

EXPECT COKE STEVENSON TO RUN FOR SENATE

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Times Herald said yesterday "Dallas sources revealed" that former Gov. Coke Stevenson will formally launch a campaign for the U. S. Senate in a New Year's Day broadcast over two Texas networks.

The story said time for a 15-minute broadcast at 11:45 a. m. has been reserved for "friends" and "no one" denied that Stevenson would use the time to announce his candidacy.

BAPTISTS GET MILLION IN OIL PROPERTIES

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A gift of more than \$1,000,000 in oil properties for Baptist education and mission work by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wasson of Big Spring, pioneer west Texas couple, was disclosed today by the Baptist General Convention.

RAILROAD SHOPS BURN IN HOUSTON BLAZE

HOUSTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A quickly spreading fire caused damages estimated at between \$185,000 and \$200,000 to the Houston Avenue shops of the Southern Pacific Lines yesterday.

DEMILLE LOSES FIGHT AGAINST AFL UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Cecil B. DeMille yesterday lost his legal fight in the California Supreme Court to enjoin the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) from suspending him as a member because he refused to pay a \$1 assessment to campaign against the 1944 "Right of Employment" act.

SENATE COMMITTEE OKES ANTI-INFLATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Senate Banking Committee yesterday approved a three-point Republican anti-inflation bill. The action kept the way open at least in the Senate for further consideration of measures to check the rising cost of living.

Any action in the House appeared a slim possibility after yesterday's vote turning down the GOP's bill.

GRAIN MARKETS FACE NEW INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The House Republican Steering Committee decided yesterday to set up a special seven-man House committee to investigate "speculation on the commodity markets."

MUCH AUSTRALIAN WHEAT RUINED BY RAIN RUST

SYDNEY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Department of agriculture experts estimate that 20,000,000 bushels of the New South Wales wheat crop have been destroyed by rain and rust.

ATOMIC BYPRODUCTS MAY HELP FARM PRODUCTION

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chairman David Lilienthal of the Atomic Energy Commission said yesterday scientists using byproducts from the Oak Ridge Plant are moving rapidly to "unlock new knowledge of plant growth" and thus "magnify" farm production.

FIND WOMAN ALIVE IN WRECKED BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Firemen tunneling through tons of debris early today rescued a woman from the interior of a building whose collapse killed at least one person and injured 11 others.

Dr. William Clardy, fire department surgeon, said "I wouldn't be surprised if there are five or six more in there."

BRITISH TO RECONSIDER FOREIGN POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A highly placed government source said today the British cabinet probably will "reconsider the whole structure of its foreign policy" tomorrow as a result of the Big Four foreign ministers' failure to reach any agreement on the future of Germany.

DALLAS NEWS ASKS FOR TELEVISION PERMIT

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The A. H. Belo Corporation has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a television station permit for the Dallas News and radio station WFAA with 30,000 watt power. Martin B. Campbell, managing director of WFAA, has announced.

L. F. Merrigan, Dallas contractor and real estate operator, has also filed application for a television permit.

HILLSBORO HIGHWAY CALLED "UNFIT"

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The dangerous condition of U. S. Highway 81 between Itasca and Hillsboro makes it "unfit for use by present-day traffic," County Judge Max Triplett of Hillsboro, Hill County, told the State Highway Commission yesterday.

(The highway is part of the Aggieiland-Port Worth route.)

