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The Cuero Record

A NEWSPAPER REFLECTS ITS COMMUNITY

The Weather

SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS—Fair through Tuesday. Not much change in temperatures. Gentle to moderate west and northwest winds on the coast.

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Town Talk

Cuero welcomes a new citizen today, E. Yanta, who has purchased the McLarty Motor Company from Bob Pratt.

We met Mr. Yanta Monday and are convinced that he will make this city a progressive automotive dealer and a good citizen.

Mrs. Yanta is of course no stranger to Cuero. She is the former Ruth Kennedy, a Cuero girl. The Record joins in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Yanta and son to this city.

Cuero High's talented Capella choir under direction of Louis K. Clardy Jr., staged a highly impressive and beautiful program on Monday evening.

Once more some of Cuero's rare talent was revealed and it is our conviction that Mr. Clardy has done a splendid job with the organization.

The choir is a group of which our school system can be justly proud.

Will you be among the 108 persons whom the Department of Public Safety estimates will die on Texas streets and highways during the 11 day period, December 23rd and ending January 2nd?

The estimate in itself is appalling . . . and these estimates are seldom far off.

Drive carefully during the Christmas and New Year holidays . . . and be alive on January 2nd.

Many of us could make Christmas shopping a bit easier for out-of-town visitors during the next few days if we would park our cars out of the main business section.

The parking problem is a serious one during the holiday rush, in fact the holiday season offers the only serious parking problem of the year.

Let's try to cooperate during the next few days.

Crowded downtown streets Monday were evidence enough that Santa's visit is just around the corner, and a number of out-of-town visitors in Cuero was also noticeable.

We greeted a number of friends from Yoakum, Nordheim and Yorktown and saw a host of other shoppers we did not know, and we know a lot of folks throughout this city and area.

Why We Say— SAFETY MATCHES

A Swedish scientist who was troubled with ordinary matches burning his pockets invented the first safety match in 1855. The scientist, Botter, perfected a match which would not ignite unless it came into contact with another substance, phosphorus, giving rise to the popular cigarette "book" matches.

'Cross Ransus Now Stands At \$232.90

With three more days to go until Christmas the Legion-Record 'Cross the Ransus fund has climbed to \$232.90, a check of the records revealed today. Five dollar contributions by the Cuero F.F.A. Chapter, J. S. Edgar and Sons, Mrs. Carter Thomas, the Presbyterian Adult Fellowship Class and \$11.40 "In Jesus Name" helped swell the fund today.

Pershing Hiller, chairman of the Legion's committee to distribute the fund to Cuero's needy children, said that a great many toys have been contributed by individuals as well as the various service organizations of the City.

Contributors now are: Buchel 4-H Club \$2.00, Epefano Ruiz 5.00, American Legion Aux. 10.00, A Friend 1.00

OIL WORKER DIES OF GUN WOUND

The body of George Patrick Lane, 27-year-old Corpus Christi drilling employe missing for almost a week, was found Monday afternoon on a Goliad County oil lease following an intensive two-day search led by Sheriff A. C. Taylor of Goliad County.

Taylor instituted the search Sunday after being notified by Lane's employers that the latter was missing from the rig located about 15 miles north of Goliad and one and one-half miles east of the Goliad-Cuero Highway.

Taylor was assisted by 12 men and a Victoria plane manned by Deputy Sheriff Joe Welton and Game Warden Claude Keller.

Sheriff Ray Markovsky and his Deputy "Cutler" Dietze, Chief of Police Jesse Taylor, and Game Warden Charley Edmondson were called in Monday to aid in the search.

An erroneous report shortly before noon to the effect that Lane had shown up in the Goliad post office was given to the Record and this information was published in a number of papers distributed. However, a later report received was that Lane had been found dead, and the man who appeared in Goliad was his father, both bearing the same name.

Lane's body was found in a clump of grapevines under a tree about 1:30 p. m., according to the Victoria Advocate. He had a gunshot wound in the left eye. His hunting rifle was nearby.

Justice of the Peace Noel Dietzel of Schroeder returned a verdict of accidental death.

Sheriff Taylor said Lane either stumbled and the gun went off, or he had set it down and when he picked it up, the vines caused it to discharge.

