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Rescue Crews Seek Tornado Victims

Well...
I Dunno,
But...

The Ancient Mariner's cry, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink", threatens to be the plight of Ranger unless we heed the advice of seasoned engineers and do something about a permanent and adequate water supply.

We are now in the midst of the greatest water conservation program ever launched in Texas. We are well aware of the ever present threat of droughts in Texas, yet when the rains fall, they must take their course to the sea because we have not provided sufficient means for impounding waters for the rainless days. We have been warned of the very crisis that we are now facing and we have been advised by capable men as to what can be done about it.

Engineers hold that Ranger's present shortage of water is likely to be an annual threat, due to the increased consumption and also to the fact that Lake Haganan, our sole source of water at the present time, is gradually filling with silt. They say that the normal movement of silt into the lake has already greatly reduced impounding capacity at the lake.

Prediction of the present situation in the city water supply was contained in a report made the middle of June by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, after engineers made a thorough survey of Ranger's water resources. At that time engineers stated that Ranger actually had 700 acre feet of water whereas the normal requirements for a city of the size of Ranger "should be one acre foot per person or 6,300 acre feet."

D. A. Bandeen, general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, who appeared before the city commission to give the engineer's report, at the time of his appearance, made recommendations as to methods by which the inadequate water supply could be augmented. He also offered recommendations as to the financing of additional water, which, he said, was absolutely necessary for the protection and advancement of the city.

Ranger should have the "hindsight" about the water situation, having experienced water shortages before. Now we need a little vision and foresight, to erase this annual nightmare.

While the emergency efforts of city officials are commendable and may avert the stark reality of a city without water, surely our citizens will not be satisfied with frantic search yearly for some means of meeting and tiding the town over a water crisis.

It's true that the present drought is the worst in the history of weather bureaus in Texas.

Records in Dallas and San Antonio show that the drought of 1946-1948 is more severe than the drought of 1916-1918 but our water supply could be such that no matter how severe the drought, the town would not be faced with such a situation as we face today.

There's an old saying that "a hint to the wise is sufficient." And God knows we've been bowled over with the "hint".

Better late than never, is a comforting old adage and one that we are forced to fall back upon at this time.

In other words, even though we're late in getting around to it, we're wishing for everyone's

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. But most likely it'll be prosperous, it'll be happy.

And it's just one more ground around until the half of the century year.

C. of C. Directors To Meet Tonight

A very important meeting of the directors of the Chambers of Commerce will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the secretary's office and all directors are urged to attend.

Officers will be elected and new directors installed.

Eighty-First Session Begins



With the reading of a prayer, the Rev. James Shea Montgomery, chaplain of the House of Representatives, opens the Eighty-First session of Congress in the House Chamber in Washington. — (NEA Telephoto).

RAYBURN URGES SPEEDY WAGE BOOST FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

By Merriman Smith
United Press White House Reporter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP)— Speaker Sam Rayburn said today he thought President Truman's salary or expense account would be increased between now and inauguration Day Jan. 20.

Rep. Donald L. O'Toole, D., N. Y., introduced a bill in behalf of former presidents. It would give them an annuity of \$25,000 a year. O'Toole's bill was the first introduced in the new House.

Another bill, by Rep. Gordon Canfield, R., N. J., would make ex-presidents senators-at-large. Rayburn indicated the favored O'Toole bill, but he said he looked for action before Jan. 20 on legislation directly increasing the President's compensation while he is in office.

Under the constitution, the President's salary can not be raised or lowered during the term in which legislation is enacted. Thus any pay raise bill would have to become law before Mr. Truman is sworn in for his next term on Jan. 20.

The President's salary is now \$75,000 a year he is allowed a maximum expense account of \$40,000 a year. The salary is taxable, but the expense account is not.

Rayburn said he did not favor making ex-presidents honorary senators or House without being elected.

The question of presidential pay has come increasingly to the fore in recent weeks, following the recommendation of former president Herbert Hoover that something be done to ease the financial strain on the White House ent.

Egypt Says Israel Using Poison Gas In Negev Battle

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4 (UP)— Egyptian sources have charged Israel troops with using gas in the Negev fighting, it was reported to day, and the Egyptian high command has threatened gas attacks against Jewish settlements in retaliation.