FEAR SOUTHWESTERN STUDENT DROWNED

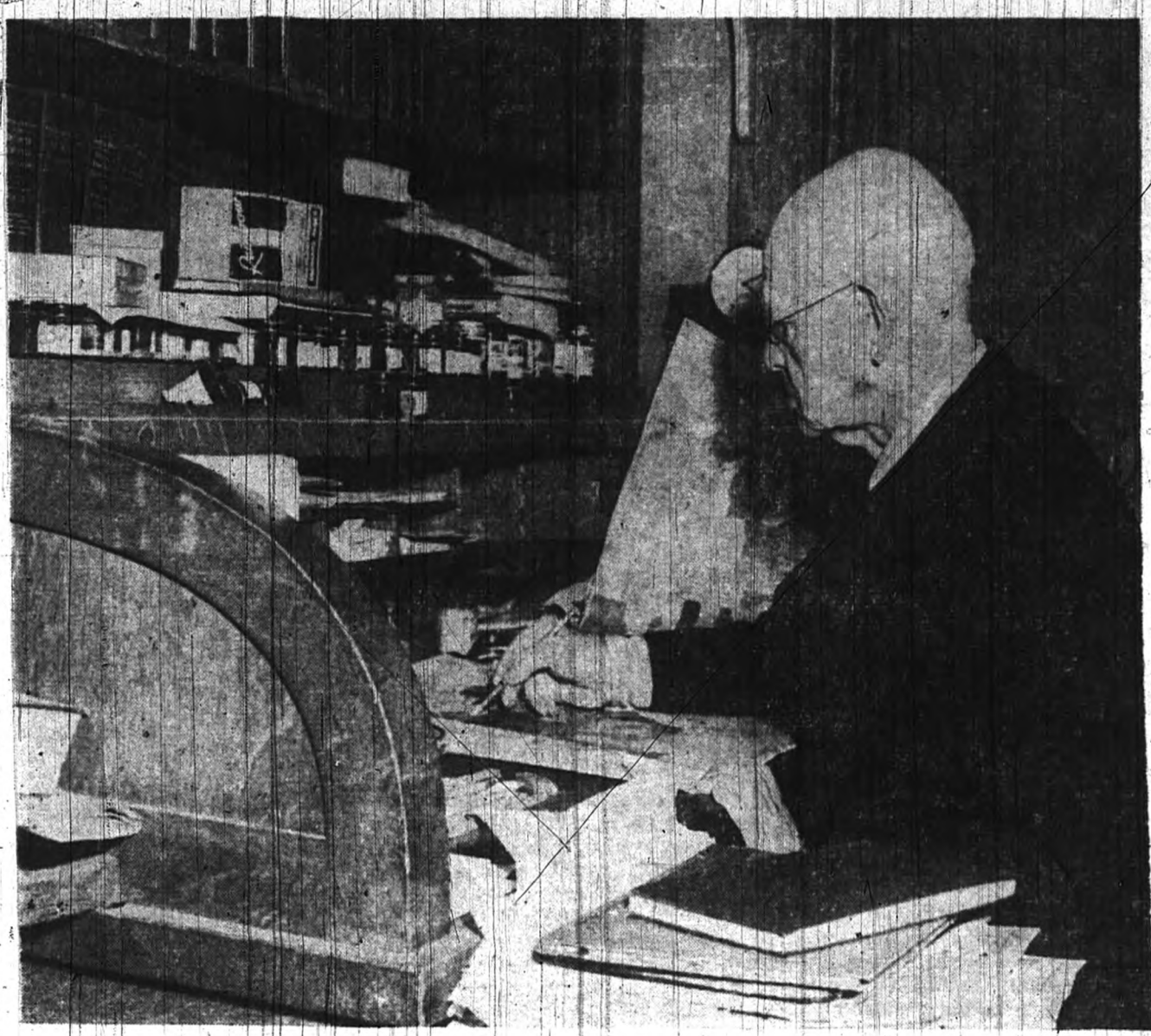
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Efforts continued today to locate Patrick D. Miller of Taylor, missing and believed drowned after the boat in which he was riding overturned last night on Lake Travis.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Rogers identified the missing youth as Miller, a Southwestern University student.

WEATHER—WARMER

East Texas fair this afternoon, tonight and Thursday except a few widely scattered showers in extreme south portion. Slightly warmer today and tonight. Warmer Thursday.

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DR. S. E. ASBURY

Makers of Texas History are Real People . . .

Almonte's Diary of Alamo Varies From Present Texts

By LOUIS MORGAN
"Call it chance, heredity, environment or pure volition, history has become this amateur's house of life. That is, not merely literal history, documented and verified, but mainly real history the imaginative reconstruction of the past or forecasting the future through a single fine art, or better, the ensemble use of many fine arts."
This is the explanation Dr. Samuel E. Asbury gives of his hobby in the October, 1924, issue of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. He works neither for profit nor publicity, but because to him the makers of Texas history are real people whose distinct traits of personality vitally affected the history of their time. The discovery of these traits, which seldom appear in history books, though a diligent analysis of the works they left behind has been Dr. Asbury's consuming passion.

"Mug-books" Are Useful
His self-styled "quixotic assaults upon the mysterious windmills of Texas history" have led him to all parts of the country in quest of information. Old newspaper files, land grants, wills, and even "mug-books" have helped him to solve seemingly hopeless problems. The work of some enterprising publisher of an earlier day, "mug-books" served as media through which a person could satisfy his craving for immortality. A fee of \$25 to \$50 entitled him to a short biographical note and perhaps a picture in the book. In the hands of a historian such as Dr. Asbury these books become a storehouse of information.

