where the cold has been most severe, slowly rising temperatures were expected tomorrow.

The mercury was due to skid a few degrees below freezing tonight in the south part of East Texas. Temperatures of 34 to 38 were forecast for the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The Sabine River backed up into Orange through the Little Cypress Bayou, flooding parts of the city. The Bayou was 4.07 feet above mean low tide, the highest in ten years. The flood had not driven anyone from his home or office, but persons were working in hip boots in establishments along the highway leading to Louisiana.

Port Worth had one of the heaviest frosts in recent years. The minimum there was 29 and at 26. Tyler reported a frost blanket over a large portion of East Texas. Crisp, clear weather was reported from Shreveport.

The low at Amarillo was 16. Berger said the temperature there was 24 and climbing at 8 a. m. One and one-half inches of ice and snow covered the ground. Today's minimum at Abilene was 22.

Officer Reports Eight Wrecks Over Week-end

Midland, in the midst of a safety program and installing 250 new stop signs, had eight wrecks reported over the week-end, Frank Manning, motorcycle officer said.

No serious injuries were indicated. Hospitals did not report any wreck victims.

POSSIBLE AMBASSADOR TALKS WITH CHURCHILL. LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—David Lloyd George, World War Prime Minister whom political correspondents have mentioned as a possible next Ambassador to the United States or a new member of the British cabinet, had a long conference with Prime Minister Churchill.

TO DALLAS CLINIC Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Webb went to Dallas Sunday where she will go through the clinic.

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LOVE, THAT YOU'VE
MISSED??
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TILL CHRISTMAS

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Who's Subversive?

That word subversive has already been taken out for many a canter during the past few months, and it's due for many more.

Having a tendency to overthrow and ruin utterly from the very foundations, is the way the dictionary defines the word.

All right. Now, who's subversive? President Gideonse of Brooklyn College is the latest to come into violent contact with the word. Gideonse came to Brooklyn from the University of Chicago not long ago, and one of the jobs he was given was to reclaim the Brooklyn public institution from widespread influences termed subversive.

Gideonse is no mossback. He was always considered, quite a liberal at Chicago. Entering on his Brooklyn task he found, truly enough, an extraordinary concentration of campus communists.

He set about nullifying their disproportionate influence in campus groups—for instance, by having class elections held in classrooms in the daytime with all present, rather than at night when only the zealots turned out, thus controlling with a minority. The communists responded by heckling, picketing, calling President Gideonse at unearthly hours, and the like. There was a great stew, and an investigation.

In the course of this, President Gideonse, though sorely tried, gave it as his considered opinion that suppression by means of legal prohibitions is quite useless. The only real remedy is more positive dynamic on the other side—more active effort to convince young people that their best future lies in preservation of our democratic institutions. Very sensible, and of course the only answer with an ounce of permanent validity.

Then Gideonse asked a question which deserves asking again: "Who is subversive?" he queried. "The loud preacher of some Utopian concept or the thoroughly respectable, smug, self-confident person who insists on perpetuating the situation in which the preaching of Utopian ideas is likely to be listened to?"

They know the answer now (too late) in France; they are learning it at sickening cost in England; Hitler in his latest speech claims he, too, knows the answer. And that is—

Both!

Case For Co-operation

The army is worried. It's got a problem which it hasn't the power to solve.

On its own military reservations, it is supreme. It isn't worrying about that. But in territory immediately adjoining large army reservations, two things are happening. The army doesn't like either one, but what to do?

1. Property owners are jacking up house rents, hoping to reap a quick fortune from young army men who want their families near them while they are training.
2. Unscrupulous men immediately open places of doubtful reputation in nearby towns or localities, to fatten on the soldiers' pay by providing dubious diversions. Communities have been scrambling for large army camps. They are an asset, with their huge payrolls. But that carries responsibility with it. Such communities would do well to clean up surrounding neighborhoods themselves before federal action is made inevitable by the sheer necessity of properly protecting the boys in camp.

Hole Without Doughnut

A democratic country, based on equal opportunity for all men to make the best of whatever abilities they have, always has a certain amount of trouble because some of those individuals abuse those freedoms. They make too much money in too devious ways, for instance.

The totalitarian countries, with their continued ranting against capitalism, make much of the alleged fact that they have ended all such exploitation—ended it, true, at the expense of denying opportunity to all alike, but ended it. They leave a hole thereby, but present their people with a doughnut of anti-hill security.

Yet reports seep out of Russia from time to time of shootings of profiteers; from Germany of beheadings of profiteers; and now from Italy comes Lavita Italiana, a paper published by Roberto Farinacci, secretary of the Fascist Party itself. Says Lavita: "Is there anyone who imagines prices are blocked and profiteers have disappeared?" What, profiteers! In co-ordinated, corporative, passio-Romanified Italy?

Tch! Tch! No doughnut either!

FORBIDS POSTMASTERS TO GIVE ALIEN NUMBERS

The press was notified today that postmasters were forbidden to give out estimates of alien population for which registration closes December 26.

Postmaster Allen Tolbert said he was notified of the decision in the Postal Bulletin.

SETTLES CASES BETWEEN BRITISH AND BRAZILIANS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16 (AP).—Three cases of British action against Brazilian merchant ships apparently were settled satisfactorily today.

An official announcement said the Siqueira Campos case had been settled and informed sources reported the Buarque and Itape cases also were closed.

CITIZENS HERE TO ATTEND COLORADO CITY BANQUET

Several Midland citizens will attend an annual Chamber of Commerce banquet in Colorado City tomorrow night, Bill Collins, secretary of the chamber here, said today.

MEXICO STUDIES LARGE ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (AP).—A \$40,000,000 road construction program for next year, with emphasis on completion of the Pan-American Highway to the Guatemalan frontier, was reported today under study in the ministry of communications and public works.

It was understood most of the program, if approved by President Avila Camacho, would have to be financed through a bond issue.

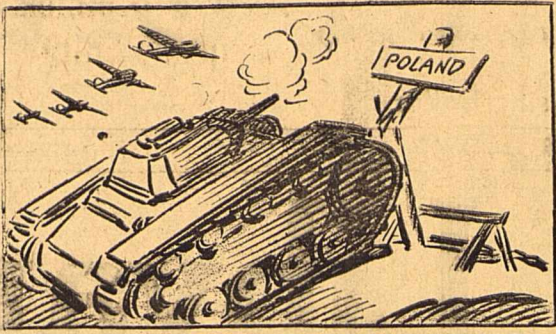
MISS ELLIOTT VISITS IN SOUTH PLAINS CITIES

Miss Josephine Elliott of the AAA office in Midland, is visiting in Tulla and other South Plains cities. She is expected to return tomorrow.

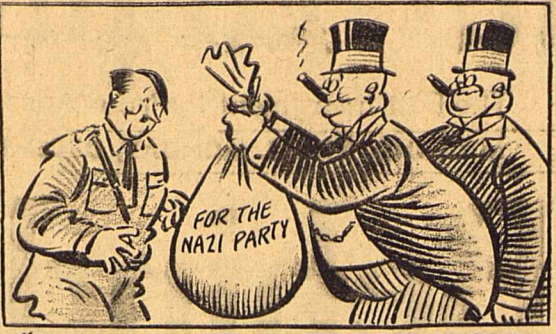
POSTOFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

Postmaster Allen Tolbert announced today that for the convenience of citizens and in view of expected heavy Christmas mail, the post office will be open all day Saturday.

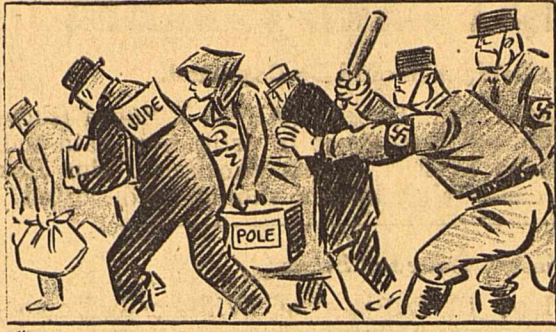
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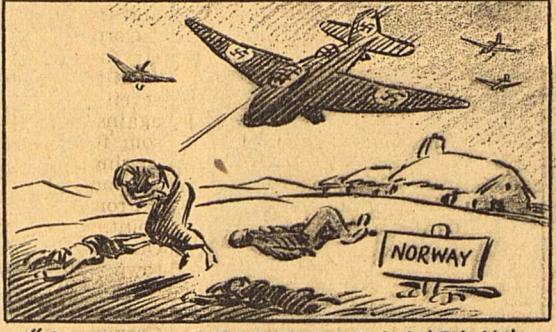
"WE PREFERRED COMMON SENSE TO FORCE. THE RIGHT TO LIVE BELONGS TO ALL NATIONS."



"AT HOME IN DOMESTIC POLITICS I ALWAYS REPRESENTED THE HAVE-NOTS. NOW AGAIN I STAND UP TO TAKE THE PART OF THE HAVE-NOTS."



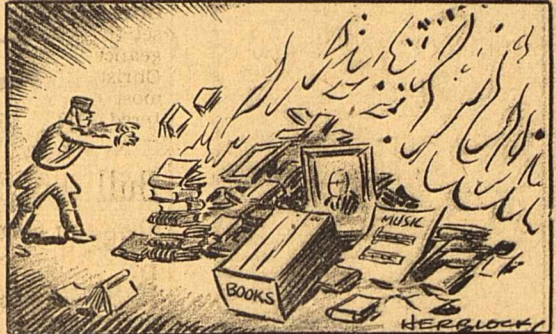
"IN THE NAZI STATE BIRTH MEANS NOTHING, ABILITY EVERYTHING."