An Israeli military spokesman said the Egyptian complaint had been made to Brig. Gen. William Riley, chief United Nations observer in Palestine, by the Egyptian commander in the Negev.

This report said the Egyptian commander said the Jews had used tear gas and choking gas against an Egyptian brigade, estimated at 2,000 men, trapped in Faluja for several weeks.

The official spokesman described reports of Egyptian counterattacks in the Negev as "paper claims." He admitted that UN observers had been barred from the desert area until "new arrangements can be made."

UN RADIO PROGRAM
Janice Little, Eileen Vaughan, Angeline Vaughan, and Ruth Beatty, all students of Robert Clinton, will play over radio Station KSTB Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 on the first half of the Ranger Junior College hour.

J. J. Collins, Cisco Merchant, Dies Monday P.M.

James J. Collins, 62, Cisco merchant, died in a Cisco Hospital at 6:00 p. m. Monday following a minor automobile accident at 4:30 p. m. Death was attributed to shock.

A car driven by Collins was involved in a collision with a car driven by Martha Whitaker, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker, all of Cisco. Cisco police, who investigated the accident, stated that damages were negligible and that neither driver was at fault.

Collins, who recently underwent major surgery, collapsed only a few minutes after the accident.

The deceased was born at Cardiff, Wales, in 1886. He came to the United States and Cisco when he was 19, and joined an uncle in the hardware business.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Cornelius Collins of Cisco; three daughters, one of which is Mrs. Katherine Abbott of Cisco, and two grand children.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Announcement concerning them will be made by Thomas Funeral Home in Cisco.

The deceased had been active in civic affairs in his home town. He was a member of the Catholic church.

Good Crowd At Bible Study

A good number was present for Bible study Monday night at the Second Baptist Church according to the pastor, Rev. Jasper C. Masegee, who is in charge of the adult class.

Mrs. Masegee is in charge of the young people's study. The book being studied is the "Gospel of John." Printed outlines are being supplied to members to aid in study.

Tonight's study will begin at 7:30 and the theme will be: "The Seven Witnesses to the Divinity of Jesus." It is not too late for others to enroll in this week of Bible study.

Legion To Start Dance Series

The Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion announced today that beginning Saturday night, a dance will be held at the Legion Hall each Saturday night and the public is invited to attend.

Dancing will begin at 8:30 o'clock and good music will be provided by the Bluebonnets. Ladies will be admitted without admission charges.

Funeral For E. K. Britton To Be Wednesday

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning at Morris Funeral Chapel for E. K. Britton of Ranger. Rev. Jasper C. Masegee will officiate and interment will be in the Hico Cemetery.

Mr. Britton, died at the Ranger General Hospital Monday night about 10 o'clock. He was born in Springfield, Arkansas, April 2, 1876 and had been a resident of Ranger for 30 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Walnut Springs.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. E. K. Britton of Ranger, one son, Herry Britton of Ranger; two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Fursey of Monahan, Katherine Britton of Ranger and a stepdaughter, Effie Mae Sargee of Ranger; two brothers, David Britton of Ranger, and J. C. Britton of California; and two sisters, Mrs. Alma Rogers of California and Mrs. Walter Beatty of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

pallbearers will be Jack Williams, Glenn Stallings, Buster Dixon, Arthur Jones, Charlie Spenser, Erskine Gibson and Bill Purser.

DEATH TOLL REACHES 44 IN WARREN; INJURY LIST ESTIMATED AT NEAR 400

BY ROBERT BROWN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WARREN, Ark., Jan. 4 (UP)— Rescue crews dug into the rubble of this once-booming lumber town today, searching for more victims of a tornado which killed at least 49 persons in a 100-mile dash through northwest Louisiana and southeast Arkansas.

There were 44 dead in Warren alone and estimates of the injured ranged from 270 to 400. Mayor Jimmy Hurley estimated damage to the city at more than \$1,000,000. The American Red Cross allocated \$50,000 in emergency fund for Warren, and regional officials said they would ask for \$100,000 more.

Three persons were killed in Louisiana, where the twister was spawned, and two other lost their lives near El Dorado, Ark. One man was injured in another tornado which struck Vilas, Kan., knocking down a dozen buildings. Gordon Wiltse suffered a broken back in the Kansas storm.

