

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL



Midland's Home Newspaper



The Midland Reporter-Telegram

WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, cloudy in Southwest Wednesday, little change in temperature.

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Earthquake Shakes Northeastern Part Of U. S. And Canada While Vibrations Cut In On Christmas

Recurrence Of Tremors Recalls Statement Of Harvard Geologist Major Disturbance Likely Will Follow Series; Damage Believed Slight
BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—An earthquake, the second in five days, shook northeastern United States and portions of Canada, as far west as the province of Ontario, today.

Despite the great area in which the shocks were felt, running westward hundreds of miles from the New England coast, southwestward into New York and Pennsylvania, and northward into Quebec, no serious damage was indicated.

The tremors, beginning at 8:43 to 8:44 a. m., knocked Christmas tree ornaments and toilet articles to the floor in some places, rattled dishes, and caused furniture to rock slightly.

The Harvard University seismograph station at Harvard, Mass., reported that the quake apparently was as severe as that of last Friday.

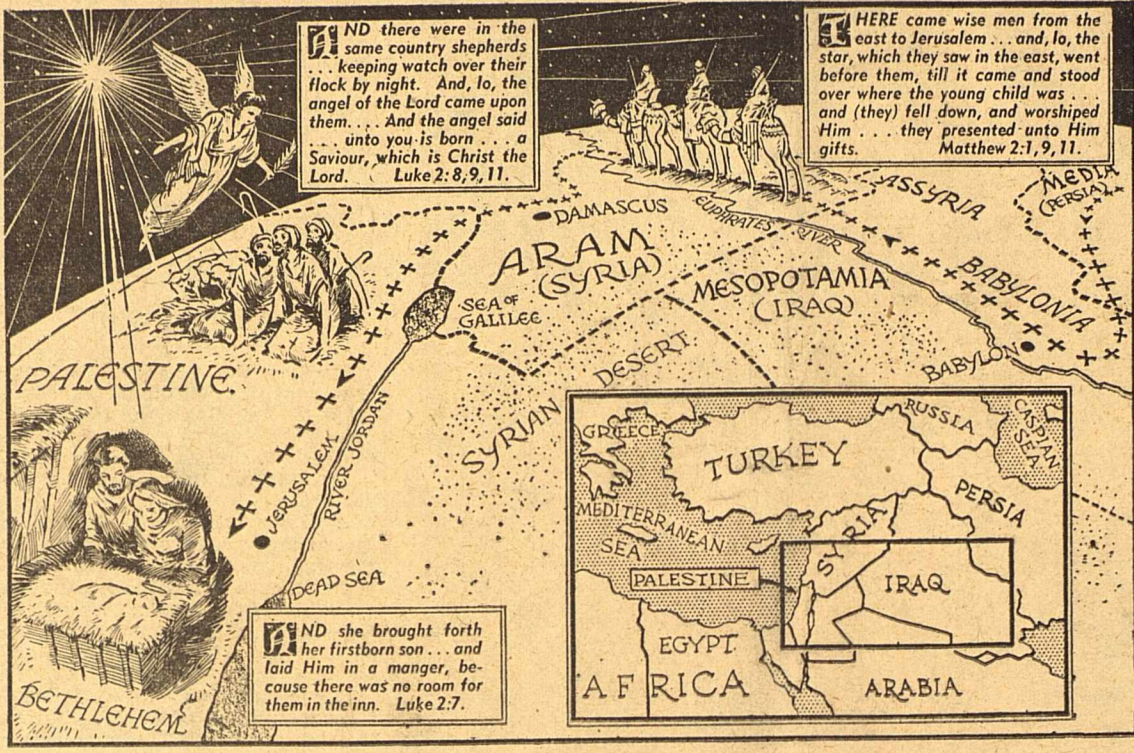
The recurrence of a tremor within five days recalled a statement by Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard geologist, that last Friday's disturbance was the forerunner of a series of tremors which could be expected to lead to a severe earthquake, probably within eight months.

Culbertson and Irwin No. 1 Heiner Test Tops Ellenburger At 5128
Topping of the Ellenburger at 5128 feet in the Culbertson and Irwin, Inc. of Midland No. 1 Mary Heiner, Ordovician test in Northern Pecos County, was reported today.

Pope Pius Proposes Five Moral Precepts In New World Order
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—Pope Pius XII told the College of Cardinals today that the "new world order" proposed by warring nations should be based on five moral precepts.

Banks Remember Their Employees
Employees of both Midland banks had additional money to spend for Christmas.

Christmas Story Follows Wise Men's Trail



Geography played a part in the Christmas story, for the trail taken by the Three Wise Men to the scene of the Nativity at Bethlehem was across the desert and oil lands of our modern Near East. Picture map shows the route of their journey from the land of Media, now Persia.

The Leaven of Christmas

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
In such words the angel reassured the trembling shepherds, that night in Judea so long ago when they were overcome by the glory of the holy night.

Defenders Face Water Shortage
CARIO, Egypt, Dec. 24 (AP).—A critical water shortage was reported today to be facing the Italian defender of beleaguered Bardia as the British army tightened its stranglehold on that Eastern Libyan port.

Goodfellows Club Thanks Contributors
The Goodfellows Club extends sincere thanks to every one who has in any way contributed to the spreading of a little more cheer in Midland this Christmas.

White House Is Ready For Santa
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The White House, like millions of homes all over America, was attuned today to the gentle spirit of Christmas.

Germany Concludes New Agreement With Turkey
BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—Reliable sources reported today that Germany had concluded a new trade treaty with Turkey but its scope was not disclosed.

Christmas comes again, offering its bright promise of peace and good will. It is too much to hope that men throughout the world will accept it at its face value and instantly upon the midnight cease their warring and hating and killing.

Bureau Forecasts Mild Conditions For Holiday
By The Associated Press
The Weather Bureau offered its Christmas gift to the nation today: Generally mild conditions for the holiday.

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Goodfellows Give Christmas Cheer To 250 Families

Distribute Baskets Of Food Throughout City; Total Funds Over Top
Midland homes, 250 of them, were made happy today and given a Christmas, as Goodfellows distributed baskets of food, purchased from funds raised in the Goodfellows drive.

Bonds Totaling \$8,500 Are Set For W. P. Thurmon

W. Y. Penn	\$577.49
Mrs. W. H. Gilmore	10.00
Sub-Deb Club	5.00
Midland Commandery 84	5.00
Conner Brothers	5.00
Tom Nance	10.00
Frank Cowden	10.00
Fred H. Wilcox	5.00
Curt Inman	1.00
John P. Butler	2.00
P. A. Nelson	5.00
Unknown	1.00
Womans Wednesday Club	7.50
Total	\$648.99

Legionnaires Completed Preparation For Charity
The Woods D. Lynch Post 19, of the American Legion met last night to complete plans for distribution of Goodfellow baskets and other Christmas charities today.

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England Is Ready For Christmas Day Invasion

German Field Marshal Tells Forces Troops Await Hitler's Command To Meet Britishers As Berlin Announces No Truce For Holiday
By The Associated Press
Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army, told Germany's armed forces today he knew they were "just burning up with the desire at last to meet the English."

City Organizations And Theaters Hold Party For Children
Fifteen hundred boys and girls of the city were entertained at an annual Christmas party today with the Midland theaters, Lions, Rotary, American Legion, and other civic organizations as hosts.

Urges U. S. Feellers On Peace Possibility
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Senator Tydings (D-Md.) suggested today that the United States ask Great Britain and the Axis powers for a statement of the conditions under which each would agree to end the European war.