"CHURCHILL DECIDED TO LAUNCH UNRESTRICTED AIR WARFARE - I DIDN'T WANT TO ATTACK ANYTHING EXCEPT MILITARY OBJECTIVES."



"THE PAPERS (IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES) APPEAR ACCORDING TO POLITICAL POLICIES, BUT IN REALITY THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM."



"OUT OF THIS WORK WILL RISE... THE GREAT REICH OF PEACE, WORK, WELFARE AND CULTURE."

Raid Resistance Factor In Isles' Victory Optimism

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer

Tremendous stimulation of British public morale has resulted from Greek and British victories over Italian forces in the East.

There are other factors, however, than the smashing blows struck at Italy to account for British confidence in the ultimate outcome of the war. The full fury of Hitler's boasted air power has been tested and proved ineffective to end the war quickly in a British defeat.

Prime Minister Churchill told his people six months ago, when France fell that the crux of the war lay in Britain's power to "break Hitler's air weapon." It has not been broken; but its edge has been dulled. It has failed to crack British morale, failed to open the way for Nazi invasion of England; failed as yet to bring a real starvation specter before English eyes in the war at sea.

English skies still are dominated in daylight by Britain's fighter pilots. Only at night do the heavy blows fall which Hitler said would lay England in ruins. Within six months the German attack has been deflected from England's weakest flank, the air, to her strongest, the sea. Nazi air-submarine-surface craft assaults on England's sea life lines now holds the greatest menace to Britain.

Lothian indicated victory. British hopes of attaining victory years sooner than her leaders had reckoned possible six months ago are clearly indicated. The late Lord Lothian, ambassador to Washington, in his last message urging expedited American help, foresaw possibilities of smashing Germany next year or in 1942. He did not live to learn the full scope of Italian disasters on two war fronts.

German News Agency Comments On Sinking

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (AP).—The official DNB News Agency, commenting on statements it said the United States navy department gave out in connection with the sinking of the Nazi freighter Idarwald and an attempt on the merchant ship Rhein by the British, said today "it would be interesting to know what instructions American destroyers have in the event they are witness to war-like actions within the security zone patrolled by themselves."

The American navy department gave out these two items of news without saying anything about the role of American destroyers which the two German vessels met soon after leaving harbor," the news agency said.

"The Idarwald's captain, on inquiry, was told that American ships were ordered to accompany the German vessel to the limits of the American security zone."

Royal Air Force Reports Direct Hits On Cruisers

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 16 (AP).—Five direct hits on a concentration of cruisers and destroyers in a British air raid on the Italian port of Naples Saturday night were reported today by an RAF communique.

It said two Italian battleships also were attacked in the raid, but did not claim any direct hits on them. The five hits on the smaller war vessels, the communique said, resulted in four "large explosions."

Resumes Search For Man Missing In Flooded Area

FREEPORT, Dec. 16 (AP).—Search was resumed today for J. W. Sellers of Houston, utility company employee who has been missing since his disappearance in a flooded area here. His nephew, Raymond Puls, also of Houston, who was hunting geese with Sellers, struggled through the water to his car and was brought to a hospital here yesterday.

He said he and Sellers became lost when a driving rain started yesterday morning and that Sellers became exhausted. Puls said he told Sellers he would try to make his way out and bring help.

Today's Markets

LIVESTOCK
PORT WORTH, Dec. 16 (AP. U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle 1,400; calves 700; most cows and some calves 15-25¢ higher, other classes steady to strong; common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings largely 5.50-8.50; good and choice 9.00-10.50; beef cows 4.50-6.50; canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; good and choice killing calves 7.50-9.00; common and medium 5.50-7.50; few good stock steer calves 9.00-50.

Wool
BOSTON, Dec. 16 (AP. U.S. Dept. Agr.).—Only a few scattered inquiries were being received for wool in the Boston market today. A small quantity of combing quarter-blood territory wools was sold at 80 to 83 cents, secured basis. Some spot country-packed three-eighths and quarter-blood bright fleece wools were sold at 45 cents, in the grease.

Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Closing price of the fifteen most active stocks today:
Com. & Sou. 3/4
U S Steel 68 5/8
Gen Mot 50
Canad Pac 3 3/8
Socony Vac 8 3/8
Gen Electric 33 1/8
Cons Edis 22 3/8
Int Tel & Tel 2 1/4
Unit Gas Imp 9 7/8
Std Oil N J 33 3/8
Am Wat Wks 6 7/8
Seaboard Air 3 1/8
Woolworth 33
Nat Bisc 17
United Corps 1 3/8

Cotton

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Cotton futures closed today 2 to 5 points lower.

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Successes Over Axis May Hinder Partners On Sea

By DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press Staff Writer

The Anglo-allied forces both in Libya and Albania were smashing the Italians back today in a defeat which, if continued, is likely to kill the chances of the Axis powers to break Britain's control of the vital Mediterranean zone.

From the British standpoint this strategic area is second in importance only to the British Isles themselves. As the battle of the Mediterranean goes, so may go the whole conflict.

Fighting in Northern Africa has reached Italy's Libyan soil in the vicinity of the important port of Salum. Possession of this harbor would enable the British to rush supplies forward, thereby permitting continuance of the drive into enemy territory.

The British fleet continues to do yeoman's service by shelling Fascist forces, communications and bases from the neighboring sea. It is an ironic circumstance for the Italians that this navy, which is the keystone of the British control of the Mediterranean, should be all but running ashore into the desert to beat the unhappy Fascists.

Only Episode
Virginia Gayda, authoritative Fascist writer, in using a wide brush to paint a silver lining into the Greek and Egyptian clouds of defeat, declares that they "are only episodes in the entire picture of the war."

"They are not Italy's whole war," he adds, "nor do they embody all Italy's offensive possibilities."

By way of emphasis Signor Gayda remarks resentfully that "Britain is carrying on her war with the vast means permitted by her riches." Those are very astute observations by one of Europe's most brilliant commentators. However, he presumably is writing to quiet the concern of an uneasy Italian public, and doesn't carry out an analysis of the position. Had he done so he must have arrived at this point:

It is precisely because of Britain's tremendous resources, plus her control of the sea, that she is banking on winning the war in the long run—that is, with the material assistance of America. The conflict is likely to be decided by economic strangulation and starvation, and the side which has the reserves on the side which will win.

It is true that Greece and Libya aren't "Italy's whole war." Britain took a far worse beating in Flanders than those to which Italy thus far has been subjected—and Britain is far stronger today than she was at that time.

Italy may come through, too, but there is a vast difference between Italy and Britain. That difference lies in those resources.

Member Of Prominent Abilene Family Dies

ABILENE, Dec. 16 (AP)—John Norwood (Jack) Parramore, 65, member of a ranching family that played a leading role in the founding and developing of this city, died this morning.

Parramore had lived in Runnels and Taylor counties since the age of 4. His father, the late Col. J. H. Parramore, brought his family from Gonzales County to Northern Runnels in 1879. There they lived first in a dugout on the bank of Elm Creek, and later in a house on Bluff Creek near the present site of Winters. They came to Abilene in 1881, the year Eakro townsite was opened. Jack Parramore had resided here ever since. He operated a 21-section ranch in King County many years.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Four-H Club Youths Make Plans For Sale

Thirteen boys from north and south Midland County 4-H clubs met Saturday at the courthouse and made plans for a sale of signs, a club project.

Attending were: Bill Ryan, Bronson Smith, Wayland Livingston, D. H. Livingston, Junior Franks, Billy Adams, Kelly Lewellen, Melvin Meisner, Martin Meisner, Clayte Gramham, Jerly Bohannon, Bill Franks, and Eugene Jones.

Christmas Seal Sale Goes Over \$500 Mark

A drive for funds in an annual Christmas seal sale by the Midland City-County Health Board progressed.

More than \$500 has been realized. Midland County's funds are part of a statewide total, which yesterday was reported greater than last year.

Herr Hitler Might Look Into This One And Learn

Here's one for Hitler to think about! A German alien, who in 1897 made application in Midland County for naturalization papers, wrote today to the county clerk's office seeking to know his "civilization" status.

Mrs. State Noble, clerk, opined that if the alien had been in America since 1897 he must know that "naturalization" was "civilization."

Large Damage In Monahans Blaze

MONAHANS, Dec. 16 (Special).—Fire early Sunday morning caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars to the building and stock of Reynolds Electric Company here. The fire was discovered at 4 a. m. and gained rapid headway.

The entire back half of the structure was razed, and radios, refrigerators and repairs parts were lost. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Several pianos and radios were saved from the display room. Most of the stock was damaged by the heat and water.

J. S. Reynolds, owner, was in Fort Worth, and an accurate estimate of the loss was not available.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Licensed to wed Saturday were Arlie Lawrence Bryant and Mary Evelyn Taggart, of the Prairie Lee community, the county clerk's office reported today.

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Football Banquet For Varsity Team Will Be Thursday

The annual football banquet honoring Midland high's Bulldogs will be held Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at Scharbauer Hotel.

Members of the team, their guests, band members, pep squad girls, faculty, and school board members with their wives, will attend.