The victim is survived by his parents who live at Lockhart. Funeral arrangements are pending.

30,000 MAN MANUEVERS THREATENED

PORT HOOD, Tex., Dec. 21.—(UP)—Army spokesmen said Tuesday the reluctance of land owners to permit troops to cross their land threatened plans to hold maneuvers for some 30,000 men next month.

Officers at Third Corps headquarters on Fort Hood said the atomic age "has brought new techniques in ground warfare, which call for the testing of new equipment and new tactical concepts.

"This cannot be accomplished unless adequate maneuver acreage is obtained," they said.

The Army sought the right to use three million acres in 13 central Texas counties. But thus far it had been able to obtain trespass rights to less than one million acres.

A spokesman said nearly all of the landowners involved have been contacted. He said top officials were "greatly disturbed" about the difficulties the Army was meeting.

The Music Lovers Club of Cuero will present a Christmas program Wednesday from 4:45 to 5:15 p. m. over Station KCFH, according to a spokesman for the group, who is inviting all Cueroites to tune in.

Heads Farmers

- A Friend 5.00
- George Nami 1.00
- Bobby Nami 1.00
- Billy Nami 1.00
- Nanette Nami 1.00
- O. T. McAllister 1.00
- Mrs. Rae Bennett 2.00
- Ladies Aux 5.00
- Cuero Fire Dept. 5.00
- Arneckeville Community Club 2.50
- Dr. J. H. Pridgen 1.00
- Mamie Lassman 1.00
- Den Six (Scouts) 2.00
- Mrs. C. T. Traylor 1.00
- LeRoy Koenig 1.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hunter 2.00
- Mr. Wilkerson 2.00
- Lutheran Ladies Aid 10.00
- A friend 3.00
- Hawthorne Club 6.50
- A Friend 1.00
- Ira Wilkes 2.00
- Graham Hamilton 10.00
- University Club 5.00
- Jacob Nagel 1.00
- Louis Lentz 1.00
- A Friend 1.00
- Anna B. Schorre Circle 2.00
- John A. Graves, 5.00
- Fl. Worth 5.00
- Mrs. Don Stiles 5.00
- Green DeWitt Club 2.50
- Bohman Clinic 5.00
- Hospital and Guests 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McAllister 2.50
- A Friend 1.00
- A Friend 2.00
- A Friend 2.00
- Babe Markowsky 2.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sager 2.00
- Green DeWitt Arneckeville Club 1.50
- Bobby Fritz 1.00
- Catherine Ann Fritz 1.00
- Courtney Combs 5.00
- A Friend 1.00
- Grace Church Women's Aux. 10.00
- Five Mile HD Club 2.50
- American Legion M/Sgt J. T. Abrams 1.00
- R. F. Blackwell 5.00
- A Friend 2.00
- Jerry Leo Fischer 1.00
- Linda Clare Fischer 1.00
- Martha and Robbie Kirk 10.00
- Robert and Mary Aronstein 3.00
- Elizabeth Benson 1.00
- Grace Church Ladies Aid 5.00
- Dave Weber 3.00
- A Friend 1.00
- A Friend 1.00
- Donny and Kay Kasper \$15.00
- In Jesus Name 11.40
- J. S. Edgar & Sons 5.00
- Mrs. Carter Thomas 5.00
- Cuero F.F.A. Chapter 5.00
- Presbyterian Adult Fellowship Class 5.00



NEW PRESIDENT of the American Farm Bureau federation is Charles B. Shuman (above) of the Illinois Agricultural association. He was elected at the federation's 45th annual meeting in New York to serve out remainder of term of Allen B. Kline, resigned. (International)

WORLD GIVEN REPRIEVE BY COLLEGE DOC

Says "Connoifers" Pass Word That World Is Spared

By ALFRED LEECH CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Dr. Charles Laughhead said Tuesday he had received a "message" that Chicago will not be destroyed by tidal waves and earthquakes as predicted and the end of the world is not at hand.

The ousted Michigan State College physician said the "message" came from forces in outer space four hours and 45 minutes after Chicago's supposed day of doom had begun.

The reprieve was granted through the intercession of God, who "is in the midst," Laughhead quoted the "message" as saying.