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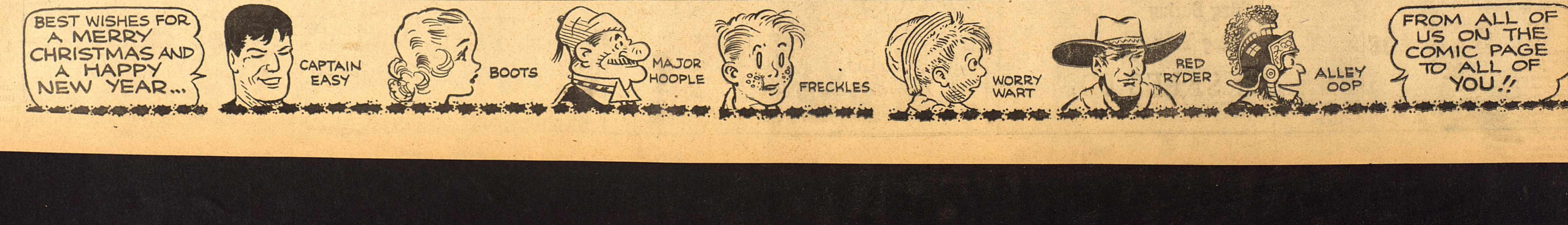
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LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Raiders Hit Lancashire In Massive Attack
LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—German raiders smashed bombs on the Lancashire area of England's industrial northwest last night in a massive assault which continued without let-up for hours, inflicting heavy casualties and destroying a number of buildings.

Hitler Leaves For Unknown Destination
BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—Adolf Hitler left Berlin today aboard a special train for an undisclosed destination. Inquiries as to whether he would celebrate Christmas with the army and S. S. units as he did last year met with the rejoinder, "that's military information."

Chinese In U. S. To Get Loans
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (AP).—Three Chinese financiers arrived on the liner Lurline from Shanghai today to arrange loans for the reconstruction of China.



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On the Tax Trail

The ever-sharpening hunt for more tax money is now blowing its hot breath on the back of the neck of property long considered as tax-exempt because it belongs to religious, educational or charitable institutions.

Such exemption is a matter of state action. States are tightening up. The North Carolina State Supreme Court, for instance, has ruled that property owned by an institution must be used for institutional purposes to be exempt from taxes.

The National Association of Assessing Officers has noted the trend toward such tightening-up, citing properties as valuable as the Chrysler Building in New York, which belongs to Cooper Union and escapes taxes as a result.

Such tendencies in times of higher government costs are inevitable and they suggest that in coming years assessors and legislatures will have a job cut out for them to make rulings that will be alike just to the general taxpayer and those who have become accustomed to a privileged position.

A Florida stunt flyer's heart was found to be on his right side. Ours would be in our mouth.

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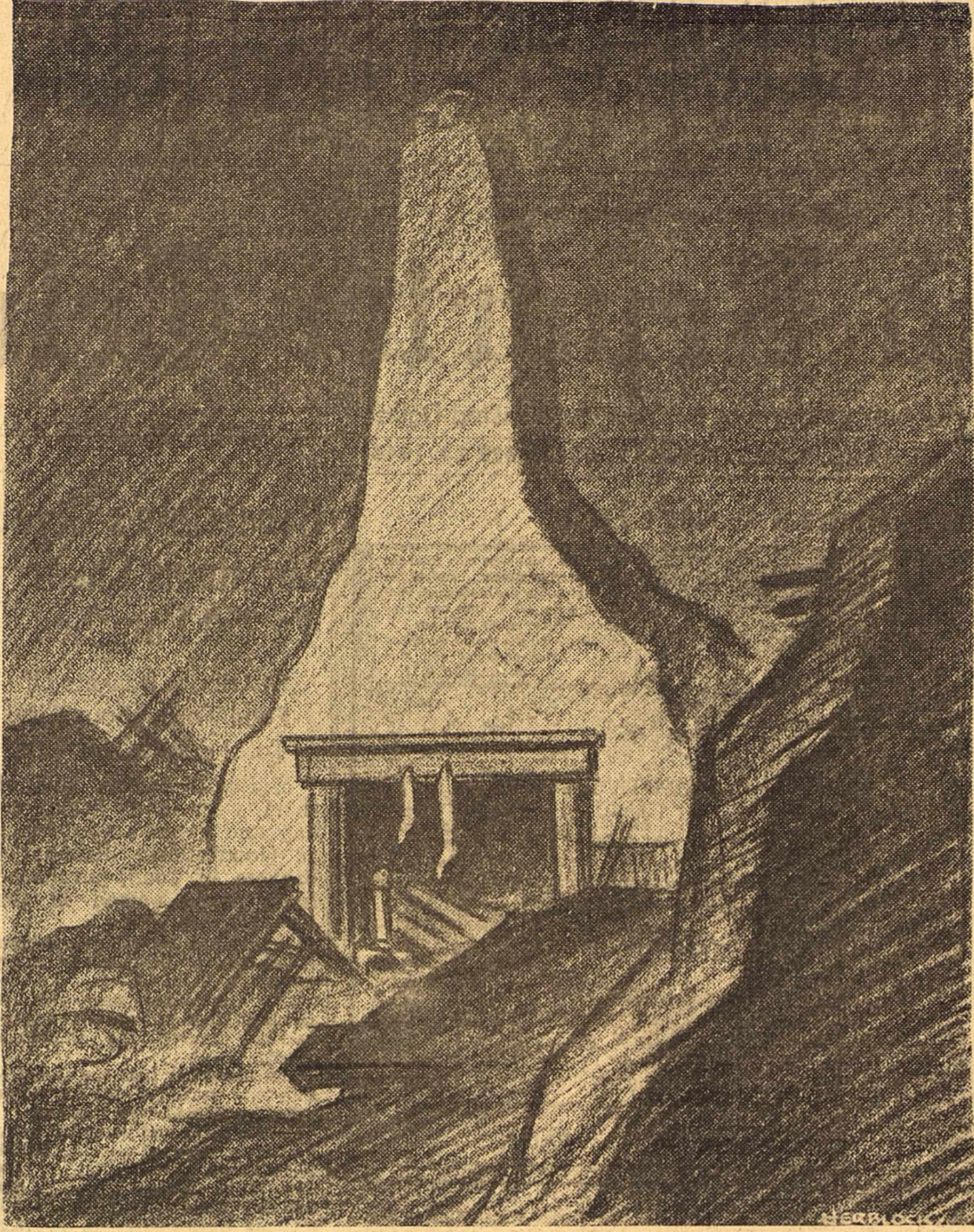



Merry Christmas to all

And the Best of Everything During the Coming Year

DUNAGAN SALES CO.

The Night Before Christmas



Britain Counts On Two New Tanks To Meet Germany's Panzer Units And Throw Back Invasion Attempt

By Drew Middleton.

WITH THE BRITISH ROYAL ARMORED CORPS SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Thousands of tanks in an amazingly large number of armored divisions are Britain's answer to Germany's panzer divisions.

British officers confidently expect these tanks—many of new and secret design—to smash either a Nazi invasion attempt or deal a decisive stroke at some future "day of revenge."

The British expeditionary force left 471 tanks and machine-gun carriers in France; but now, starting from scratch since the withdrawal from Dunkerque last spring, British designers have built up an entire new group of armored divisions.

"Fear naught," the motto of the Royal Tank Corps, has been balanced in the new construction with "get there fustest with the mostest" with the new tanks emphasizing speed and fire power as never before.

Two Tank Classes.

Army tanks are divided into two categories—the "I" tank for infantry, which operates exclusively with foot soldiers, and the cruiser tanks, which form the spearhead of the armored divisions.

Neither the small, puddle-jumping whippet tanks nor the lumbering 50 and 60-ton monsters beloved of newsmen are in evidence. Both types are out of favor in Britain's modern army: The light tanks because they don't carry enough armor and can't handle rough country, and the big tanks because they are too slow.

The "I" tank is a formidable weapon. Its armor is so heavy that in the Flanders campaign it took direct hits from German 77-millimeter field pieces with no effect save the denting of its armor.