The toastmaster will be Roger Sidwell. The program: Invocation, Rev. H. D. Bruce; "To the Team," Mary Sue Cowden; response, Odie Kelly; "To the Coaches," Bob Eidson; response, L. W. Taylor, Earle Clark, Julius Johnson; "To the Superintendent," Elma Jean Noble; response, W. W. Lackey; football skit, by Dorothy Sue Miles, Marthann Theis, Edyth Louise Lemley, Mary Sue Cowden; "To the Principal," J. M. White; response, D. D. Shirliff; "To the School Board," Windell Williams; response, L. C. Link, C. D. Verrees; Christmas carols, by Jack Eurt, Leslie Wood, James Mims, J. M. White; "To the Pep Squad," Gordon Bigham; response, Louise Cox; "To the Band," Herbert Rehders; response, Jack Noyes; "To the Boosters," Billy Hall; response, Rev. J. J. O'Connell.

To Announce Letters

Players to be honored: Bob Eidson, J. T. Robinson, Tony Watson, Bill Hall, J. M. White, J. W. Leftwich, Ivan Hall, Gordon Bigham, Roger Sidwell, E. G. Foster, John Ward, Joe Conkling, Maurice Bratton, Windell Williams, Mike Buffington, Buddy Davidson, Odie Kelly, Herbert Rehders, Wilford Lester, Lomar Green, Selman Cooke, Cleas Hines, Emory Corbett, Paul Anderson, Glenn Parrott, Newell Beauchamp, Fred Cooke, and Copper Daugherty, manager.

The 1940 letters will be announced at the banquet but are given later after scholastic requirements are fulfilled.

Ritchie Will Try To Punch Hunt To Sleep

Babe Ritchie, who is training in Midland, is seeking to get in shape to do what no boxer ever has been able to do—knock out Babe Hunt.

The two Texas heavies will clash in Odessa Thursday night.

A Texas heavyweight boxing title is at stake.

The 210-pound Ritchie took a fast drill Saturday at the high school gym, rested yesterday, and plans to workout again today.

Earl Pace and Jimmie Dee are serving as sparring partners for him. Thomas Brings Tickets.

L. D. "Pup" Thomas, promoter, was in Midland last night with general admission tickets, which go on sale Tuesday at Midland Drug.

Thomas said that he would fly his private plane to Tulsa Wednesday to meet Jack Dempsey, referee of the fight.

Dempsey will make a personal appearance in Midland Thursday afternoon.

The ex-heavyweight champion will be honor guest at a luncheon in Hobbs, N. M., at noon. He also will appear at a banquet in Odessa at 6:30 p. m.

Hunt is training in Odessa.

Mussolini Undertakes To Build Back Morale

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP)—Bitter fighting in Libya and Albania against severe British and Greek attacks was reported today by the Italian high command.

An intensive campaign to reinforce civilian morale throughout Northern Italy, including the country's industrial zones, in a winter "battle on the internal front" was under way following a conference held by Adelchi Serena, Fascist party secretary, and provincial Fascist chiefs at Premier Mussolini's home city of Forli.

Serena reported to Mussolini "assurance that Blackshirts and the Italian people are unshakably decided to face any events," declaring resistance is concerned and will be still more bitterly disappointed by facts.

Dane Still Durable



Battling Nelson, battle-scarred lightweight champion of 45-round days, does setting up exercise to demonstrate that he is still the Durable Dane at 53.

Junior High Team Looks For Action

Midland junior high cagers want action!

Coach Neville Hargrave is seeking a basketball game this week for his club that has been in practice drills two weeks.

Twenty-eight basketballers reported to Hargrave. He nominated as a likely starting quintet: Copper Daugherty, Bill Richards, John Larsh, Jimmie Gordon and H. G. Bedford.

The juniors work out daily following the high school team.

Coach Hargrave hopes to arrange a game with Stanton to open the season a tussle over the entire route in the \$10,000 Miami Open, but the year's honors for consistency went to little Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y.

Hogan finished third, four strokes behind Nelson, and his \$1,000 prize ran his total earnings for the year to \$10,655. Nelson was next at \$9,653 and Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., third with \$9,026.

The Vardon trophy, awarded annually by the Professional Golfers Association to its most consistent member, changed from Nelson's hands to Hogan's.

Experts Expect Louis To Win From McCoy In Early Rounds Of Tiff

BOSTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Champion Joe Louis is an almost unanimous choice to win by an early knockout tonight in his scheduled 15-round battle with Challenger Al McCoy in the 12th defense of his heavyweight crown.

One of the few dissenting opinions comes from the McCoy camp where the Maine-born battler and his entourage are promising to give Louis a tussle over the entire route in this first heavyweight title battle ever to be fought in Boston or New England.

But the fistic experts and the man in the street, who is expected to pack the Garden to capacity tonight, are stringing along with the champion and, falling to find any McCoy money, are playing their bets on the round when the Bomber will administer the cop-de-grace. Most of the wagers, incidentally, are on the first few rounds.

The main bout is scheduled for 9 p. m. (CST) and will be broadcast from coast to coast on the N. B. C. Blue Network.

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY FOR SCHREINER'S DAUGHTER

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR Mrs. Frances Schreiner, 59, daughter of the late Charles Schreiner, for whom Schreiner Institute at Kerrville was named, were to be conducted here this afternoon. Mrs. Schreiner died yesterday.

Where Tennis Stars Once Shone



At the famous All-England Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon, where the world's tennis stars once shone, these porkers are now the center of attraction. The club is aiding Britain's food problem by breeding pigs. At right, above, club secretary Norah Cleather watches daily feeding of the pigs, two of which belong to the club, two to nearby troops.

Sandies And Corpus Look Like Finalists

By Harold V. Radliff
Associated Press Staff.

Teams from opposite corners of the state are favored to meet in the finals of the Texas schoolboy football race.

Meaning Amarillo's Sandies and Corpus Christi's Buccaneers, the only undefeated, untied aggregations left after almost four months of tugging and hauling.

Obstacles in the paths of these two juggernauts are the spindly-shanked Mighty Mites of Masonic Home and the burly Wildcats of Temple.

Saturday Masonic Home goes into the ballpark of Amarillo's Panhandle powermen. At the same time Temple's "comeback kids"—the Cinderella team of the year—meet Corpus Christi in the gulf city.

Dark Mason Outlook.

The case of the Masons looks dark but it has looked that way before and history does not record where Masonic Home ever was badly beaten in the state race.

As for Temple and Corpus Christi, you can just about call things even. On the basis of the season's records, Corpus Christi is favored. But when you consider the distance Temple has come and the leaps-and-bound improvement the Wildcats have shown from week to week, you will pause to take several looks.

Masonic Home plays a team outweighing it some 20 pounds to the man—a team that has not really been tested to date, a team that has run up 69 points in its bi-district and quarter-final games over good teams.

On the other hand, Masonic Home has skinned by in its last four tilts, winning one by 7-0, another 7-6 and being tied in the other two, 7-7 and 6-6.

Crushes Opponents.

Amarillo has crushed over twelve teams, running up 343 points against 35. Masonic Home has won nine and tied two, scoring 156 against 19.

Corpus Christi has a record similar to Amarillo with 322 points to 45 in twelve games. Temple has won seven and lost four, scoring 141 against 77. But Temple did not blossom forth until almost mid-season, scoring 123 points to 27 for seven opponents.

From a comparative score standpoint, the edge is wide in Corpus Christi's favor. Temple lost to Robstown 14-7. Temple lost to Brackenridge (San Antonio) 18-6. Corpus Christi won over Brackenridge 14-13. Temple defeated Waco 25-0 and Corpus Christi won over Waco 13-6.

Should Amarillo and Corpus Christi reach the finals, it would set the stage for one of those "vengeance" battles. In 1934 Corpus Christi lost to Amarillo 48-0, the most crushing defeat ever administered to a team in the finals.

Bulldog Cagers To Open Season Against Bronchos Tomorrow

Coach Earle Clark's Midland cagers will open the basketball season tomorrow night in the high school gymnasium against invading Odessa's Bronchos. Game time is 8 p. m.

The coach announced his probable starting quintet as: Leonard Shepherd and Billy Hall, guards; Maurice Bratton, center; Charles Kelly and A. W. Jones, forwards.

Ready for replacement at forward is Charles Hyatt, who may replace Jones in the first five.

With a three-week's drill period behind them, the Bulldogs are preparing for opening conference play against the Sweetwater Mustangs here Jan. 7.

Tickets For Bowl Classic Sell Out

DALLAS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Hungry to see a test of Southwest football against some of the East's best, fans called "sold-out" today all over the ticket slate for the New Year's day Cotton Bowl classic here.

Applications started when Fordham University's Rams accepted the visiting team's role; boomed when the Texas Aggies, co-champions of the Southwest Conference, agreed to play host, and finished the supply of 45,507 seats available by last night—eight days after the lineup was announced.

Dan D. Rogers, President of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, said: "We're completely sold out for the Aggie-Fordham game and have a number of reservations for the 1942 contest." He said the Association would have to return hundreds of checks which arrived too late.

Says Scoring System In Wrestling Will Not Work

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 16 (AP)—Bill Sheridan, coach of Lehigh's Eastern intercollegiate wrestling champions, said today the new point-scoring system in college wrestling "won't last long because wrestling followers will not stand for it."

"You cannot expect a wrestling fan to take an adding machine with him every time he goes to a match," Sheridan declared in an interview. "Yet that is just what is necessary."

Under the new code started this year, a system of point scoring is substituted for the referee's decision at the end of a bout.

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Basketball Trips By Nation-Wide Quintets To Indicate Ability

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—This business of basketball "barnstorming" before the regular conference season gets under way, has reached the stage this season that some line on the strength of title contenders in nearly every major section may be known before the New Year.