Laughhead said he and 13 other believers in the imminent end of the world sat in a suburban Oak Park home all night waiting for "the father's message."

"We feel quite gratified" that Chicago will not be engulfed and the world is not in its last days, Laughhead said.

Things would get far worse in 1955, when, they said, the known world would come to an end.

Word From Outer Space— Mrs. Martin, a 53-year-old Oak Park grandmother, said she received the warnings from "connoifers" who dwelt on a planet in outer space and checked up on the world in flying saucers.

BAPTIST'S PROGRAM WEDNESDAY

Members of the First Baptist Church will hold their annual Christmas Tree at the church Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. and the children will present a program, according to the Rev. Norman A. Sanders.

Calvary Baptist church will also have their Christmas Tree program tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. W. E. Bowie in charge according to Dr. D. H. Truhitte.

The Sunday School classes of the Assembly of God Church will present a program at 7:30 o'clock at the church, the Rev. Wm. S. Agnew reported, with Mrs. Reuben Wagner, chairman in charge.

She will be assisted by Mrs. Leiland Lapp and Mrs. Joe Hefflin. A pantomime entitled, "Story of Christmas" will be given by the junior, intermediate and young people's divisions, and special music will be rendered during the evening.

The program will be concluded with an exchange of gifts from under the Christmas tree.

"The 'White Gifts' service will be conducted at 7 p. m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, B. R. Neill in charge, Dr. Marshall Doggett announced.

Kefauver Takes Issue With Wilson Over Arms

McLarty Motors Has New Owner

McLarty Motor Company, Cuero's Buick agency, is today under new management.

Ernest Yanta, formerly of Runge, has purchased full interests in the firm from Bob Pratt and took over Monday afternoon.

Yanta has had considerable experience in car sales and declares there will be no change in policy. His crew will include Randy Mueller, Clyde Williams, Jimmy Dement and Alex Torres, with the firm to feature Buick sales and service as well as the repair of all other makes of cars.

In addition to a body shop is planned for an early date.

The new owner said that his formal opening would be held on January 16th at which time a full line of new Buick cars will be displayed. Meanwhile he is advertising some special prices as introductory features.

Yanta is married and the father

SHEPPERD ASKS BOARD REFUSE LOONEY OFFER

Says State, Veterans Would Lose On Deal

AUSTIN, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Attorney General John Ben Shepperd urged the Veterans Land Board Tuesday not to let three companies who are involved in suspect deals under the Veterans' land program get off the hook by buying out the unhappy veterans.

Attorney Everett Looney told the board last Thursday that the three companies are willing to take over the interests of any veteran who is dissatisfied and will continue payments to the state, so the veterans won't lose anything.

To accept this offer, Shepperd told the board Tuesday, would violate the spirit of the \$100 million program, which was designed to let veterans become land owners and pay off their mortgages over a long period at low interest rates.

Can't Be Legally Expended?— "The veterans land fund cannot be legally expended in any manner other than the purchase of lands to be resold to a veteran who has selected a particular tract of land and desires to purchase same on his own behalf. . . ."

Looney, speaking for the Rio Val Development Co., the Alamo Land Development Co. and the Wintergarden Development Co., also offered to pay delinquent installments in cases where transactions have been completed but the veteran has not held the land for the minimum three years required by law.

"To accept either of the proposals," he said, "would be a violation of the law."

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High School Decorated For Christmas Season

The Cuero High School is most appropriately decorated for the Christmas season with a beautifully-decorated silver Christmas tree festooned with blue lights and balls placed in the front hall.

The Student Council is sponsoring a contest for the cleverest Christmas decorations, it was announced.

The entries are on display in the building, and the winners will be revealed later.

Members of the Student Council installed the decorations.

Funeral For Father Of E. W. Davis In St. Louis

E. W. Davis, Jr., local manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, left Tuesday morning for St. Louis, Mo., to attend funeral services for his father, E. W. Davis, Sr., 78, who died unexpectedly there at his home early Monday morning.

Services will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at University City, a suburb of St. Louis, and burial will be in that city.

Although Mr. Davis had been in ill health for sometime, his death came as a shock to his family, according to his son.

Survivors are one son, E. W. Jr., of Cuero, three daughters, and several grandchildren.