The "I" tank's armament includes a small gun which can toss a 12-pound shell 2,000 yards to pierce the armor of most tanks, and it has a secondary weapon in the new Besa machine-gun which pumps metal at the rate of 750 rounds per minute.

Darling Cruisers.

Speed is not essential to the "I" tank, which precedes infantry in attacks and only occasionally fights independently, but it can swing along at close to 20 M.P.H. Its crew of four gunners, wireless operator, driver and commander are interchangeable.

Cruiser tanks are the darlings of the Royal Tank Corps. As large as the "I" tanks, they weigh much less and are more than twice as fast. They can turn on a dime, and the one I rode in climbed hills, went crashing through underbrush and knocked down trees a foot and a half thick with a terrible nonchalance.

Their armament is almost identical with the "I" tanks, but the cruisers depend more on speed and maneuverability to resist enemy fire. As the general tendency toward tanks of this size becomes more pronounced, the British are developing newer, faster models which literally can drive circles around the ponderous old-timers that first made their appearance on the Somme in 1916.

The British claim that the Germans cannot land heavy tanks by sea or air if they attempt an invasion, and that their tanks will cut the Germans down before they get organized.

Nazi Speedboats Sink Two Boats Of Britain

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—Authorized Germans reported today the sinking of a 10,000-ton British tanker and a 6,000-ton British freighter during an attack by German speedboats.

Six British destroyers tried vainly to prevent the attack, these sources said, but after a brief skirmish between the speedboats and the destroyers, the German units returned without harm.

Informed sources said one submarine reported sinking 25,000 tons of British shipping.

Manchester in northwest England, was reported heavily bombed again during the night.

ARMY NEARS COMPLETION ON AIR SCHOOL SITES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Army Air Corps has nearly completed its survey of sites for air training schools to meet its needs in attaining a goal of training 7,000 men a year.

Hopeful of reaching the 7,000 man a year rate by next summer and increasing this to 12,000 men a year by early 1942, the Air Corps has conducted the survey to select about ten sites for schools as an initial step in its expansion program.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT BLAST ITALIAN HARBOR IN LIBYA

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The admiralty announced today that British naval aircraft blasted the harbor of Tripoli in Italian Libya on Dec. 20-21 and on the afternoon of the 21st sank two merchant ships in a torpedo attack on a convoy.

The British plane was lost, it said.

Highway Accident Results In Charges Against Dr. Harrell

Charges of speeding and violation of the law of the road, were filed against Dr. Sam Harrell of Monahans as a result of a three-car highway collision Sunday morning, seven miles west of Midland on Highway 80.

State Highway Patrolman G. A. Ragsdale signed the complaint.

Justice of the peace, B. C. Girdley said today the date for Harrell's arraignment had not been set.

He was dismissed yesterday from Western Hospital Clinic where he was treated for cuts and bruises.

Also injured were: Mrs. Harrell who suffered a fractured arm and lacerations; W. H. Waldrop—deep facial cuts; Mrs. Waldrop—fractured left arm and pelvis; and G. B. Fowler, Odessa, eye injuries.

Fowler was taken to Big Spring for treatment by a specialist. Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop and Mrs. Harrell are in hospitals here.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop were riding with Dr. and Mrs. Harrell when the automobile driven by Fowler as one of the cars was passing an automobile in which three Mexicans were riding. The Mexicans escaped injury.

Commission Closes In Panhandle Wells With Rest Of Texas

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—No longer exempt from oil production shutdown days, wells in the Panhandle district of Texas were closed in with the rest of the state's fields today.

The Railroad Commission, yesterday boosted to 10 the shutdown days decreed for December and issued a special order voiding exemption for the Panhandle area the remainder of this month and through January.

The original order, issued in November, called for nine shutdown days each in December and January.

The commission also announced the appointment of F. V. L. Patten to succeed John E. Taylor, resigned, as chief of the commission's oil and gas division, effective Jan. 1. Patten, formerly from Kingsville, has been the commission's director of production.

Commission engineers said the state's net allowable last week averaged 1,367,918 barrels daily, or 90,918 over the U. S. Bureau of Mines demand estimate of 1,277,000. Assigned but unproduced allowables, they added, amounted to about 47,877 barrels a day, bringing the state's yield down to 43,041 barrels higher than the federal bureau's forecast.

The one day's shutdown added for December was estimated as cutting production 15,000 barrels under the bureau's estimate.

Light waves and electric waves both travel at the same rate of speed: 186,000 miles a second.



Christmas
the Old-time American Spirit

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1941

THE CACTUS CAFE

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Wishes You All a Very Merry Christmas And a Happy Prosperous New Year

the FASHION
116 N. Main—Midland

A Christmas Message

The spectacle of humanity itself sometimes presents to our eyes a queer pattern of meaningless and horrible eccentricity, without motif or design. Blood-red lines of cruelty and intolerance are cross-hatched with lines of heaven's own blue, signifying man's ceaseless yearnings for the good, the true, and the beautiful, his unquenchable idealism, his endless gropings for the Infinite. It is a picture from which we would turn away in sadness and bewilderment.

Then, at that moment, the Great Usher puts into our hands the magic spectacles of Christmas, and suddenly we see a world transformed—a world of hope and faith, of purpose and design, with a Divine Planner back of it all.

Through these revealing lenses we can clearly trace the hidden motifs on the great tapestry of human progress. Turning to things close by, we find that we are able to see our friends as they really are—with the good standing out and the bad filtered out. Best of all, we know it is not an illusion; it is the reality that we see. What appears at other times to our critical, unaided, unfriendly eyes, is the illusion. For after all, do not most people have more good than bad in them?

Why cannot we see this fact always as we do through the wonderful lenses of love and tolerance under the light of the Christmas star? The star is above us at all times. But so often we pause to look upward only on the 25th of December.

With Our Heartiest Wishes for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

The First National Bank
MIDLAND, TEXAS



Best Wishes
for a MERRIE CHRISTMAS

Wishing for you and yours a bright holiday season and a happy New Year. That's our wish for our friends and patrons.

IVA'S Credit Jewelers
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Sisters Are Honored At Christmas Dance In Crystal Ballroom; Blue And Silver Feature Appointments

Doris Jean Shockley and Betty Shockley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Myers, were honored with a Christmas dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Blue and silver were modernistic Christmas colors chosen for the ballroom decor.

Ropes of blue with tinsel and silver were festooned along the walls and swung from the light fixtures, while a shower of crystal cellulose decorated the chandeliers.

A huge "snowball" swung from the ceiling at the front of the dancing floor, was opened during the evening to release a host of smaller snowballs for the guests.

Serpentine was distributed late in the evening, adding to the merriment of the occasion.

A nickelodeon supplied music for dancing.

Miss Dora Evans and Alex Evers assisted Mr. and Mrs. Myers as chaperones.

About 125 guests were present.

MAIL POUCH IS LOST, FARMERS LOSE CHRISTMAS

CIMARRON, Kas., Dec. 24 (AP)—Christmas shopping by some Gray County farmers may be delayed until after the holidays.

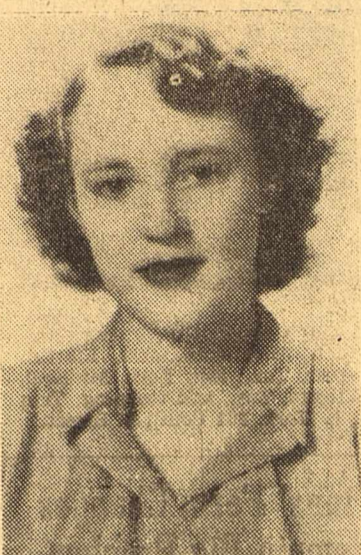
A mail pouch tossed off a train fell under the wheels. Remnants showed \$30,000 in government checks to farmers had been destroyed.