Influenced by the financial success of the double-header programs at New York's Madison Square Garden, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and other centers, pre-season tours have become an important part of the program in the past few years.

So far this season such outstanding teams as Oregon, Oregon State, Oklahoma A&M, West Virginia, Georgia and Texas have gone visiting into other sections to play teams of equal ranking while Southern California UCLA, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Indiana go on tour this week.

Record Garden Crowd

The first of the big-time double bills was staged in the Garden last Saturday with 18,325 fans turning out to see Long Island University whip Oregon 43-31 and the Oklahoma Aggies defeat highly-touted City College of New York, 32-24.

That was a record basketball crowd for New York but only by seven spectators.

This week's doubleheader program begins at Chicago tonight with Georgetown meeting Loyola and UCLA playing St. Paul. At Philadelphia Tuesday Oregon State meets Temple and Oklahoma A&M plays St. Joseph's. On Thursday City College-Maryland and Oregon-Baltimore University at Baltimore and New York. Saturday Oklahoma meets St. John's of Brooklyn and Syracuse encounters New York University.

Christmas Decoration Contest Progresses Well

MONAHANS, Dec. 12 (Special).—A large number of entries have been received in the home decoration contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Judging will be completed Christmas Eve.

From Bad to Good



According to Atlanta, Ga., police, four years ago Gordon Price was a "tough customer" in that city's underworld. Then in 1936 he reformed and today he is a Baptist minister. He's pictured above, kneeling, for the "laying on of hands" ceremony in which he was ordained.

Indians-Cornell Game Wins First As Prize Oddity

By Bill Boni
NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Dartmouth's delayed football victory over Cornell, already chosen the No. 1 upset of the year, was singled out again for special notice today as 1940's prize sports oddity.

The country's sports editors, while deeming some score of other screwball episodes worthy of mention, were strong for the "fifth down" game with its manifold angles as the piece de resistance. Sixty of them had it somewhere on their list, and most of them put it right on top.

It was, of course, distinctive from the rest as a three-day wonder. The first day the boys wondered how Dartmouth could have held Cornell to a 7-3, score the second day they wondered how a college education could have missed teaching Referee Red Friesell how to count beyond four, and the third day they wondered how Dartmouth could have managed to beat Cornell by 3-0.

Second Difficult

From a fine supplementary selection of freak incidents, it was difficult to determine a definite second. The honors appeared divided fairly even along Ed Oliver's disqualification from the U. S. Open Golf Championship for being too early, rather than too late, off the tee; Jimmy Wilson's theft of second base in the World Series, and the attempted tackle of Tommy Harmon made in the California-Michigan game by a misguided celebrant who, like many more sober and athletic citizens, missed his mark.

The Cleveland "cry-babies" and their petition to Alva Bradley; "Bummy" Davis' below-the-belt attack on Fritze Zivic, which resulted in the suspension from the ring, and Purdue's loss of three Western Conference football games in 38 seconds (including a defeat by Ohio State on a field goal kicked by an ineligible player)—all came in for their share of notice.

General Admission Ducats To Be On Sale Tomorrow

General admission tickets to the Babe Ritchie-Babe Hunt fight for the championship of Texas in Odessa Thursday will go on sale at the Midland Drug tomorrow morning.

They will be sold in other Permian Basin cities and Lubbock. Only 2,300 tickets, including ringsides, are available for the fight. Odessa fans have bought more than 150 ringside seats.

Urges Clear Legal Road For War Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The elimination of all legal obstacles in the way of expedited aid to Great Britain was urged today by Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Bloom outlined his position as the capital awaited the return of President Roosevelt who is expected to give thorough study to all recent developments bearing on British aid when he gets back to his desk.

Bloom, advocating accelerated aid to Britain, said specifically that, if Britain should desire credit for a stated purpose, he favored a change in the Johnson Act which now bans loans or credits to a nation in default of World War debts.

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By Wm. E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.

During the week before Christmas, most of the weekly bridge games will have to be postponed. The members of the afternoon clubs are busy shopping for toys for the little ones, and you can't have an evening bridge game as long as daddy can get his hands on those electric trains.

While bridge is not associated with toys, gifts do play a prominent part in the game. You will often hear a player ask, "How did you get six no trump on that hand?" And upon receiving the explanation, he remarks, "Oh, they just gave it to you."

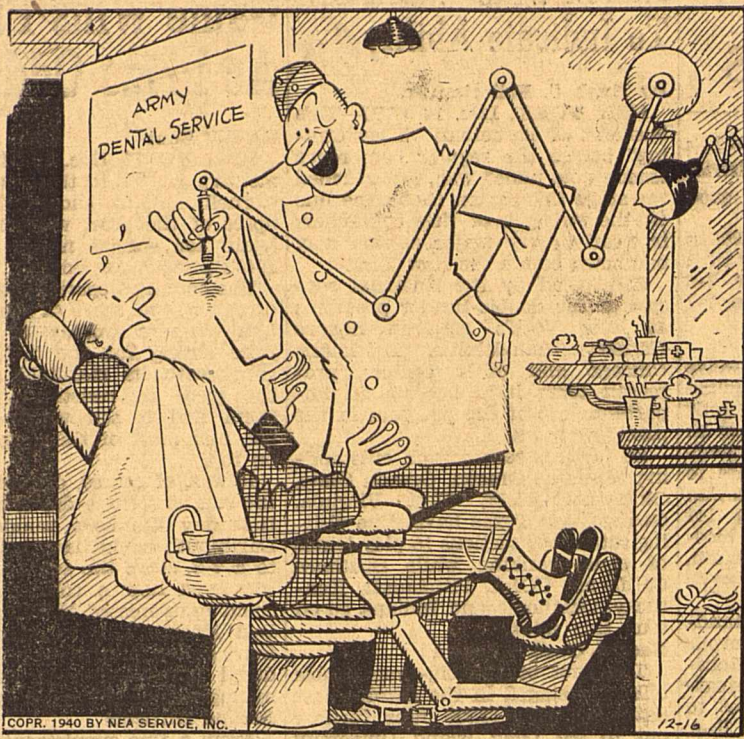
I recently visited the District of Columbia Championships Tournament at Washington, and I saw this gift of top score presented to one player. The opening lead proved lucky for the declarer, letting his jack of clubs make.

All the diamonds were cashed, North discarding a small heart. East let go the six and deuce of spades, in that order, followed by the four and six of hearts.

A low club put dummy in with the ace to lead the nine of spades. As declarer had hoped, East held up the ace and the king won. South cashed the king of clubs, and East found he had to let go his jack of spades in order to hold the heart stopper. But then South cashed the ace of hearts and exited with the spade, and East was forced to lead into the major heart tenace.

Declarer took advantage of the adverse efforts brilliantly, but it certainly took a lot of breaks to set the stage for his great play!

Funny Business



"So you're the tough cop who used to give me all the parking tickets back home, eh?"

Side Glances



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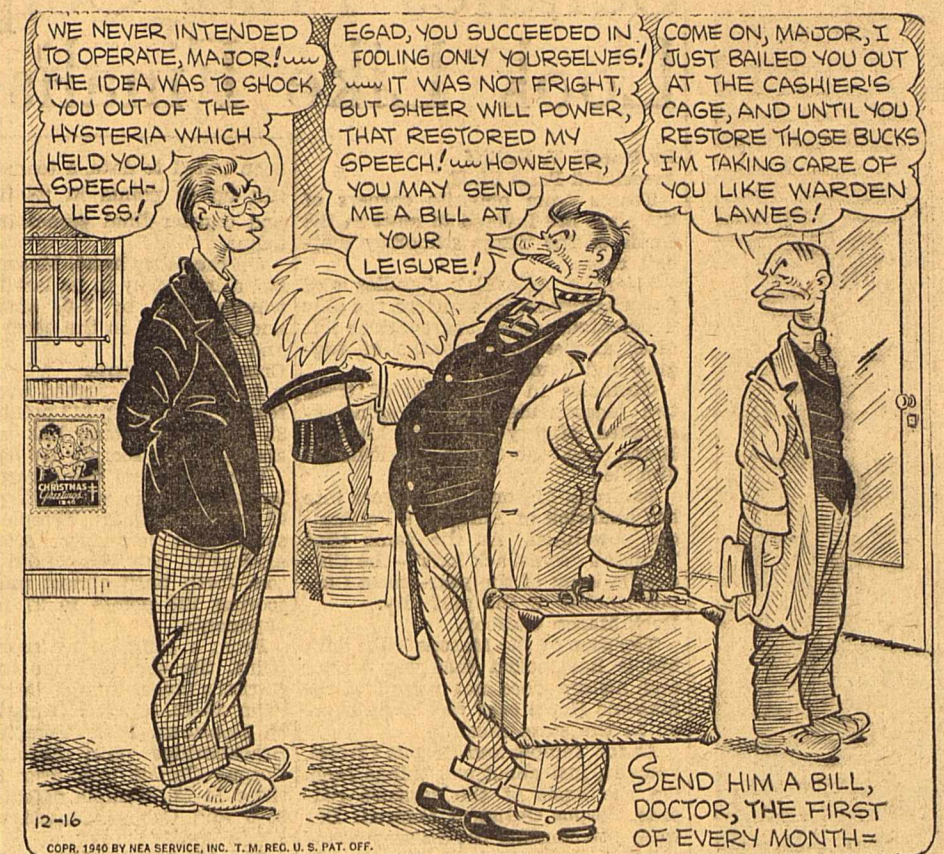