The day dawned with a heavy rainfall, but the down-pour halted soon after daybreak. At the Frazer Funeral Home, embalmers worked on into the morning, preparing the bodies of the dead.

Sometime during the day, the bodies were to be placed in plain pine coffins and set in the Frazer chapel and the doors were to be thrown open to the townspeople. "That's about the best way we can think of to get all of them identified," said Mayor Hurley.

Gruesome Mishap Kills Texas Man

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 4 (UP)— The story of a gruesome traffic accident which claimed the life of a 33-year-old Texan was told by Oklahoma highway patrolmen today.

Joseph P. Hudson, Grover, Tex., and his 1947 Plymouth coupe were cut in two when the car left U. S. 81 south of El Reno and sailed through the air into an elm tree yesterday.

The automobile was chopped in half just above the lower line of the windshield. The driver's head was cut off.

"It's the worst accident I've ever seen where only one person was killed," highway patrolman Garland Lumsage said. Etheridge blamed high speed for the wreck. He said the victim was "doing about 80 or 85 miles an hour."

Reds Still Mum On Chiang's Bid

NANKING, Jan. 4 (UP)— Government sources said today there still has been no Communist response to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's offer of peace.

No further conferences between Chiang and his ministers were held yesterday or to day. Presumably they were waiting word from the Communists.

The feeling spread among official and unofficial quarters that the Communists most likely would reject Chiang's peace offer.

The official organ, Central Daily News, said the government "would have to persist in its war effort" if the Communists made no response.

A total of \$7,000,000,000 is invested in telephone plant and equipment throughout the United States.

Musical Star Featured With Magician's Show



Mabel Sperry, When Birch, Master Magician, appears at the Ranger High School Auditorium Wednesday evening, he will present not only startling feats of spectacular magic, but also brings a sparkling program of beauty and color.

Heading the Birch staff of assisting artists is Mabel Sperry, brilliant young musical star. This charming young lady was featured as xylophone soloist with the 100-piece Marimba band at the Century of Progress, Chicago. She is well known in the concert and radio world as an artist of unusual ability, and critics hail her as the world's greatest girl xylophonist.

Her specially built Marimbylophone, which was planned by an expert designer, is without question "the most beautiful of its kind ever produced. It is not only a triumph of tone and tuning, but an artistic achievement as well.

San Antonio Board Outlaws Secret Societies

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 4 (UP)— San Antonio high school students soon will have to decide whether they want to belong to fraternities and sororities or take part in plays and athletics.

The San Antonio Independent School Board voted unanimously yesterday to outlaw high school fraternities and other secret organizations.

The action was taken as a result of a recent fraternity initiation which ended in the severe beating of three Jefferson high school students. One required hospital treatment.

Gus Garcia, chairman of a sub-committee which investigated the organization's activities, proposed a resolution to require both Junior and senior high school students to sign pledges against membership in the societies.

The resolution, which was adopted, also requires parents to counter sign the pledge.

NORTHERN EXPECTED TO RETAIN GRIP OVER ENTIRE STATE UNTIL THURSDAY

By United Press

A chilling norther, tremed by the weatherman the winter's "most severe this season," gripped all Texas today, and little let-up was foreseen before Thursday morning.

The cold front originated in southwest Canada and whistled into the Panhandle yesterday. By mid-morning today, it had dropped the mercury to two degrees at Dalhart, Amarillo had four degrees at 8:30 A. M. and the thermometer continued to drop slowly.

West Texas was generally clear, and a slight warm-up was expected by mid-afternoon.

However, the rest of the state was blanketed by clouds and they were expected to hold the mercury at sub-freezing or freezing levels throughout the afternoon. Only the lower coastal region was

expected to escape the freeze.

Fifty-mile-per hour winds in northwest Texas heralded the northern yesterday. They deposited blowing snow ranging up to falls of an inch and a half, but no roads were reported blocked.

Mid-morning temperature readings about the state included:

Clarendon and El Paso, 6 degrees; Lubbock 12, Childress 18, Wichita Falls 21, Dallas 28, Texarkana 41, San Antonio 42, Lufkin 44, Houston 53, and Brownsville 58, where the mercury was plum meting.

The cloud cover over East Texas is expected to slowly begin dissipating late today and tonight, allowing the mercury to sink to new low levels for the season.