The pieces were sent to the federal office in Kansas City with a request for new vouchers.

EPISCOPAL TREE TONIGHT

Episcopalians will sponsor a Christmas tree and program at Trinity Church, tonight at 7 o'clock.

Home From Hockaday



Miss Julianan Cowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Dick Cowden, and Miss Barbara Jean Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harper, have returned to Midland from Hockaday Junior College in Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays. They will be entertained with the college set while they are here and will return to Dallas January 6.

Diana Daugherty Has Christmas Party

Diana Lynn Daugherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Daugherty, was complimented by her mother with a Christmas party at their home, 212 S Big Spring, Monday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 3.

A Christmas tree was the important feature of the party, with each child receiving a gift. The little girls received red, white and blue aprons made by Diana's grandmother, while the boys were presented with flagstuffs and flags to be raised and lowered.

Games were played and refreshments served.

The invitation list included: Tommie Vannaman, Ray Simpson Jr., Gary Throckmorton, Mary Ann Legson, Peggy Simmons, Rosalynn Leggett, Billie Katherine Huckaby, Marcelline Howard, Troyce Eiland, and the honoree.

Mrs. Roy Parks Hostess At Ranch Home To Edelweiss And 1928 Clubs With Colorful Christmas Bridge Party

Important among the holiday courtesies for the week was the annual Christmas party given by Mrs. Roy Parks at her home on the Circle Cross Ranch west of town, for members of the Edelweiss and 1928 clubs.

Red and white were dominant colors in house decorations and party appointments, with poinsettias as favored flowers.

Miss Jean Lewis Hostess To P. E. P. Members, Friends

Miss Jean Lewis, University of Texas student home for the holidays, was hostess to members of the P. E. P. Club, former high school organization, for the annual Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lewis, 1004 W Kansas, Monday afternoon.

English holly and Christmas greens decked the house, with a gay Christmas tree as the feature motif. Gifts were exchanged by the girls and at 4:30 o'clock they were joined by a group of boy friends for the serving of refreshments and for a social hour.

P. E. P. members present were: Misses Predda Fae Turner, Julianan Cowden, Mary Sue Cowden, Dorothy Sue Miles, Barbara Jean Harper, Jessa Lynn Tuttle, Geraldine Griffith, Jean Lewis, Montez Downey, Jeanne Davis, and Mrs. Howard Ford.

Boys calling were: Jay Miles, John Rettig, Gerald Self, Courtney Cowden, Bobby Walker, Billy Noble, Spencer Collins, Norman Turner, John Turner, John Hill, Aldridge Estes, Howard Ford, Frank Nixon, E. C. Girdley, Alfred Vogel, Paul Anderson.

Christian Pastor Complimented With Oldtime "Pounding"

Members of the First Christian Church honored their pastor, the Rev. John E. Pickering, and Mrs. Pickering with an old-fashioned pounding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall, Monday evening.

The affair came as a surprise to the honorees who had been invited to the Hall home. Christmas carols sung on the porch by members of Mrs. Hall's Sunday school department gave the first hint of something unusual impending. The carolers were asked into the house and members of the congregation followed with packages of turkey, ham, fruit, and other foods.

About 100 people attended. Later, Mrs. Hall took the juniors and intermediates of the Sunday school out caroling. At the court-house they serenaded the American Legion meeting and were served doughnuts and coffee by legionnaires and listened to a talk on the Legion.

Bowling Association Has Christmas Party

One-hundred or more Midland Bowling Association members and their guests last night were entertained at a Christmas party at Plamor Bowling Alleys.

Members and guests bowled nine pin, line bowling, low ball, and other contests.

Guests from Big Spring and Odessa were present.

Midland Girl Weds Alpine Man In Quiet Ceremony Here Today

Miss Annie Tennie Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stewart, and Luther Allen Anderson of Alpine, were married quietly at the parsonage of the First Christian Church, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. John E. Pickering officiated at the single ring ceremony. The bride, daughter of a well-

HARRISON RETURNS HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

J. H. "Jay" Harrison returned to Midland last night to spend the Christmas holidays. He has been at Orange, Tex., for a month.

known farm family of Midland County, was reared here. She is a graduate of Midland High School and a student at Sul Ross College.

Mr. Anderson is game warden and traffic officer for the Alpine district.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will live in their newly built home on a ranch near Alpine.

Methodist League To Give Baskets

"The Future of Home Missions" was the subject discussed at the meeting of the Senior Methodist League at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Sunday evening.

Carolyn Oates was leader for the program. Beth Prothro presented the scripture reading and the Rev. W. C. Hinds a prayer. Others taking part on the program were Betty Jean McDonald and Helen Connor. The group decided to give two Christmas baskets to needy families. Eighteen members were present.

HERE WE ARE . . . To Say "Merry, merry Christmas to you" --- and when the holiday is over, we'll still be here to serve you!

MR. & MRS. J. C. SMITH
And Employees

BEST WISHES for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

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WISHING YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS . . .

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EVERYBODY'S

Merry Christmas

TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

HOTEL SCHARBAUER
MIDLAND, TEXAS

STANFORD DRILLS LAST TIME BEFORE CLASSIC

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—The Stanford Indians were called out today for their last scrimmage at home before moving to Pasadena to meet Nebraska in the Rose Bowl football game New Year's day.

LEGALS

No. 601 Re: Estate of Lilyan Elizabeth Harrison, Deceased. In the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LILYAN ELIZABETH HARRISON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Lilyan Elizabeth Harrison, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 14th day of December, 1940, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

No. 602 Re: Estate of James Phillips Harrison, Deceased. In the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES PHILLIPS HARRISON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of James Phillips Harrison, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 12th day of December, 1940, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

No. 603 Re: Estate of James Phillips Harrison, Deceased. In the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

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Greek Army Advances Along Adriatic Coast

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Dispatches from the front said today the Greek army was advancing farther along the Adriatic coast beyond Chimara, with the main body of the retreating Italian forces attempting to form defenses at Logara Pass, halfway between Chimara and Valona.

The Fascist retreat, the dispatches said, was hurried and disorderly, with only a rear guard opposition being offered to the swiftly advancing Greeks.

Military quarters said Logara Pass was the only strong dependable position before Valona.

United States Crude Oil Output Increases

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 24 (AP)—Daily crude oil production in the United States increased 28,405 barrels to 3,603,165 for the week ended Dec. 21, the Oil and Gas Journal said today.

Texas production was up 11,600 to 1,343,350; California, 2,400 to 620,750; Oklahoma, 7,425 to 391,875; The Rocky Mountain area, 4,000 to 93,680; Louisiana, 2,815 to 289,990; Kansas, 650 to 199,700; and Eastern fields, 150 to 106,050.

East Texas declined 50 to 375,125; Illinois, 2,385 to 324,850, and Michigan, 665 to 41,785.

OPPOSITION TO ZONES PROPOSAL DEVELOPS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Opposition to the proposal for establishment of duty-free zones on the United States frontier continued to develop today as the National Association of Industries asked the Senate to defeat pending legislation which would create such areas.

MEXICO PLANS ACTION FOR FOODS PRICE RISE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Government agencies prepared today to take prompt action against what was described as a "wholly unjustified" rise in retail prices of various staple foods.

FIRE BURNS TO DEATH MOTHER AND CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Heinbuck, 34, and her five children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home near Oxon Hill, Md. The children ranged in age from 6 to 15.

Italy Describes Churchill Speech Childish Effort

ROME, Dec. 24 (AP)—Italy will "continue the war on all fronts until victory," Premier Mussolini's government announced today, because "in Italy the regime and the people are one" and no "slandering propaganda" from Britain can divide us.

This was Fascism's answer to the radio address broadcast yesterday to the Italian people by British Prime Minister Churchill, which an official statement characterized as "a substantial appeal for a compromise peace" and an admission of British weakness.