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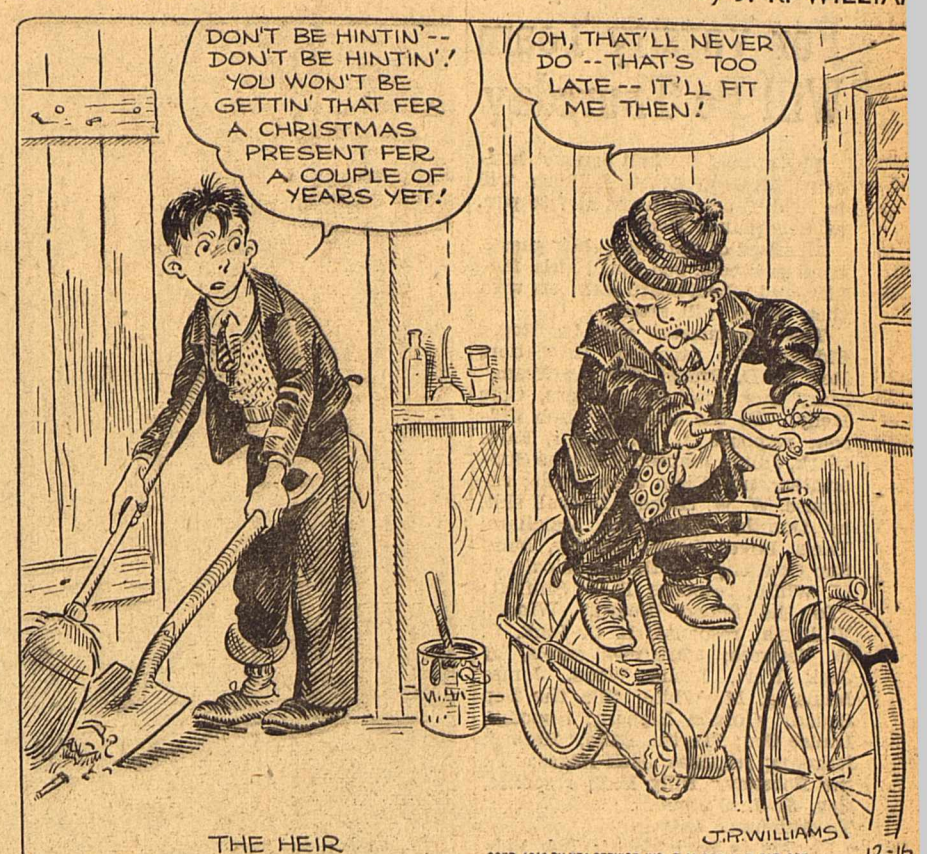
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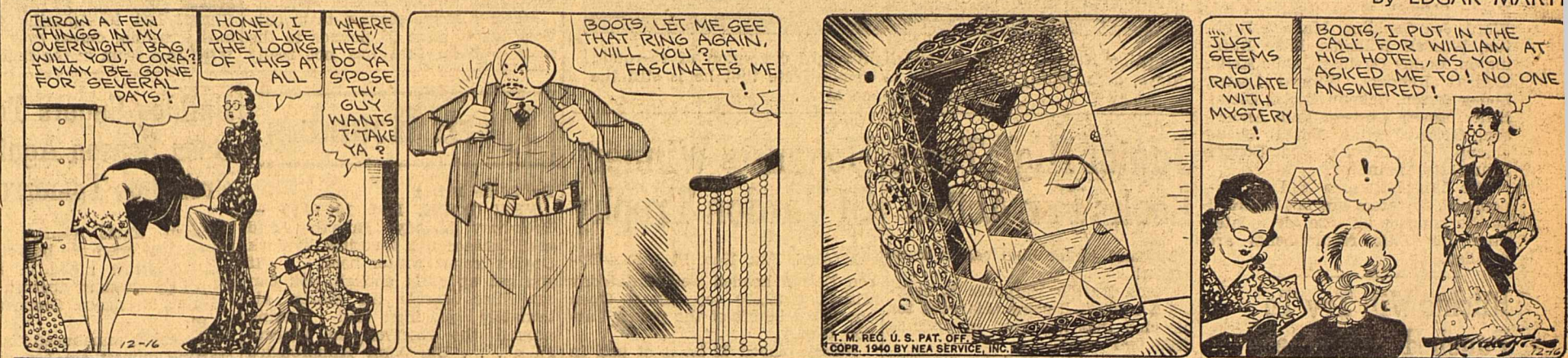
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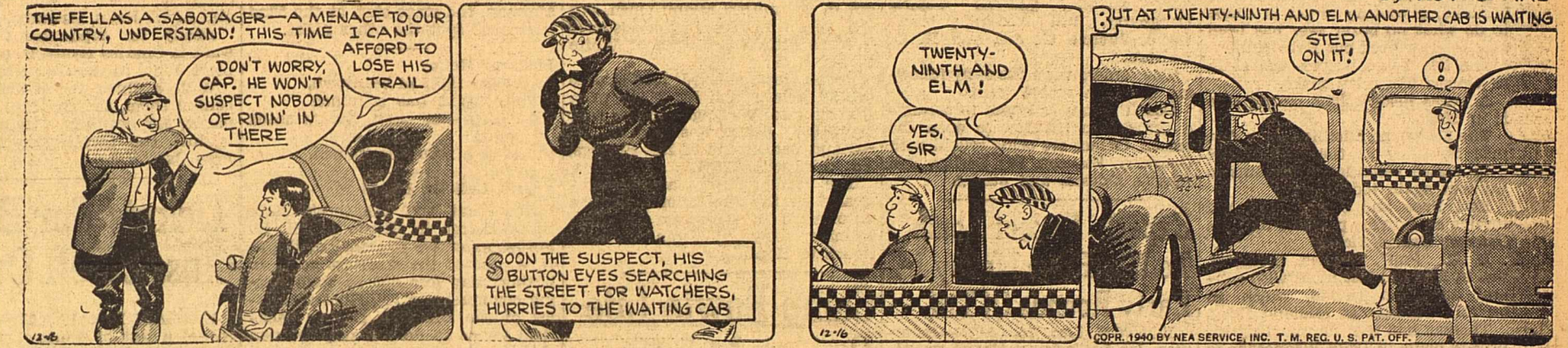
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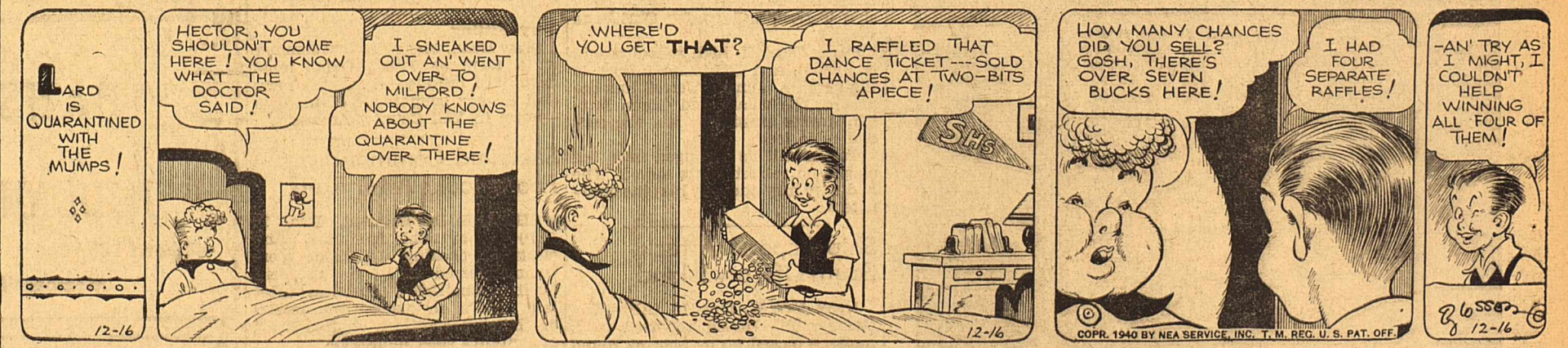
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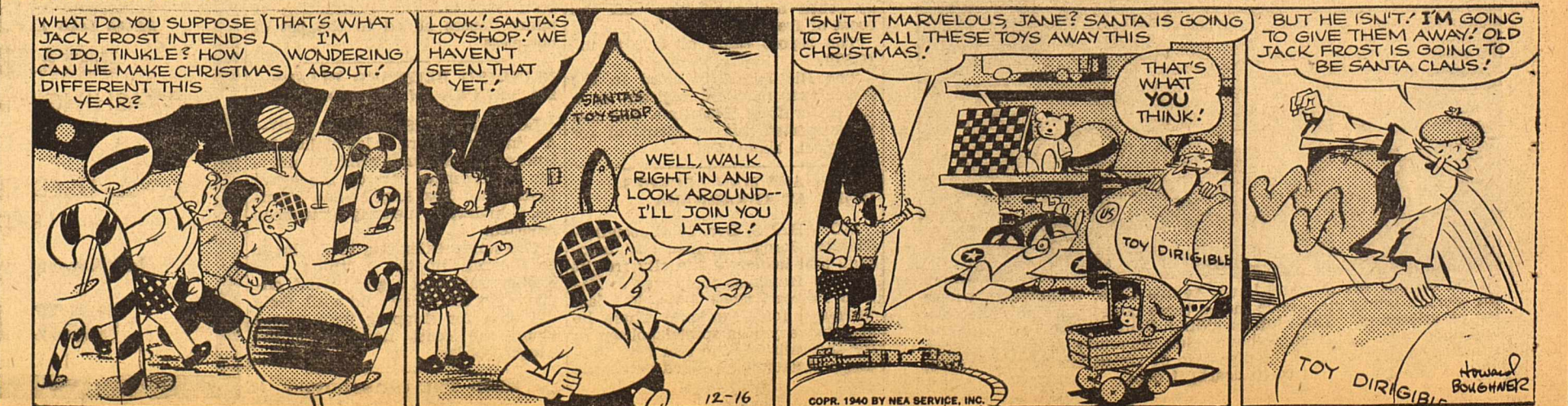
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All About Jane and Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas



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 - 6:15—Here's Morgan, MBS
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Roger Bastfield, TSN
 - 7:15—Hymns at Twilight, TSN
 - 7:30—To be Announced, TSN
 - 7:45—The Song of the Soldiers, MBS
 - 8:00—Songs of Billy Davis, TSN
 - 8:15—Geneva Davis, TSN
 - 8:30—George Underwood's Orch., TSN
 - 8:45—All Star Quartet, TSN
 - 9:00—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS
 - 9:15—L. Diamond's orchestra & news, MBS
 - 9:30—The Lone Ranger, MBS
 - 10:00—News, TSN
 - 10:15—The Den Orch., TSN
 - 10:30—To be Announced, TSN
- TOMORROW**
- 6:45—Morning Tunes
 - 7:00—News, TSN
 - 7:15—Desert Drifters, TSN
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:05—Piano Moods, TSN
 - 8:15—Rhythm Wranglers TSN
 - 8:30—Keep Fit to Music, MBS
 - 8:45—What's Doing Around Midland
 - 9:00—Organ Melodies, TSN
 - 9:15—Morning Melodies, TSN
 - 9:30—Backstage Wife TSN
 - 9:45—Easy Aces TSN
 - 10:00—Neighbors, TSN
 - 10:15—Our Gal Sunday TSN
 - 10:30—Songs of Carol Leighton, TSN
 - 10:45—Sweetest Songs Ever Sung, TSN
 - 11:00—News, TSN
 - 11:05—Conservation of vision, KBST
 - 11:12—Louis Bettancourt's Orch.
 - 11:30—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 11:45—Man on the Street
 - 12:00—News & Market Reports TSN
 - 12:15—Singin' Sam
 - 12:30—The Mar Quartet
 - 12:45—Jack Free's Orch., TSN
 - 1:00—Cedric Foster, MBS
 - 1:15—Johnny Duff, Organist, MBS
 - 1:30—Afternoon Concerts
 - 1:45—Sterling Young's Orch., TSN
 - 2:00—Palmer House Orch., MBS
 - 2:15—Old Fashioned Girl, MBS
 - 2:30—Manny Landers' Orch., MBS
 - 2:45—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 3:30—Radio Gossip Club, MBS
 - 3:45—The Johnson Family, MBS
 - 4:00—College Life, TSN
 - 4:15—Crime & Death, TSN
 - 4:30—U.S. Government reports, TSN
 - 4:45—Afternoon Tunes
 - 5:00—AP News Bulletins, MBS
 - 5:05—Paul Pendarvis' Orch., MBS
 - 5:30—Sunset Reveries, TSN
 - 5:45—Hawaiian Music, TSN

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Use Rates To Determine Food Plan For Soldiers
 BOULDER, Colo. (UP).—The army is using a group of rats and an apparatus called a fluorophotometer to determine how soldiers should be fed.
 Since one of the great problems confronting army officers involves the provision of ample food with a minimum of bulk, a research program has been instituted at the University of Colorado to ascertain if dried food contains as much nourishment as fresh food.
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SERIAL STORY

DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

YESTERDAY: Returning home after the fire, Wes stops at the stables, learns Lona has gone for an early ride. She was carrying a bulky package, the horse wrangler tells him. Wes borrows a rifle and an automatic, sets out to trail Lona. He sees the Border Patrol's autogiro, and in a few minutes, Lona rides down the trail toward him.

WESLEY SPRINGS A TRAP Chapter XXVI.
 The sudden turn of events found Wesley unprepared. He wasn't at all sure what to make of the autogiro's presence. He guessed, though, that it had settled down first near Lona Montoya herself—it could land and take off from a flat space not much bigger than a back yard—and then had dropped down to where the fliers had identified him.
 He knew the ship was a new unit in the equipment of the United States Border Patrol. Now, he saw Lona riding back up the trail toward him and he could only surmise that the plane had caused her to turn back.
 She was still several hundred yards away, so he rode slowly on toward the pretty Mexican girl. She recognized him in a moment and spurred her horse.
 "Weslee!" she cried out happily when she neared him. "You are out riding, too!" Her smile was bright.
 "Yes!—I thought I might do a little shooting. Jackrabbit and coyote maybe. Haven't seen anything, though. I like to ride in early morning." He hoped his explanation didn't sound as lame to her as it did to him.
 "I come out often to paint and sketch. But today I just ride. You saw the autogiro?"
 "Yes."
 "I've seen your name to ask if I have seen any aliens—imagine, Weslee! If I see any estrangeiro I would faint!"
 He smiled with her. But he had appraised her equipment, too. She had a gun, and small saddle packs and canteen and rope. But there was definitely no large package such as the horse wrangler said she carried. He wondered if she had already been to the Rainbow Canyon cache and left her parcel. But, no, she couldn't possibly have had time.
 "I've shoot some with you, no?"
 She said it so sweetly, so engagingly, that no man could have declined. They dismounted and dropped reins. Morning sun was a spotlight now that shone on the white rocks they stood in cañon. Together they fired first pistols and then the rifle he carried, walking to inspect the results of each shot. It was fun, really; fun for any man able to do target practice in the zesty autumn morning with a beautiful girl.
 Very conscious of her presence (as any man as shy as Wesley York would be), he studied her face when she was shooting, studied it closely and in minute detail. It occurred to him that she didn't appear as Latin as most Mexican señoritas.
 A Mexican is, theoretically, half Spanish and half Indian; many are just touched with the Indian blood. In every case, however, they have a definite skin hue and a racial something about their eyes.
 It seemed to Wesley, now, that Lona lacked these subtle but significant things. Trained to observe details and weigh them in his work as an archaeologist, he began to wonder why Lona was an exception in her national heritage.
 When they had exhausted most of their shells Lona suggested they sit for a while and talk. She found a niche big enough for two in a granite boulder and invited him to join her. Of necessity, he sat close.
 "Your home you said is near Vera Cruz, Lona?" He asked then.
 "Yes. An old, old rancho, Wesley. You would love it!"
 "Surely. A rancho—in old Mexico! It's romantic to think about." She laughed, low and musically. "I like romantic-minded men, Wesley."
 "Mexico is a beautiful country, no es verdad?" He lapsed into Spanish.
 "¡Si señor! ¡Usted habla Español!" "Some," he smiled. "Let's speak it together; I need the practice."
 They talked at length. Lona oddly enough, lost a bit of her vivacious manner and she appeared to concentrate on her words now. Wesley's first Spanish was the purest of Castilian, but presently he shifted to the several Mexican dialects that he knew. Mexican folk do speak differently in different states, just as English is spoken differently in London, New York, Atlanta and Albuquerque; the idiom of one place may be hardly recognizable in another.
 But Wesley York was a scholar. Reared in the Southwest, he had specialized in Spanish, and because his archaeological studies had taken him often to the ancient ruins in Yucatan, Campeche, Chiapas and other Mexican states, he had become intimate with the dialects in almost every section. In truth, few Americans knew Mexico better than young Wesley York.
 Several times he looked at Lona as if in surprise, but in a moment she shifted back to English.
 "No, no," she smiled again. "Is better I speak English and learn to use it perfectly. It is more dif-

HAMILTON WOMAN UNDER BOND IN MATE'S SHOOTING.
 HAMILTON, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP).—Mrs. Margaret Gray, about 37, was at liberty under \$5,000 bond today in the fatal shooting Friday of her husband, Arthur Gray, 28.
 The human body is composed of about 60 and 70 per cent water.
 (To Be Continued).

Oil News . . .

(Continued From Page One)

Henry James, Central Gaines County wildcat, is on natural swabbing test at 5,314 feet.
Heiner At Interesting Depth.
 Culbertson & Irwin, Inc. of Midland No. 1 Mary Heiner, Northern Pecos County Ordovician test in section 339, G. C. & S. F. survey, was approached to a critical depth today as it drilled to 4,515 feet in dolomitic lime. It was believed still to be in the Lower Permian.
 Continental Oil Company et al No. 7 Todd Unit, Crockett County deep test projected to the Strawn, Lower Permian, is drilling with rotary below 760 feet in red beds.
Written To Run 150 Barrels.
 Temporary allowable of 150 barrels per day has been granted Gulf No. 5 Written Brothers, Southeastern Ward County deep strike and first Marlin producer in the state. It is understood that Atlantic Pipe Company will connect to the discovery. Railroad Commission hearing on the new area, which has tentatively been called the Shipley deep well, is slated tomorrow in Austin.