The official forecast calls for 18 to 28 degrees in the north portion of East Texas tonight, except

along the upper Red River Valley where readings ranging from 8 to 16 should occur. In the southern portion of East Texas, lows are expected to range from 28 to 32 degrees, except in the citrus-rich Brownsville area where slightly above freezing weather is forecast.

In West Texas, lowest temperatures tonight are expected to be slightly warmer than this morning's. The Panhandle and South Plains should have 6 to 16 degrees. Elsewhere, lows are expected to range from 18 to 28.

The norther's backbone is expected to be snapped early Thursday when southerly winds from the coast begin pushing northward. They may bring badly-needed rains to powder-dry farmlands.

THE WEATHER

BY UNITED PRESS

East Texas — Cloudy to partly cloudy this afternoon, much colder in the east and south portion. Partly cloudy tonight, colder in the south and extremes east. Lowest temperatures tonight 18 to 28 in the north portion, except 8 to 16 in the upper Red River Valley. 28 to 32 in the south portion, except slightly above freezing in the Brownsville area. Wednesday, partly cloudy and continued cold. Strong northerly winds on the coast, diminishing Wednesday.

West Texas — Partly cloudy and continued cold this afternoon and tonight. Lowest temperature tonight 8 to 16 in the Panhandle and South Plains, 18 to 28 elsewhere. Wednesday, partly cloudy not quite so cold in the Panhandle and South Plains in the afternoon.

Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today

Maximum 28
Minimum 22
Hour's Reading 28
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. today
Maximum 59
Minimum 22

RANGER DAILY TIMES SPORTS

MARVIN GROSS
Sports Editor

BULLDOGS RESUME PLAY FACING EASTLAND FIVE

Idle since December 21 when they scuffled the De Leon quintet, the Bulldogs start bouncing the ball again tonight meeting the Eastland Mavericks in the Recreation Building at 7:30.

The Bulldogs got in their first practice session in many a moon yesterday. And while it's safe to say they offer no threat to Kentucky, they showed they might have been doing something during the layoff besides eating turkey and the trimmings.

Tonight's action will be a non-conference affair—hoop play getting under way January 11. Only five stringers still hugging the sidelines is Buddy Hamrick who injured his knee in the Weatherford tournament. Hamrick has improved but he probably has done his last round ball playing for the season.

Coach Sam Aills will field the same team which looked fairly impressive in its last start. R. C. Smith will jump center with Ronald Williams, the converted center, and Kenneth Williams at forwards. Rounding out the line up will be E. P. Robinson and Keith Munnerlyn.

The Mavericks coached by Wendell Seibert got off to a late start.

laying over after a strenuous grid campaign. But they are likely to give the Bulldogs all they can handle.

The recently released conference schedule calls for a single round robin style of play. With seven teams in the race each quintet will play but six loop games. On the completion of the round robin the district tournament will take place February 8-12 then playoffs if needed will begin February 14.

The Bulldogs open with Gorman January 14 then following an open date on the 18th will play host to Comanche January 21.

On the 25th Dublin moves in and then the Bulldogs travel down to Hamilton January 28. February games show the Bulldogs meeting DeLeon at home and Eastland away.

Tickets On Sale For QB Banquet
Tickets for the fourth annual Quarterback Club Banquet featuring Blair Cherry as guest speaker are now on sale at the Paramount Coffee Shop. The banquet will be held January 18 at the First Methodist Church. Tickets may also be secured from E. P. Arterburn or Marvin Gross. It is expected that Coach Cherry of the Texas University Orange Bowl champions will bring the film of the Georgia-Texas thrill at Miami which shattered seven Orange Bowl records. The Longhorns copied the wild scoring affair, 41-28 to preserve their record of never having been defeated in a post season game.

Bowling Briefs Olden Hornets Back On Court; Face Heavy Duty

With the end of the holiday season, bowling leagues will resume operation with the Premier League rolling on Monday evening and the men's City League on Friday nights.

Two special attractions highlight the bowling week. A "blind" bowl in which the bowlers view of the pins is obstructed is listed for Tuesday night. Saturday at 4 P. M. the Ranger pin boys play host to the Cisco pin boys. The public is invited to witness both these attractions.

The Ranger pin boy team will be selected from the following bowlers: Joe Kirk Dorsey, Junior Nail, Joe Beard, "Acorn" Brown "Grub" Bush, Gene Britt, T. L. Bush and Donald Drinkard.