The statement was bulwarked by a Christmas message sent to Italy's armed forces by King Vittorio Emanuele, praising their courage and declaring that "no obstacle and no difficulty can halt the glorious ascension of Italy."

ROME, Dec. 24 (AP)—The official Italian reaction today to British Prime Minister Churchill's speech directed at Italy was that it was "a puerile propaganda maneuver."

It was said that Italy's Belgian-born Crown Princess, Marie-Jose, had given the best answer by joining the Fascist party at her own request.

It was announced her membership would be considered as dated 1935.

A seven-point official statement was issued in response to Churchill.

"1. English solidarity with the Italian renaissance has been historically demonstrated to be false.

"2. It is true the English and Italians fought together in the World War but Italian sacrifices were repaid by the English in the well-known manner.

"3. The unforgettable seriousness in the application of sanctions (economic measures against Italy in the Ethiopian war) comes from the fact that by the initiative of England they were applied for the first time against us.

"4. It is shown indisputably that England wanted the present war. Refer to the guarantees to Poland and the attempted policy of encirclement of the totalitarian states.

"5. Italy lacks freedom of life in her own sea, all outlets being guarded by England. This fact and other vital aims form which Italy is fighting Churchill took care not to mention.

"6. In Italy the regime and the people are one. Regarding the classic English attempt, therefore, to separate the chiefs from the people and place various authorities of the state in antithesis, this is a puerile propaganda maneuver of the fourth order. It may be noted that this indirect rely to Mr. Churchill was given by the Princess of Piedmont (Crown Princess) in asking for membership in the Fascist party at this time.

"7. The two messages exchanged between Churchill and Mussolini document that Italy like all peoples who respect themselves has a sense of humor. Mussolini moreover already has declared several times that the spoch of 'waltz turns' was finished."

DALLAS UNCOVERS \$7000 SHORTAGE IN SWINDLE

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pecans at 7.1 cents a pound would be a bargain most anywhere.

But paying for sand, gravel and sawdust at that rate is something else.

Operatives of the city weights and measures division announced yesterday they had discovered a \$7,000 short-weight swindle in which hundreds of bags of sand, gravel and sawdust had been camouflaged by an outer layer of pecans.

Homebound Students Frolic Between Planes



To get a little fresh air and liven up their wait between planes at Kansas City's municipal airport, these Kemper Military Academy students engage in a little adagio number with their stewardess, Martha Callan. Left to right are Frank English of Lawton, Okla.; Mack Larid, Kilgore, Tex.; Bob York, Midland, Tex.; Miss Callan; E. F. McLean, Wichita, Kas.; standing; John Grim, Kilgore, Tex., and stooping, Tom Lutner, Lawton, Okla. The Midland cadet is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. York, 201 South H Street.

He Can Take It—Or Leave It Alone



When it comes to hitting the bottle, 15-day-old Carl Dane Thusgaard, Jr., can take it or leave it alone. His father, Carl Thusgaard, of Jamaica, L. I., rigged up this gadget so that (1) Papa Thusgaard wouldn't get a backache bending over to feed Junior, (2) Junior could take a nip now and then and know where to find the bottle when he wants another snort.

Finns' Farm Changes Remain Big Problem

HELSINKI, Finland. (UP)—The greatest and most urgent problem which the peace treaty with Soviet Russia created for Finland—the resettlement of some 80,000 farmers with their families—still is only theoretically settled.

A law which envisages the creation of new farms throughout Finland for all those refugees who want to stay on the land was passed by the Finnish Parliament in June. The execution of this law, which is called the Quick Colonization Act, has met with great difficulties. When the bill was discussed in Parliament it was evident that opinions as to how the resettlement was to be executed differed widely among different political groups. To avoid a split in the majority on which the government is based the bill was altered repeatedly until it finally became so elastic that when it became law it constituted not more than a frame for the actual colonization.

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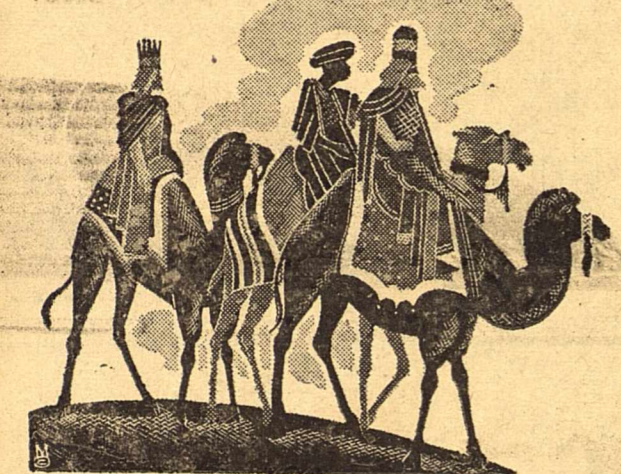
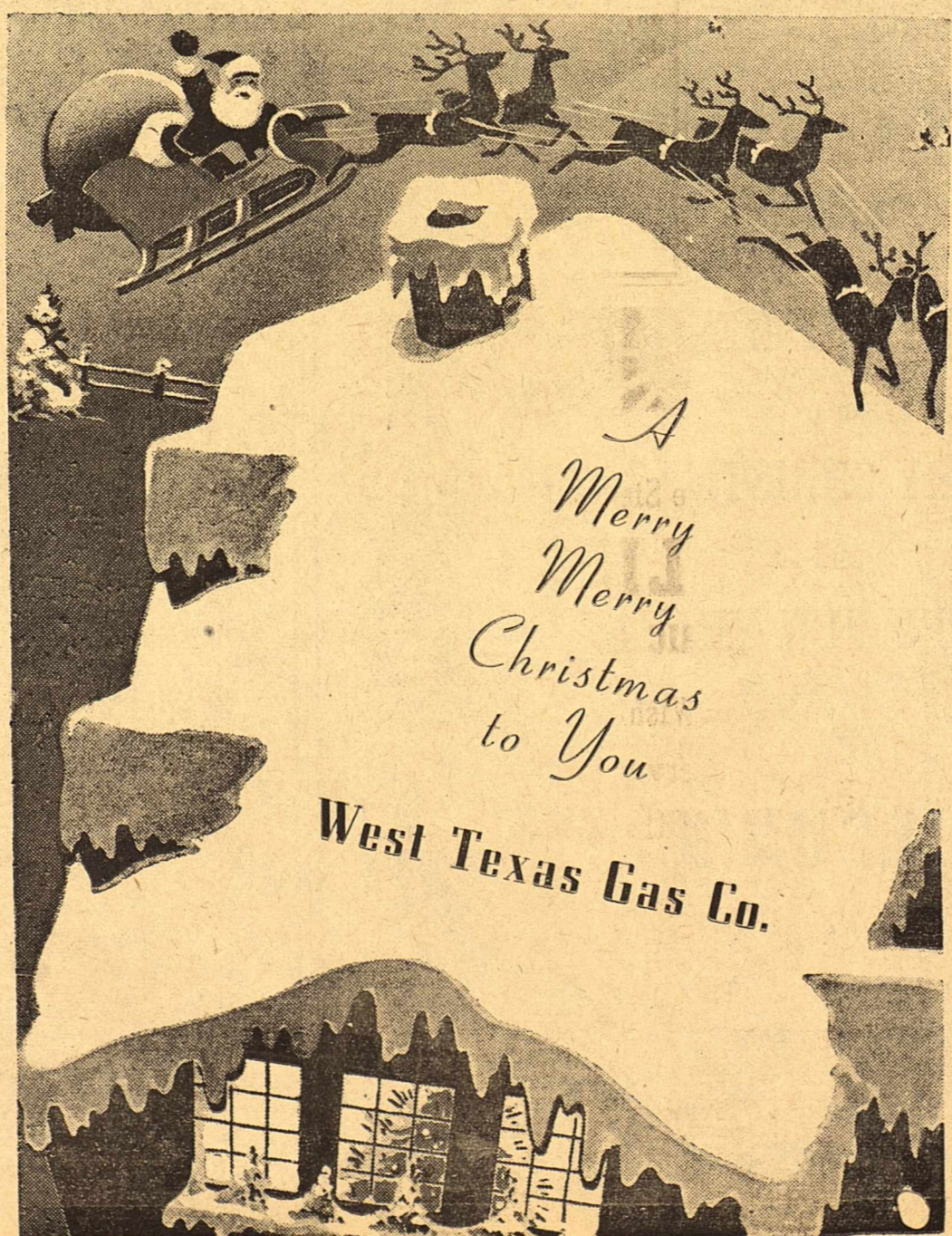
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Young 17-Year-Old Fellow Weighing 187 Pounds, Ed Dusek Of Wildcats, Stands Between Sandies And Crown