Roosevelt To Review Engineers Report Of Trinity Water Plans

By Associated Press
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Expected to be submitted to President Roosevelt early in December for his approval is a coming depth report by the Soil Conservation engineers of the Agriculture Department for a flood control-water conservation program on the Trinity river of Texas.
 Details of the report are undisclosed and will be made public only after the president has approved or rejected its contents, but in general they call for a 15-year program estimated to cost approximately \$32,000,000. About half of the amount would, it is proposed, be paid eventually by the federal government, the remainder by the individual farm owners whose property would be enhanced by the work.
 Immediate benefits which should accrue to Texas, if the president approves the report, would be the allocation of funds now on hand of the Agriculture Department to initiate the conservation program.
 How much that allocation would be, or the amount agriculture department engineers have recommended in the report, could not be learned.

Widely-Known Ranger Dies At Coast City

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 16 (AP).—Texas Ranger E. M. Davenport, 56, one of the state's most widely known law enforcement officers, died here today of a heart attack.
 Davenport had been an officer since 1902, and during his years as a Ranger had prepared evidence in 29 cases in which the death penalty was inflicted.
 Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at Edna.

SOLDIER OF WAR

1 Commander of U. S. A. troops in last World War.	2 Cleopatra.	3 Ruler of Egypt.	4 Reality.	5 Larvate.	6 Eve.	7 Organ.	8 Area.	9 Narra.	10 Skits.	11 Frosted.	12 Almond.
13 School of whales.	14 Sycophant.	15 Shield.	16 Expectations.	17 Three.	18 Lets it stand.	19 Emboldened.	20 Nay.	21 Old garment.	22 Measure of area.	23 Italian stream.	24 Child.
25 Dedicated to religious work.	26 Energy.	27 Notch.	28 Garret.	29 Mare.	30 Bartered.	31 Chopping tool.	32 Behold.	33 Knot of short hair.	34 Boggy.	35 Compass point (abbr.).	36 Rabbit.
37 Personal contribution.	38 Boy.	39 Male sheep.	40 Swimming fowls.	41 Portuguese coin.	42 He has from active service.	43 His native land.	44 Ugly monster.	45 Told an untruth.	46 Bananas.	47 Newspaper.	48 Paragraph.
49 Burbot (fish).	50 Young salmon.	51 Gun.	52 Common verb.	53 Rumanian coins.	54 Musical note.	55 Railroad (abbr.).					

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Reports For 1940 Show Commendable Progress In the Home Demonstration And 4-H Girls' Club Work In County

Substantial progress in 1940 among the varied lines of home demonstration club work among Midland County women and girls was shown in the series of annual reports presented at the Home Demonstration Council meeting Saturday at the courthouse.

Mrs. Tyson Midkiff, in her financial report, told of the raising of the 4-H girls' scholarship fund from \$78 to \$100 and showed proceeds for the year of \$141.10 with disbursement of \$135.41.

As chairman of sponsors, Mrs. Carl Smith reported five 4-H girls' lace at Cloverdale; Mrs. W. E. Figs, clubs sponsored by Mrs. J. E. Wal-Prairie Lee; Mrs. G. C. Brunson, Valley View; Mrs. Dick Midkiff, Midkiff Ranch; Mrs. W. B. Franklin and Mrs. John King, Cotton Flat. These sponsors are home demonstration club members.

In addition, clubs at Stephenson and Warfield are sponsored by non-club members. She also reported that four girls attended the A&M Short Course, with the sponsor committee chairman accompanying them; that all 4-H girls' clubs except one were represented at the annual encampment; that five girls' clubs went on the achievement tour; and that 30 girls attended the Christmas party. Emma Marie Meissner of Prairie Lee was introduced as the Gold Star girl of the current year.

Non-Club Families Helped.
The expansion report was read by Mrs. John King, showing that 102 non-club families have been helped to make mattresses, 25 with foods, 11 with orchards, three with insects and pest control, and 15 with other kinds of improvement work.

Mrs. S. L. Alexander, chairman of the education committee, reported 100 per cent membership contribution from Midland County home demonstration clubs to the state educational fund. Two radio programs were given during the year. Educational trips made included those to A&M Short Course, to the district home demonstration association, the county encampment, the achievement tour, and the district AAA meetings.

Mrs. G. C. Brunson reported that the Council had met nine times during the year and had sponsored such activities as: Financing county-wide home demonstration activities; entertaining the district home demonstration association in May; exhibit for the dairy show in June; trips for home demonstration club-women and 4-H club girls to the A&M Short Course; the county home demonstration encampment; the county achievement tour; sponsoring of 4-H club girls; increasing of Midland County 4-H girls' scholarship fund; home demonstration window exhibit; and cooperation in community and county land use planning committees.

Mrs. H. L. Albrecht of the year book committee reported that the 1941 year books for both women and girls are ready to go to the press.

Mrs. C. C. Carden made the report of club workers, introducing those present and asking them to show their scrap books.

Mrs. J. D. Bartlett read the recreation report and also the exhibits report in the absence of the exhibits committee chairman, Mrs. B. L. Mason.

Presidents Report.
The following club presidents read reports: Mrs. Dick Midkiff of the Greasewood Club; Mrs. H. L. Albrecht of Westside Club; Mrs. Tyson Midkiff presented the report for Mrs. Bill Houston of Warfield Club; Mrs. Bartlett for Mrs. Mason of Valley View Club; and Mrs. W. E. Figs for Mrs. J. E. Wallace of Prairie Lee.

Mrs. Alpha Lynn, county home demonstration agent, read excerpts from Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt's speech before the conference of national civic organizations in which opportunities were pointed out for women and girls to participate in a national preparedness program through land use planning committees.

Council members presented Miss Lynn with a necklace in appreciation for her services.

After the business session, a social hour was held. Refreshments were served to: Mmes. G. C. Brunson, Tyson Midkiff, S. L. Alexander, W. E. Figs, W. R. Tilman, H. L. Albrecht, John King, J. D. Bartlett, Jeff King, M. D. Rutherford, Dick Midkiff, Sam Preston, Carl Smith, C. C. Carden, Miss Lynn, Emma Marie Meissner.

Mrs. Ila Bacon taught a lesson on "Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray" at the meeting of the Naomi Class at Hotel Scharbauer, Sunday morning.

Mrs. Tom Nance read the scripture lesson and Mrs. W. P. Knight presented the devotional.

Offertory was played by Miss Jean Farnham.

A special number was presented by Mrs. Ruth Ramsel.

Three visitors were present, including Mrs. Millard Eidson of Lovington, N. M., Mrs. Johnny Monroe, and Mrs. Reid.

About fifteen were in attendance. The class will have its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. P. Knight, 1201 W. Missouri, Tuesday evening.

Stanton Teachers Honored At Dinner, Christmas Party

STANTON, Dec. 16 (Special).—Home Economics classes of Stanton High School honored the faculty members of the schools with a Christmas party and dinner in the dining hall of the home economics department, Friday night.

Dominoes and forty-two served as entertainment for the attending teachers: Supt. and Mrs. O. C. Southall, principal of high school and coach, H. A. Poole and Mrs. Poole, grade principal, H. D. Haley and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston, Miss Needham, Miss Glick, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Jones, Miss Radell, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Renfro. Mr. Renfro is secretary of the school board.

The plates were prepared by Jo Eita Prather, Bobby Jean Wilkinson, Mary Frances Burnham, and Joyce O'Brian. Waitresses were Jane Ann Cox, Jean Hardy, Alice Mae Widner, Bernice Pinkston, and hostesses were Dot Dawkins and Margaret Laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Hosts To Yomaco Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Walker entertained the Yomaco Club Saturday evening at 8 o'clock with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. T. Walker, 301 North Loraine Street.

The evening was spent in playing tripoli, bridge and forty-two. Mrs. Bill Hogsett won the only prize given during the evening.

The house was decorated with a Christmas tree, holly, mistletoe and other yuletide emblems. On the mantel was a miniature farm house with a Santa and reindeer, trees and animals, all on a bed of cotton snow.

Gifts were presented after the refreshment hour.

Each member of the club brought donations of food to be used in filling a Christmas basket.

A business meeting was held prior to the party. Plans were made concerning the Christmas basket to be given by the club.

Guests for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Breneman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reeves.

Members present were Messrs. and Mmes. Allen Dorsey, M. D. Johnson, Jr., Archie Estes, Bill Hogsett of Crane, and James H. Walker.

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland

It is well worth an hour of anyone's time to attend the annual cantata given by singers of the town.

Last night's presentation upheld the high standard maintained throughout approximately 20 years of the Christmas cantata's renditions.

The town's appreciation was shown by the large attendance.

Christmas musings: Have you noticed how popular the novelty candles in the shape of pine trees, Santa Claus figures or snowmen are this year? That there is less blue and more red and white and silver in this year's Yuletide decorations? (Which is distinctly to the good in our estimation). That one might look a long time before finding anything more effective than the huge cross on the Petroleum Building? That little transparent cylinders containing rolls of cord would be pleasant and practical little gifts for anyone who has to wrap Christmas packages?

Sure to be welcomed by the color-loving soul is a luncheon set with a cloth of one color and the four napkins of four separate colors different from that of the cloth. Embroidery of course links the five pieces but the range of hues is lightheartedly nonchalant.

Speaking of candles again, the hurricane candles are prettier than ever. Our special vote of commendation goes to some held in hand-wrought aluminum candle sticks shaped to look more like an oldtime kerosene lamp than did the first candles and holders of this kind.

Having the candle within the glass globe in a shade of soft pink is also a pretty creation.

For some reason, we always enjoy sending Christmas cards to friends with whom we have not been corresponding regularly and who will, we hope, be pleased as we are surprised to hear from us. Despite all the modern innovations and the effort to debunk it of glamor, there is still something about Christmas that wakens warmth and love and a friendly human sympathy in people's hearts in a way that no other holiday can.