Jack Elwood paced the honor roll bowlers the past week with seven games of 200 or better including a 230 high game of the week. Mildred Pickrell with three games over 150 led the ladies. Judge McNabb rolled a 204 game which marked his first entry into the charmed circle.

- HONOR ROLL**
Ladies
Fran Thurman — 150-183.
Mildred Pickrell — 156-166-159
Sue Ames — 158.
Joan Kenney — 151-184.
Loretta Elder — 156.
Vivian Fleckenstein — 174-168.
Men
Jack Elwood — 230-216-215-
214-208-204-202.
Rollie Kenney — 214-213-205-
203.
Bill McKeever — 212-210.
Azate Joseph — 202.
Wendell Smith — 211.
Pete Dawn — 202.
Sam Elder — 205.
Clyde Ivy — 205.
Frank Oakley — 202.
Judge McNabb — 204.
C. D. Beck — 209.
Peaches Riding — 201.
Split Pick-ups
Ladies — Mary Ann Elder — 6-7-10, Karolyn Babain, 3-9-10 and Jean Kenney, 3-10.
Men — Jimmy Bonney, 4-5-7, Judge McNabb, 4-10, Bob Robertson, 6-7 and 6-7-10, Rollie Kenney, 5-7, Jack Souther, 4-5, Jack Elwood, 2-7 and Wayne Lingle 4-10.
High game of Week.
Ladies — Joan Kenney — 184.
Men — Jack Elwood — 230.

Washington, D. C. has the nation's greatest total of licensed taxicabs per capita. The 987,000 persons in the district are served by 9,024 cabs, or one cab for every 109 residents.

The banquet is tendered annually by the Quarterback Club to pay honor to the Ranger Junior College and high school teams. Because of the limited supply of tickets those interested are urged to make their purchases early.

For Coach Cherry the affair will be in the nature of a homecoming. He tutored the Bulldogs through one of the most successful eras in local high school history. In 1925 under his guidance the Bulldogs moved to the semifinals in the state play-off where they lost to Oak Cliff.

Cherry left Ranger to take over the reins at Amarillo where he continued his gridiron success. Lured by collegiate offers he joined the staff of Dana X. Bible at the University of Texas. For the past two years he has handled the head coaching spot transferring his magic touch from high school gridiron to collegiate fields.

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Texas, Oklahoma In All-Star Game

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 4 (UP)—T. M. Cornelius of Addington, Okla., and Cliff Hughes of Byers, Texas, will coach an "east" all-star squad which will play a "west" team Saturday night as part of the northwest Texas and southern Oklahoma basketball clinic.

Coaches for the west team will be Earl Presley of Frederick, Oklahoma, and W. D. Jeter of Holliday, Tex.

The teams will meet in the first game of a double header which will close the clinic Saturday night. Hardin College will play Wayland College of Plainview, Tex., in the nightcap.

Texas members of the east squad were announced as Charles Largent, Wichita Falls; Jimmy Grace, and Joe Fellwell, Claypool; O'Neil Weaver and Leon Black, Martin Mills; Jerry Smith and Ed Adair, Byers.

Texas members on the west squad include Dennis Wayne Walling, Sunset Consolidated School; Pat Lester, Holliday; Joe Elam, Otney; J. P. Bartley, Crowell, and Howard Gay Iowa Park.

Treasurer Charged
DALLAS, Jan. 4 (UP)—Outgoing Dallas County Treasurer Thomas Goforth was charged last night with misapplication of county funds, after an investigation by District Attorney Will Wilson showed his accounts to be more than \$8,000 short.

Wilson began the investigation after Goforth appeared before County Auditor Charles Josch and reported he was unable to make his final year-end deposit of county funds.

Played By The Book
KILNHORST, England (UP)—The Kilnhorst junior school soccer team, boasting ten successive victories, credits its success to the methods of its coach. The school's mentor, Mrs. Mabel Cutts, 28, admits she knows nothing about soccer, but puts the team through its paces with the aid of a textbook.

Mustangs Headed South Of Border

DALLAS, Tex. Jan. 4 (UP)—Southern Methodist University football players, who have played in two successive bowl games (Cotton) without leaving their home base, had hopes today they would get a trip to Mexico City late this month as a reward for their performances.