By Harold V. Radloff
TEMPLE, Dec. 24 (AP)—Standing between Amarillo's Golden Sandies and the state schoolboy football championship is a young fellow with a grin and 187 pounds of cyclonic power.

He's not a one-man team but he's about as near to it as any football player Texas has produced. The name is Ed Dusek. He's six feet and two and of Czech nationality. Temple remained out of the interscholastic league a year on account of him but not through any fault of his.

three extra points, one of the touchdowns on a 70-yard run through the line. The other was 52 yards on an intercepted pass. Dusek was not sensational while Temple was winning the district title, although he scored 50 points, but he really got going when the Wildcats needed a spark. Eddie is 17. He played one season at Holland, then transferred to Temple.

Six College Teams Enter San Antonio Cage Tourney

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Six colleges are entered in the San Antonio invitation basketball tournament scheduled to open here Tuesday night. Competing are North Texas State, Southwest Texas State, Howard Payne, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State and Texas A&I.

In order that they may blend with their surroundings, the black male ostrich sits on the eggs at night, and the gray female in daytime.

Sports Roundup

By Eddie Brietz
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The tip is out that although Mr. George Hauser, Minnesota line coach, is No. 1 on Ohio State's shopping list, the Buckeyes would settle for Dallas Ward, Gopher freshman coach.

When the Brooklyns report next week they'll train in California in 1942—if they win the pennant. This sounds screwy, but Ray Morrison, Temple coach, played on four Vanderbilt football teams that didn't once lose to Tennessee. If George Halas succeeds in getting Tom Harmon for the Chicago Bears, he'll play Tom at fullback.

String Running Out
In successive years Tennessee football teams have been chosen for the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls. Pretty soon there'll be nothing left in the bowl line for the Vols but the bowling alleys.

Gadding About
Bill Jurgens won't be out of the woods until the medics see how he reacts to a few weeks of exercising in the sun. Cotton Bowl officials are kicking each other where it hurts most for underestimating the drawing power of their show and reducing prices. Results will mean a gross gate if nearer \$120,000 than the anticipated \$145,000.

Today's Guest Star
Al Buck, New York Post: "Mike Jacobs is trying to get Lew Jenkins to change his mind about retiring and Lew is trying just as hard to get Mrs. Jenkins to change her's."

Short, Short Stories
Jimmy Braddock dressed up like Santa yesterday and passed out hundreds of baskets of food for needy families. Coach Dixie Howell has invited his old boss, Frank Thomas of Alabama, to sit on the bench with the Arizona State Bulldogs when they play Western Reserve in the Sun Bowl. Jimmy Dykes has added a fourth bowling alley to his Philadelphia string.

Holiday Greetings
The conductor of this column wishes every reader, every sports writer and everyone who has contributed during the year, a very Merry Christmas and the happiest sort of New Year.

Riggs Hopes To Beat Back In Bowl Games

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Bobby Riggs, who started slipping from his No. 1 tennis ranking in the Sugar Bowl competition last year, will begin his comeback in the same Sugar Bowl event this week. It was a cocksure Riggs who went into the tournament in 1939. He had ruled the amateur courts during the year, after the withdrawal to pro ranks if Don Budge. He loafed through the early rounds, found himself in the finals with Don McNeill and got his first big shock. McNeill surprised the tennis world by bouncing him 8-6, 4-6, 8-6, 6-3. Don then went on during the season to prove that rude jolt wasn't a fluke. He dethroned Riggs later in the national championships. Riggs not only will be seeking to regain his national prestige here in the competition starting Saturday but he will be trying to break the Sugar Bowl jinx—that no champion ever has repeated.

Knute Rockne Disciple Sings Praises Of Team

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss., Dec. 24 (AP)—There is one dissenting voice in the chorus of praise for Frank Leahy, who in two seasons as Head Coach of Boston College's Eagles has brought them into national prominence and to a Sugar Bowl match.

That negative vote, as you have guessed, comes from a pleasant, 32-year old Irishman named Frank Leahy. He seems determined to put the blame for his team's success upon somebody else.

First, he praises his players, who are training here for their January 1 meeting with Tennessee. And it is typical of a Knute Rockne disciple that he stresses their moral qualities. "In all my association with football, as a player and as a coach in four colleges," he declared, "I have never seen so much character, never dealt with such a group of clean-living, clean-thinking and clean-playing men."

Dallas To Give Fordham Eleven Loud Welcoming

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Dallas plans a riotous welcome for the Fordham football squad when it arrives Friday for a Cotton Bowl date with the Texas Aggies.

There'll be band music, a parade and a big program of speeches, back-slapping and stuff downtown. But, confidentially, the Texans, while feeling very friendly toward those Eastern footballers, will look on the whole thing much as the farmer fattening a turkey for Thanksgiving.

You treat him swell but he gets it in the neck at the height of his enthusiasm. Meaning, you Fordham folks are mighty nice people but if you think you're going to come down here and beat our Texas Aggies then \$2.00 of your cash will get \$5.00 of Texas money.

Boisterous Greeting
Those were the odds along betting row today with the Cotton Bowl battle a little more than a week away. If you want to put your money on the Aggies you will need \$8.00 for every five of Fordham coin.

Preparations were going forward to give the New York visitors a boisterous greeting. And for one of the few times in Dallas history, a downtown street will be roped off and a program held right smack-dab in the center of the business district. Mayor Woodall Rogers will be at the station when the Fordham train pulls in at 9:30 a. m. (CST) Friday.

Sandies-Wildcats Tickets On Sale

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Tickets for the state schoolboy football final between Amarillo and Temple went on sale today.

P. C. Cobb, Dallas high school athletic director who has charge of arrangements, predicted an attendance of 20,000. Both teams were in improved condition yesterday when the reported for the final week of practice.

The full 37-man squad reported at Amarillo for the first time in three weeks. "Two or three of the boys who have had the flu are not quite up to par yet," Coach Howard Lynch said, "but I think we'll be at full strength Saturday."

Temple had Thelbert Hardt, star wingman, out with a recurrence of bronchitis and several others were favoring injuries but none was of a serious nature. Officials will be Abb Curtis of Texas, referee, Ray McCulloch of Texas Christian, umpire, Patsy Allen of Texas, head linesman, and Jimmie Higgins of Southern Methodist, field judge.

Inseparable Moser And Conatser, Aggie Boys Of Tailback Position, To Play Last Game For Fine Team

Phillips Oilers Defeat Baylor In Extra Period

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 24 (AP)—The Baylor Bears lost to the Phillips Oilers, 48-44 in an extra-period basketball game here last night. L. V. Arnett, Baylor forward, hit with a lone one in the final seconds of the regular play to tie the score 43-43. Grady Vaughan of Baylor was high point maker with 13.