Mr. Davis had been making his home with a daughter and her family since the death of his wife.

Mrs. Davis took her husband to San Marcos today to entrain for St. Louis.

Daule To Have Pageant

A Christmas program will be presented this evening at Daule High school by the Choral group and a number of children from the elementary grades, according to Instructor Emma Green.

The program will be in the form of a Christmas Carol pageant, and at the conclusion of the presentation, Santa Claus will visit the school and distribute gifts.

Many familiar carols of our land as well as other lands are to be rendered during the program.

Wednesday at 6 p. m. the Choral group led by their Instructor Emma Green will go carolling in the community.

LAND PROBE IN TOP TEN 1954 STORIES

United Press Editors Make Selections For Year

The investigation into alleged frauds in the sale of land to veterans in the multi-million dollar Texas Veterans Land program was voted as one of the top ten stories for 1954 by United Press editors, the wire service's Southwest Division headquarters in Dallas announced today.

The investigation, which got underway in DeWitt County after County Attorney Wiley Cheatman learned of irregularities in land transactions, was unearthed by the Cuero Record. It has since spread to various sections of Texas.

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CDA'S Go Carolling

Between 30 and 35 girls, members of two troops of the Junior Catholic Daughters, went carolling Monday evening, according to a spokesman for the group.

Accompanying the girls were Mrs. D. J. SuBuisson, Mrs. Howard P. Green, Mrs. Charles Riebschlaeger, Mrs. Joe Hoffman, and Mary Katherine Koenig.

At the end of the trip, the girls assembled at the home of Melba Faye Scheffler for a Christmas party and gift exchange.

Says Threat Of War Is No Less

By JOHN W. FINNEY WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver demanded Tuesday that the administration justify its decision to slash the nation's armed forces by 403,000 men in the next 18 months.

"I don't see anything in the troubled world picture to warrant a cut at this time," said the Tennessee Democrat. "I hope the administration isn't reducing our military strength merely to balance the budget."

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson announced the sweeping manpower cut late Monday. He said President Eisenhower personally ordered it because of the diminished threat of war and a need for more emphasis on air power and continental defenses.

As a result of the decision, Wilson said monthly draft calls will be slashed from the present 28,000 to 10,000 or 11,000 beginning in February and continuing at least through next June.

The First Marine Division will be returned from Korea to the West Coast in the near future and will be replaced by an Army division now stationed in Japan.

There are 3,218,000 men and women in the armed services. Under the new cutback plan, the total will be trimmed to 2,940,000 by next June 30 and to 2,815,000 by mid-1956. Until recently, the plan was not hit the 2,815,000 goal until mid-1958.

More than 80 per cent of the cuts will be in the Army with the Navy and Marine Corps accounting for the rest. The Air Force will get more men.

Firemen Enjoy Feed About 100 firemen, regulars and auxiliary, gathered Monday at the fire station for their annual Christmas "feed," according to Lester Frers.

Smoked turkey and all the trimmings were served and thoroughly enjoyed, Frers said.

Chief William Weinecke was chairman in charge assisted by a number of the firemen.

Binz Birds Go Fast

Parakeets will be Christmas gifts for a great many Cuero families, according to Milton Binz, who says an ad he placed in Monday's Record is really bringing results. Binz and his mother Mrs. Erwin Binz list birds at a special reduced price for Christmas delivery.

Schools Close For Yule

Cuero schools, public and parochial, will be dismissed Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, with classes to be resumed January 2, according to those in charge.

Various programs at the schools will be held Wednesday afternoon prior to dismissal.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday Lions Club—12 noon. National Guard—7:30 p. m. Church programs at the First Baptist, Presbyterian, Calvary, and Assembly of God churches—7:30 p. m. Music Lovers—4:45 p. m. to 5:15 p. m. over Station KCFH. Assembly at HI School—1:30 p. m.

Don Pelon Says . . .

"Everywhere else," reports Julia Luddeke, "kids bring the apples. In Las Vegas they bring lemons, cherries and oranges."

3 Shopping Days in Christmas

TOY BUYING

GET toys youngsters will enjoy with their parents. There's a closer companionship when the entire family can enjoy, say, electric trains.

Shop early!