Dr. Edwin D. Mouton, Jr., SMU faculty representative, yesterday mailed a proposed award trip plan to the other six Southwest Conference members asking for a vote of approval on the trip. A majority vote of the seven schools would be necessary for approval.

The proposal called for expenditure of not more than \$200 per player on the trip, which would leave Dallas by Braniff Airlines Jan. 29 and return Jan. 31. The question of weather wives and sweethearts of the players would also make the trip remained to be settled.

Coaches May Revise Fumble Regulations
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 (UP)—The rule that allowed Northwestern to win the Rose Bowl game with a "touchdown fumble" may be up for revision during the National Coaches Association convention here this week, rules committee chairman Lou Little of Columbia indicated today.

As the first session of the 700 college coaches and athletic directors got underway, discussion centered around the controversial Art Murawski fumble that was ruled a Northwestern touchdown and ultimately gave the Wildcats a 20-14 victory over California. The belief was that, if a ball is fumbled in midfield and the opposing team recovers and keeps it, the same rule should apply to the end zone.

The discussion probably will highlight the rules committee meetings opening tomorrow, along with the mass substitution rule, which has been goosey vigorously from coast to coast, but which appears to be popular with the coaches.

Oklahoma Mentor Lured By Offers

NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 4 (UP)—The University of Oklahoma may learn today whether \$15,000 a year for five years is enough to keep head football coach Bud Wilkinson from taking his talents elsewhere.

Dr. George L. Cross, University president, was expected to take the matter up with Wilkinson as soon as the coach and his team arrive here from New Orleans, where they defeated North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl game.

Terms of a new five-year contract for Wilkinson was announced here last night. They were disclosed shortly after the Milwaukee Sentinel made it official that Wilkinson had been approached by the University of Wisconsin as a successor to Harry Stuhldreher.

The contract also provides that Wilkinson could continue as athletic director if he stepped down as head coach and calls for pay increases for his staff — Coach Jones, Walter Hargesheimer, Bill Jennings and Frank Ivy.

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Too Many Bowls Says Association

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4 (UP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association plans to do something soon about reducing the number of post-season football bowl games, a prominent member of the N. C. A. A. indicated today.

The informant, who insisted that he not be identified because of his key position in college athletics, said that the N. C. A. A. may fire its first volley at this year's convention.

"There were more than 50 bowl games played this season," the member said. "One school, Hardin-Simmons, played in three such games. We know that has to stop."

The N. C. A. A. is expected to take one of two steps—either ban the bowl completely or limit the post-season games to bowls established before 1936. Under the latter set-up, the Association would sanction only the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Orange Bowl.

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FOUR-GAVEL SPEAKER RAYBURN TAKES OVER IN NEW SESSION

BY HERMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP)—The speaker of the House of Representatives in the 81st Congress is a four-gavel man.
And in applying mallet to block to bring the House to order, he uses the staccato, or somewhat gentle approach.
Sam Rayburn, the bald, good-natured, astute politician from Bonham, Tex., came back into his own as the new Congress convened Monday. He had rested on his cushion in the back of the hall for two years while the GOP held sway.
In a lot of ways he differs from his predecessor, Republican Joseph William Martin, Jr., of North Attleboro, Mass. For one thing, Joe has hair. For another he was only a two-gavel man—and violent one at that.
At the Republican convention in Philadelphia, Martin used a club big enough to kill a jungle beast and when he rapped for order, he acted as if he were about to do so. During one noisy demonstration he came down with such force that he split a two-inch-thick block into kindling. He was given a newer and tougher one the very old mischief—using both hands at times—when the convention ended.
The procedure in the House yesterday was interesting in itself. There were some who maintained as they have for years, that the performance actually is not legal. And that Sam Rayburn along with many another speaker before him, took office illegally. And right after that performed an illegal act.
These folks reason like this: Until they are sworn in, the new representatives are not really members. Therefore, the reasoning goes, they have no right under the constitution to elect a speaker. And that the speaker,

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NEWS FROM Desdemona

DESDEMONA, Jan. 3—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Quinn of Kermit and little daughter, Donna Francis spent the holidays with relatives here, returned to their home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spears and children and Mrs. J. B. Fouts, all of San Antonio, have returned home after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Fouts.