Southwestern To Take Stress Off College Football

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24 (AP)—A de-emphasis movement in Southern football has a new recruit—Southwestern, which abandoned an ambitious gridiron expansion program in the hope of "preserving football as a college game and not as a college business."

The college executive committee announced the new order last night. The school will continue to play football but there will be no further recruiting and no new subsidies will be given promising high school stars.

Moreover, while existing obligations to players will be discharged, subsidization will be eliminated by 1944. And after 1941, when the previously-drafted schedule will be played, games will be arranged only with schools that are "following a policy of non-subsidization of athletics and which maintain academic standards similar to those of Southwestern," the committee said.

Other Developments
In the South, which has been characterized by some football authorities of other sections as a hotbed of recruiting and subsidization, the Southwestern decision followed these de-emphasis developments:

Appointment of former Mississippi Governor Mike Conner as commissioner and the Southeastern Conference embracing the bigger schools) and Conner's promulgation of a code for the league. Sewanee's withdrawal from the Southeastern, where the little Tennessee mountain school has been a door-mat the past few years.

Abandonment of football within the past year by Loyola of the South (New Orleans) and Birmingham-Southern.

Decision by Mercer, of Macon, Ga., to de-emphasize intercollegiate athletics. Southwestern, a Southern Presbyterian school with about 475 enrollment, is a member of the Dixie Conference.

JONES WORKS HUSKERS ON DEFENSE FOR 'T'

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24 (AP)—Coach Lawrence (Biff) Jones scheduled two workouts today for his Rose Bowl-bound Nebraska gridgers, seeking to improve the team's timing and to perfect a defense against the famed "T" formation featured by the Stanford Indians.

Jones expressed the belief the Cornhuskers were progressing satisfactorily in their preparations for the Stanford contest in Pasadena, Calif., New Year's day.

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Annual East-West Game For Charity Sells Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The 16th annual East-West football game New Year's is a sell-out already.

Ticket officials of the Shrine charity game knocked off early for Christmas today after disposing of the last of the available 62,000 tickets while the all-star teams knuckled down to more training.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE

Frank Nixon, Jack Carroll, Robert Payne, and B. C. Girdley, Jr., University of Texas students are spending Christmas holidays here with their parents.

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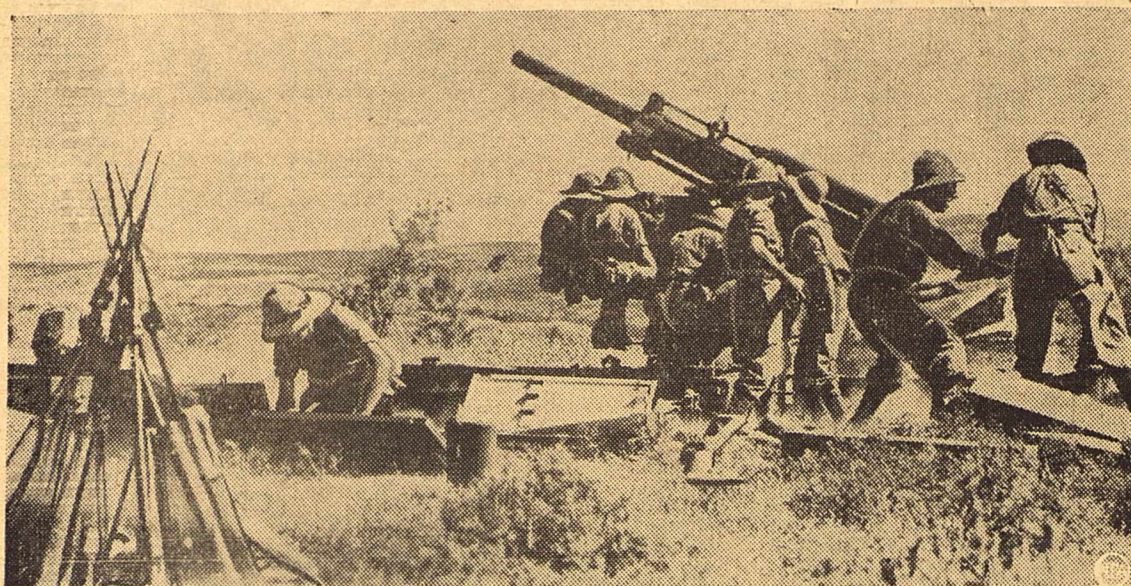
Merry Christmas

As Christmas time draws nearer take a small amount of joy from each day of the year obtained from loved ones, friends—homes, food and health . . . The best wishes you have in store for those you know and love . . . These things are now in your possession—mix them well with our wishes for more of these same past blessings and you cannot fail to have a happy Christmas.

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Then British Blitz Struck Them



This anti-aircraft battery of Italy's African army might have been one of those that held invaded areas of Egypt. If so, they are there no longer, for after British blitzkrieg hit Marshal Graziani's army, the Italians were swept out of Egypt, back into Libya.

CECIL WILSON VISITS WITH GRANDPARENTS NEAR HERE

Cecil Wilson, of Midland airport, is a Christmas visitor to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abbott, who live southeast of Midland. He is a son of Mrs. Edith Wilson.

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Suave Eden May Have Concocted Churchill Talk

By DeWitt MacKenzie Associated Press Staff Writer

There is an interesting coincidence in British Premier Churchill's appeal to the Italian king-emperor and people to throw Mussolini overboard, and in the simultaneous return of Captain Anthony Eden to Britain's foreign secretaryship, which he abandoned in 1938 because he couldn't go along with Prime Minister Chamberlain's policy of appeasing the dictators.

I don't suggest that Eden was the author of this historic attempt to persuade the Italians to revolt (an effort described by official Rome today as "a puerile propaganda maneuver"), though it wouldn't be surprising to learn that in truth he was. The feud that existed between the Fascist head of state and Eden as foreign secretary was so bitter as to have few parallels in the history of diplomacy.

Indeed, Eden resigned his great post because he refused to compromise with Il Duce on a settlement of the Anglo-Italian dispute over the Mediterranean. The next day the captain explained to a sympathetic and cheering House of Commons that he quit rather than deal with Italy in the face of Mussolini's propaganda against Britain and "glorification" of Italian victories in Spain.

Back at Key Post, "Agreements that are worth while" he exclaimed, "are never made on the basis of threats." Later Eden went up and down the land like a prophet of old, crying "stand up to the dictators!" Came the war and he unfurled his standard: "There can be no peace until Nazism is x x x banished from the earth."

Personals

Home from Schreiner Institute at Kerrville to spend Christmas with relatives are Billy McGrew, Bobby Martin, Tommy Wilson, Darrell Johnson and Jim McHargue. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Huss and son, Bud, have gone to California to spend Christmas with another son, Billy. TONY BAUERS ENTERTAIN AT AIRPORT PARTY Master-Sergeant and Mrs. Tony Bauer entertained at a Christmas tree party in the terminal lobby of the airport. Dancing followed the tree program.

NEW WEATHERMAN REPORTS AT MIDLAND AIRPORT

From Midland, Michigan to Midland, Texas, comes Pvt. G. E. Walton, new weatherman at the Midland airport. Walton has been stationed at Brooks Field, San Antonio.

CAN'T BEAT BRITISH, HITLER IS ONLY 51

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The following sign was displayed widely in downtown London this Christmas Eve: "Christmas is 1,940 years old and Hitler is only 51. He can't spoil our Christmas."

The redwood of the coast is a big tree, but not "the big tree." The "big tree" is red, but is not a redwood.

Local Topics

Expected to arrive today to visit Mrs. W. L. Crothers and Mr. Crothers are her mother, Mrs. F. E. Meaders, and sisters, Misses Marian, Mary Eleanor, and Dorothy Meaders, of Fort Worth.