Long live Christmas, Santa Claus, stockings, last-minute shopping, and most of all the story of the Manger and the Magi.

Crane Schools Will Present Three Programs

CRANE, Dec. 16 (Special).—Crane schools this week will present a series of Christmas programs. Tuesday evening, the elementary grades will present an operetta, "The Lost Doll," under direction of James Rodden, supervisor of public school music. Assisting him with the program are Misses Maurine McKenzie, Mabel Smith, Schultz, and Geneva Vas. Immediately following the operetta, the junior high school music classes will present "The House of Christmas," also supervised by Mr. Rodden.

Wednesday evening, the high school glee clubs and the high school band will present "His Name Shall Endure," a Christmas pageant, with Mr. Rodden and Jacques Nance, band director, supervising, assisted by Miss Gordon, director of the speech arts department.

Monahans Choirs Sing Cantata

MONAHANS, Dec. 16 (Special).—Combined choirs of Monahans churches participated in a Christmas cantata at the high school auditorium, Sunday night, under the direction of Charles G. Walker, music instructor in the school. Solo parts were sung by Wesley May of Pecos, Miss Nadyne Woodcock, Miss Viola Ingham and Louis Faw of Monahans. A large crowd attended.

Senior Endeavor Presents Special Christmas Program

A special Christmas program was presented at the meeting of the Senior Endeavor at the First Christian Church, Sunday evening.

Taking part in the program, which was led by Joyce Strong were: Elma Jean Noble, Barbara Forwoodson, Carolyn Clisbee, Doris Jean Shockey, and Glenna Jones.

A special trio number was sung by Barbara Forwoodson, Margaret Shannon and Joyce Strong.

Christmas carols were sung by the group. Plans were made for a Christmas party in the banquet hall of the church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

About 47 were present.

Thirteen Junior Endeavorers were present at the meeting of the group Sunday afternoon.

Joe Tom Hood was leader for the program on the subject, "Getting Ready for Christmas."

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League Programs Led By Miss Tidmore And Ann Vannaman

Miss Ruth Tidmore was leader for a program on "The New Leadership" at the meeting of the Methodist Senior League at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Sunday evening.

Talks were presented by Jesse Lee Barber and Miss Ferrol Ficke.

Miss John Curney read the scripture selection and prayer was offered by Ross Carr.

Carolyne Oates conducted the business meeting in which plans were made for a Christmas party at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Intermediate League
Christmas talks were made by Allyne Kelly and Jack Shelton at the meeting of the Intermediate League.

A 15-minute song service was offered for the singing of Christmas carols.

Helen Shelton led the opening prayer.

Ann Vannaman, program leader, offered the closing prayer.

Plans were completed for a Christmas party to be held at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Present were: Marie Barber, Mary Frances Barber, Norene Barber, Ann Vannaman, Allyne Kelly, Mary Kathryn Taylor, Jack Shelton, Alberta Smith, Norma Stice, Lois Terry, Allie Andrews, Billie Ann Hill, Alex Oates, Audie Merrell, Deneva Merrell, Colleen Oates, Helen Shelton, two new members, Marilyn and Carlyn Tarver, and the sponsor, Mrs. N. G. Oates.

Goodfellow Gifts Made By Class

Twenty-five members and two visitors, Earle Clark and H. L. Harrison, were present at the Scharbauer Men's Class, Sunday morning at Hotel Scharbauer. The lesson was on considering what the habit of prayer does, and what may be done for others by this means. Mayor M. C. Ulmer taught.

Singing preceding the lesson was in charge of Yates Brown.

A special offertory was played by Ned and Miss Lydia Watson.

Elaine Hedrick, a high school student, gave a talk on Christmas seal sales in behalf of the Texas Tuberculosis Association, sponsored by the Midland County Health Board. Benediction was given by W. I. Pratt.

A special donation of \$31.00 was presented this morning to the chamber of commerce by Alton A. Gault, secretary-treasurer of the class, for the Goodfellow's fund. This donation was given to the class by a party giving an unknown name. This is the second donation for the class. Clifford C. Keith, president of the class, presented to the chamber of commerce a check for \$25.00 last Monday morning. These checks represent a total of \$56.00 from the class to the Goodfellow's.

Items From Crane

Mrs. Lulu Chaney is visiting relatives in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coe have just returned from Cisco where they were called by the illness and death of Mrs. Coe's father.

The Rev. Philip Brown attended the Pecos Valley Association Sunday School Workers meeting in Pecos last week.

J. D. Moore was in Fort Worth on business the past year.

Malcom Rogers, Boy Scout executive from San Angelo, was in Crane recently, completing plans for a newly organized Scout troop in Imperial. He reported that 12 boys had already registered and he expected others to join the troop.

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Loyal Workers Have Program On Alcohol; Two Are Speakers

The Loyal Workers BTU program was opened by sentence prayers Sunday night at the regular weekly meeting in the educational building of the Baptist Church plant.

Misses Alta Merrell and Rubalee Krapf gave the special program on "Alcohol Decreases Human Efficiency."

Daily Bible quiz was presented by Miss Helen Rogers from the Book of John.

Miss Rubalee Krapf will entertain the group at her home, the first house from the west side on the Magnolia Tank Farm Lane east of the city, Wednesday evening at 8:45 o'clock. Members and guests are expected to attend prayer meeting and later go to her home for a social hour and to bring a gift and toys. Gifts will be distributed among those present and toys will be opened and used during the social hour and placed in a box to be given to any charity organization sponsored by the Baptist Church for poor children.

Adelante Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. B. Harkrider, 1306 W. Texas, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

North Ward PTA will meet at North Ward School, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Brigitte Club will have a Christmas party in the form of a luncheon at the home of Miss Cordelia Taylor, 405 North A, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Neomi Class will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. P. Knight, 1201 W. Missouri, Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Gifts will be exchanged and each member will bring something for a basket for a needy family.

Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. M. Reising, 1609 W. Wall, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY
Loyal Workers BTU will have a party at the home of Miss Rubalee Krapf, the first house from the west side on the Magnolia Tank Farm Lane east of town, Wednesday evening at 8:45 o'clock.

Play Readers will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Y. Penn, 806 W. Storey, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Douglas Wolsley will read "Bitter Sweet."

Intermediate League of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the old annex of the Baptist Church.

Senior Endeavor will have a Christmas party in the banquet hall of the First Christian Church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Cactus Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Robert Cox, 1907 W. Texas, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Home Art Club will meet with Mrs. John Dunagan, 1904 W. Wall, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Wright Cowden, 1010 W. Louisiana, Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

Woman's Wednesday Club will meet with Mrs. Robert Turpin, 811 Cuthbert, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Modern Study Club will meet with Mrs. James H. Chapple, 700 West Storey.

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NOTICE

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Presbyterian Group Hears Story Of Mission

The progress of a Presbyterian mission in the Belgian Congo was described at the meeting of the Kingdom Highway Group of young people at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening. Lynn Stephens was in charge of the study which showed the beginning of the mission in clearings and dense jungles and how homes were built for boys and girls, civilized ways of living taught, and some of the natives converted to Christianity.

The group will be assistants to Santa Claus Friday afternoon by helping fill bags for the Christmas tree and by helping decorate the tree for the church next Monday morning.

Present last night were: Belva Jo Knight, Margaret Ann West, Verne Byrd, Jane Hill, Helen Armstrong, Lois Spencer, Ernestine Allen, Fay Dublin, and Lynn Stephens.

THURSDAY
Evangelists Class of the Baptist Church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Kenton S. Boone, 311 North F Street, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Groups led by Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Leif Olson, and Mrs. C. G. Murray will be hostesses. Each member is asked to bring a 25-cent toy for the class welfare work.

Colonial Card Club will have a Christmas party in the form of a dessert-bridge at the home of Mrs. R. J. Kelly, 1001 W. Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

As You Like It Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Paul Smith, 900 W. Kentucky, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Needcraft Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. H. Watson, 1701 W. Holloway, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Lareine de Coeur's will meet with Mrs. Hugh Walker, 403 W. Storey, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FRIDAY
Belmont Bible Class will have a Christmas coffee at the home of Mrs. H. D. Bruce on N Main street Friday morning from 9:30 o'clock until 11. Each member is asked to bring a gift for the basket being filled by the class and also a 25-cent gift for exchange in the class. All old members are invited to attend.

Senior League of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY
University Club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night from 9:30 o'clock until 1:30. Jack York and his orchestra from Lubbock will play.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Junior Endeavor and the Christian Sunday School will have a Christmas party at the First Christian Church, Saturday afternoon from 3 o'clock until 5.

FUNERAL SERVICES SUNDAY FOR VICTIM OF ACCIDENT
PECOS, Dec. 16 (Special).—Funeral services for Grady Arthur Durdin, 27, Pecos, who was killed early Saturday in a truck accident near Sweetwater, were held here Sunday.

Durdin was killed when his machine crashed into a parked truck.

Warfield School To Present Program

Warfield School will be dismissed for a two-week holiday Friday.

The Christmas program will be presented Friday evening at seven o'clock. Highlight of this will be "A Fantomime of the Birth of Christ," with Betty Bleiker reading the scripture passages and the student body, dressed as angels or other characters, pantomiming the story.

Other small plays and readings will be given.

Santa will arrive with his pack for the children and gifts will be distributed from the community tree as the closing feature of the evening. The public is invited.

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