Paul Arnold, an employe of the Magnolia at Kermit and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold, reports for the Army January 5.

Miss Joyce Garrett of Kermit spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Macon left Tucson for an extended visit in Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. H. D. Martin has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Joan Pauls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pauls, left Saturday for her home in Topeka, Kansas, after spending several days here with her grand mother, Mrs. Ida Wilhite and other relatives.

Leo Williams, recently released from the Navy, is visiting his father, Clayton Williams, and grand mother, Mrs. C. H. Williams, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Irwin of Abilene, spent the New Year weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore.

Margie Brown of Baylor Hospital is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anne Brown and Robert.

Little Renelda Rainy had the misfortune to fall while skating on the sidewalk at school last week and broke her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelder Shipman are the proud parents of a baby boy born late last week at the Gorman Hospital. The baby was named Derwin Lynn. Both mother and father are reported as doing nicely.

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By Boyce House

Bat Masterson, one of the most famous peace officers of the old Southwestern days, has been credited with having killed as many as 27 men. As a matter of fact, however, according to his old friend, Wyatt Earp, another great peace officer, Bat killed only four men.
This does not take into account however, any Indians he might have killed in the Battle of Adobe Walls in the Texas Panhandle for Masterson, then little more than a boy, was one of the small force of frontiersmen who beat back the attack of hundreds of redskins, commanded by the celebrated chief, Quanah Parker.
The first man that Bat Masterson killed in a pistol duel was in Sweetwater, Texas, when he was 18 years old. He was serving as a civilian scout with the army and was dancing with a dance-hall girl one night when a man who was inflamed with jealousy entered and drew his pistol. The girl caught sight of him first and threw her arms around Bat to protect him. The man fired however and killed her, the bullet passing through her body and wounding Masterson, who shot her slayer through the heart.
In another City, Kansas, Masterson killed two men in avenging the death of his brother, Ed.
Ed was acting as a marshal and some cowboys treated a disturbance in a saloon. Ed and Bat were approaching to quiet the disturbance and one of the cowboys mortally wounded Ed. Bat killed the slayer and when a friend of this man rushed out with a pistol

Bat shot him twice, inflicting mortal wounds.
When another of the Masterson brothers was having trouble, Bat went back to Dodge City and there was some shooting and then the smoke lifted, Bat's fourth man was accounted for.
Incidentally, Masterson later became a sports writer in New York City and died while at his desk, writing. Oddly enough, the man who had figured in some of the most exciting events of the turbulent Southwest, had just finished writing a humorous bit of philosophy:
"There are many in this old world of ours who hold that things break about even for all of us. I have observed, for example, that we all get about the same amount of ice. The rich get it in the summertime and the poor get it in the winter."
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Bible Study Group Meet Held Monday

The Jessie Trout Bible Study Group of the First Christian Church met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Raymond West.

During the afternoon games and various other forms of entertainment were enjoyed by the following guests, Linda Clark, Karen Killingsworth, Karla Kirk, Donna Kirk, Beverly Jane Thomas and Gay Ann Daskeych.

Diane Rainwater Entertained Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rainwater entertained at their home Sunday afternoon with a party commemorating their daughter Diane, on her fourth birthday.

During the afternoon games and various other forms of entertainment were enjoyed by the following guests, Linda Clark, Karen Killingsworth, Karla Kirk, Donna Kirk, Beverly Jane Thomas and Gay Ann Daskeych.

City Council Of P.-T. A. To Meet

Announcement has been made that the City Council of Parents and Teachers will meet at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon at the High School Building. The Junior High School will be hostesses. Rev. Ham will speak on "The Inseparables, Church and Home."

Each member of the P. - T. A. and the Child Study Association is urged to be present.

Three Clubs To Plan Convention

Members of the 1920 Club, the New Era Club and 1947 Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Community Clubhouse to lay plans for the Sixth District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs convention which will be held in Ranger in the spring.

Mrs. W. E. Cantrell of Lometa, president of the Sixth District, will attend the meeting to assist in making plans for the convention.

All members of all three clubs are urged to attend.

Group Entertained Saturday Night

In celebration of the New Year a group of friends was entertained Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Richardson.