Thurston Ruple, who is in the motor service division of the Army at Camp Cormoyle, San Antonio, is here to spend the holiday with his brother, Theron Ruple, and other relatives.

Miss Ophelia Greene will go to Sweetwater for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Webb of Odessa will go to Ballinger to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hunt's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burdine will spend the holidays in Colorado and Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trammell will go to Breckenridge for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Munnerlyn and son of Seminole visited her sister, Mrs. A. F. McKee and family here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson will go to Sweetwater to spend the weekend with his mother.

R. L. Parks of Balmorhea will arrive this evening to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Babb and two daughters of Tulsa, Okla., are expected to arrive Thursday to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Babb and son. The entire party will go to Pampa for New Year's and will then probably visit in Amarillo.

Mr. S. C. Charles of Breckenridge is visiting her son, V. W. Charles, and Mrs. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Porter of Snyder will be guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Preston, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Winston will have as their guests on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Blewett of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Edwards of McAllen are in Midland to spend two weeks as guests of her sister, Mrs. Gladys Holster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murray and daughter, Linda Kay, will spend tonight and tomorrow with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Murray. The visitors are from Plains.

Eileen and Troyce Eiland, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Eiland, have gone to Roswell, N. M., to spend the holiday with their aunt, Mrs. Byron Brown.

Miss Josephine Barber is home from Lubbock for the holidays. She attends business college.

Miss Jacqueline Campbell is home from Christian College in Missouri to spend the holidays.

Lindbergh Lauds White Statement

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—A statement by William Allen White setting forth his position as chairman of the committee to defend America by aiding the allies brought an expression of commendation from Col. Charles A. Lindbergh today and an assertion by Verne Marshall that it was in "direct contradiction" to some of White's previously expressed views.

White, Kansas newspaper editor, said yesterday that his only reason for being a member of the committee was "to keep this country out of that 'it is time for us to take side in this war.'"

Marshall, chairman of the no foreign war committee and an Iowa newspaper editor, replied he had heard White say in an address at the Union League Club last month in this war.

Ment to the New York World-Telegram today said that "Mr. White has rendered a great service to this country by clarifying his position and the position of his committee. He has given us new hope for a united America at a time in our history when unity is essential."

Today's Markets LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH, Dec. 24 (AP U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle 700; calves 300; all classes fully steady; common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 5.50-8.50; two loads yearlings 9.00, part load heifers 9.50, load steers 10.00 and short load yearlings 11.00; beef cows 4.50-5.50; canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; good fat calves 7.75-8.50; choice scarce, common and medium 5.50-7.50; culls 4.50-5.50. Hogs, 1,200; around 25-35c higher; top 6.40; good and choice 190-300 lb. 5.50-6.30; pigs scarce; few 4.00 down; packing sows 25c higher, 5.25-50.

Sheep 500; odd lots of all classes steady; fat lambs 8.00-9.50; including good fall shorn lambs at 8.00; fall shorn lambs and yearlings mixed 7.00; fall shorn aged wethers 3.50-4.50; few feeder lambs 7.50 down.

Wool

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Inquiries for the finer grades of foreign wools were reported in the Boston market today. Most of this interest was reported to be from mills that have received awards of recent government contracts. Demand generally, however, did not appear very urgent. Some mills that received awards were not making any effort to buy wools. Domestic wools were very quiet. The price situation in domestic and foreign wools was showing very little change.

Cotton

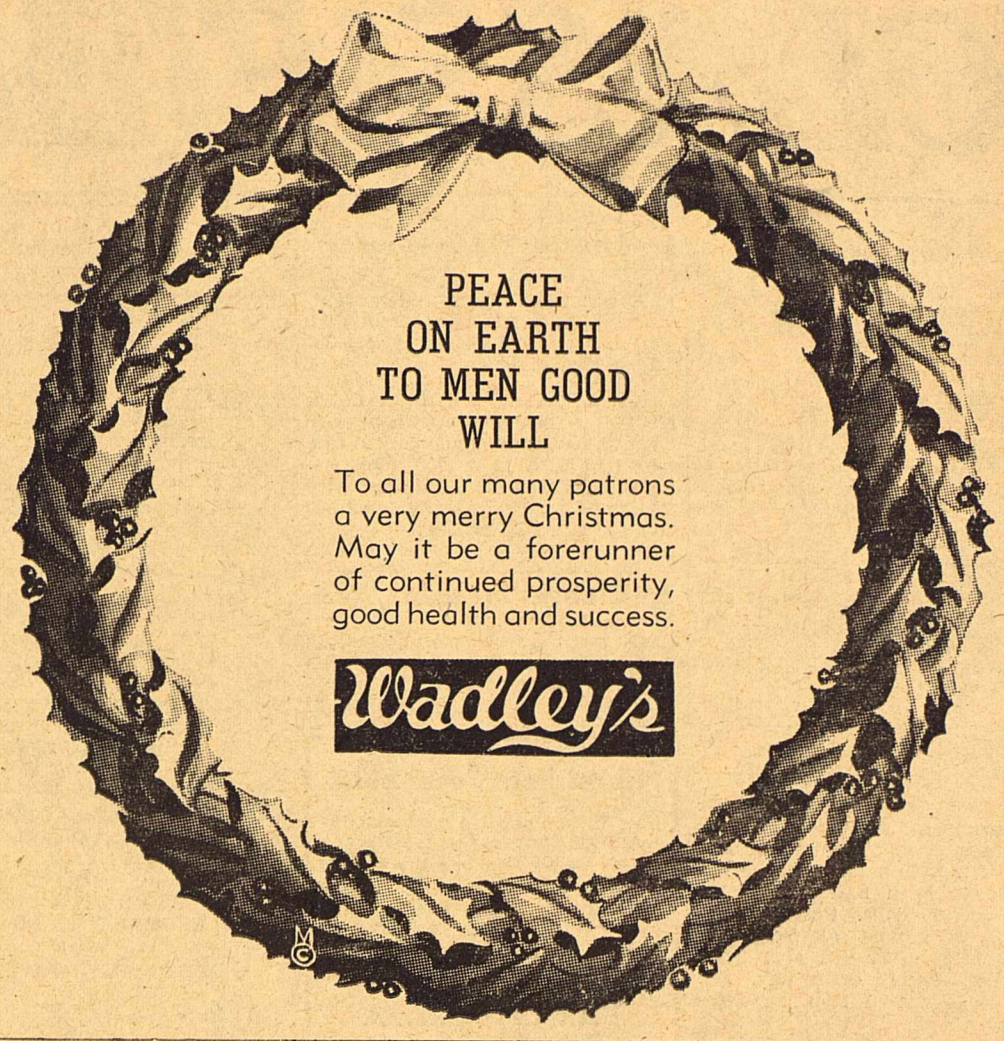
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).— Cotton futures closed today 1 to 5 points higher.

Crane Family Has Reunion

CRANE, Dec. 24 (Special)—It is a merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Virdell in the Humble Production Camp here as their eight children are all at home for the first time in nearly ten years. Besides the parents, those present are: Mrs. D. D. Denny from Houston; Mrs. L. R. Nichols and son of Okemah, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Virdell and son of Crane; W. M. Virdell of Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. Lois Virdell of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Modisette and son of Crane; and Jim and Kenneth Virdell who make their home with their parents.

PRIVATE STENCEL TO VISIT PARENTS IN MISSOURI

Pvt. Harry Stencil of Midland Airport, will spend Christmas holidays at the home of his parents in East St. Louis, Missouri.



AIRPORT OFFICE CLERK TO MUSKOGEE, OKLA. James Riley, office clerk at Midland Airport, is spending the Christmas holidays in Muskogee, Okla. His wife will return here with him.

Schools In Midland To Resume Work Jan. 6 Supt. W. W. Lackey said today Midland public schools will resume classwork Jan. 6 following a two-weeks Christmas and New Year vacation period.

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