During the evening games of forty two were enjoyed after which refreshments were served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mrs. Zelma Rerrington, and sons, Phelton Rerrington and son, Mike, Ray Lyons, J. L. Richardson, Glen Graham, Mrs. Mary Rerrington, and Pat Graham, Kathleen Richardson and Norma Jean Richardson.

Hospital News

Danny Hinkson of Strawn, a medical patient, has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Con Hazard of Ranger, a medical patient at the West Texas Hospital, has been dismissed.

Mr. Clayton Long of Ranger is reported to be in an improved condition.

Rusty Garvin of Caddo, a medical patient at the West Texas Hospital has been dismissed.

Mrs. Carl Gray of Caddo has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Elmer Robinson of Ranger has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. C. E. Dupree underwent surgery at the Ranger General Hospital Monday. Mrs. Dupree is the former Clairdell Bearden.

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TORNADO BREWING BLIZZARD MAY BRING MORE TWISTERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (UP)—Weather forecasters warned today that the raging blizzard sweeping the northern plains could cause more tornadoes in the south such as the disastrous twister that struck Warren, Ark., yesterday.

The Chicago Weather Bureau said that "generally the same conditions exist today as yesterday" except that the blizzard has moved eastward. Consequently, any tornadoes that might occur would probably spring up in the Gulf States.

But the bureau emphasized that it could not actually say tornadoes would occur.

"There's simply no way to predict whether, when or where a tornado will hit," a forecaster said.

Yesterdays' tornadoes killed 47 persons, 42 of them at Warren, Ark., and estimated 270 to 400 persons were injured and property damage ran over \$1,000,000.

The blizzard was sweeping into Minnesota and Iowa today, carrying up to two feet of snow on winds that blew steadily at 40 to 60 miles an hour. Some gusts were recorded up to 80 mph.

The storm was showing a tendency to turn northward so that eastern states might escape its fury, the experts said.

But they were making no promises. They warned that if it swept clear to the Atlantic coast, it might meet another storm coming north and duplicate conditions which dumped a major snow fall on New York City in December.

Even if it did turn northward, said, it still will cause bad weather all over the country just as it was the main cause of the tornadoes that struck Louisiana, Arkansas and Kansas.

A severe cold wave was using the tornado storm center as a pivot for a merry-go-round sweep of the country. From the far northwest section the cold tore down the Pacific Coast line, swept

over the southwest around into Dixie from which it was scheduled to bear north toward New England.

Early today, the mercury fell to 23 below at Butte, Mont., 13 below at Williston, N. D., 2 at Spokane, 30 above at Fresno, Cal., 21 at Eugene, Ore., and plus 4 at Winslow, Ariz.

The Chicago forecasters said the cold air would spread over the Gulf area, possibly as far as Florida. It was a similar swift drop in temperature yesterday that resulted in the southwestern tornadoes.

South Dakota caught the full force of the storm last night but the blow also tore across Nebraska and northwestern Kansas.

Average monthly assistance payments to aged Nebraska pensioners increased from \$13.60 to 1936 to \$44.49 in late 1948.

Fort Worth Livestock Report

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 4 (UP)—(USDA—Livestock)

Cattle 2000. Slaughter steers and yearlings slow, about, steady cows and bulls strong, spots higher than Monday's close, stockers in small supply. Medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 19.00-24.50, some held higher, few common lots 15.50-18.50. Common and medium cows 16.50-18.50, good grade scarce, canners and cutters 11.00-16.00. Saucy bulls 16.00-21.00. Medium and good stocker yearlings 19.00-23.00, choice scarce.

Calves 1300. Active, strong to 50 higher than Monday's low time, largely 23.00-25.00, few fed heifers above 25.00, common and medium 17.50-22.50, culls 15.00-17.00. Medium and good stocker steer calves 20.00-24.00, few lots 24.50.

Hogs 1300. Butcher hogs and sows mostly 50 higher than Monday's average, feeder pigs steady. Top 21.25, good and choice 19.00-280 lbs. mostly 21.00, good and

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Sheep 1200. Slaughter lambs strong to 50 higher than Monday's average, some medium grades up more, slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady. One lot of good and choice 105 lb. woolled slaughter lambs 24.00, medium woolled slaughter lambs 21.50-22.50. Good shorn lambs 22.00. Medium and good slaughter ewes 9.50, cull and common ewes 8.50-9.00. Feeder lambs 20.00 down.

As We Were

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