Almonte's Diary
Searching for the reason behind the gallant though hopeless defense of the Alamo, Dr. Asbury came upon Juan Nepomuceno Almonte's diary. Found on the San Jacinto battleground and printed in the New York Herald in 1836, this Mexican's eye view of the fight for the Alamo was forgotten until Dr. Asbury rediscovered it.

Almonte was Santa Anna's aide who advised the invasion of Texas and his account of the battle differs considerably from the commonly accepted text-book version. Printed in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly in July, 1944, the diary later appeared in pamphlet form.

A fellow in the Texas State Historical Association, Dr. Asbury has written many articles for the Association's official publication. Particularly noteworthy has been his work "Jonas Harrison, Legendary

and Historical" published in January, 1942.

A wide acquaintance among eminent historians has aided Dr. Asbury in his work. He gets the inspiration to investigate a person from a chance bit of information picked up in casual conversation with other historians or from reading something written by the person. Through old letters he became interested in Ann Rainey and Harriet Ames, pioneer women of the Texas frontier. He plans to write an article on each of these women after he has investigated them thoroughly.

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Stay-at-Homes Can Eat, Sleep, Read, and See Movies in Bryan

'An Interlude of Gladness' . . .

Poor Santa Claus May Have To Take Psychology Course

By HAL BOYLE
Well, it looks like they may psychoanalyze Santa Claus. Because some child psychology experts say: picking Christmas gifts for children is fraught with dangerous possibilities. They warn that the wrong gift may derange a child's personality, frustrate him in a way to change his whole life, or even give him a "psychosis," which is a four-bit scare word meaning he may catch a mental cancer.

Tuberculosis Team Here Jan. 6-14 To Survey Residents

The tuberculosis survey team will be on the campus January 6 through 14, according to W. L. Penberthy, dean of men. The X-Ray unit will be set up in the YMCA Chapel and will operate every day except Saturday and Sunday from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. On Saturday, January 10, the team will operate from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Former Trade, IE Supervisor Takes Over Duties Here

D. H. Bearden, former supervisor of trade and industrial education for the State Board of Education, has assumed his duties as assistant director of the Industrial Extension Service at A. & M.

Clear Thinking Is Necessary, Davis Tells Kiwanians

"The man who thinks clearly searches for truth, and it is a necessity," Rev. Carlos Davis, told the Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon meeting at Sbsia Hall Tuesday.

Attend Sheep-Goat Raisers' Meeting

J. M. Jones, Stanley Davis and Dr. J. C. Miller of the animal husbandry department attended the 32nd Annual Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Convention held in El Paso December 1-3.

Trans-Pecos Club Tickets on Sale

The Trans-Pecos Club Christmas Dance will be held at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, December 27, in the Officers Club, Pecos Army Air Field.

Adams to Attend Band Conference

Col. E. V. Adams, director of the Aggie Band, will leave by plane tomorrow for Chicago where he will attend a conference of university and college band directors.

Episcopal Carol Service Tonight

A candlelight carol prayer service will be held tonight at 7:30 in Saint Thomas Episcopal Chapel.

The choir will lead a candlelight procession which will be followed by congregational singing of carols. The last part of the service will be a prayer and meditation period with altar candles burning.

Dorm 14 Remains Open For Holidays Starting Saturday

Stay-at-homes will be able to stay in Dorm 14, eat in Sbsia Hall, read in the library, and attend movies in Bryan during the Christmas holidays, according to information received from college officials.

Christmas holidays will officially begin on Saturday, December 20, for students, faculty, and employees of A. & M.

All dormitories except 14 will be closed and locked at 3 p. m. Saturday, December 20, and will remain locked until 1 p. m. Sunday, January 4.

Students other than those living in Dormitory 14 who wish to remain on the campus during the Christmas holidays should contact Dorm 14 students who will not remain here concerning the use of their rooms. Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, announced.

Sbsia Open Noon, Night

Duncan Mess Hall will be closed during the holidays, but Sbsia Mess Hall will remain open with plate service from 12 to 12:30 noon and in the evening from 5 to 5:30. Price per plate will be 50 cents.

Guion Hall to Close

Guion Hall Theatre will be closed over the holidays. The last show will be on Saturday evening, December 20. During the holidays new display frames with neon lights will be installed at the entrance of the theatre. T. G. Puddy, Guion manager, announced. Guion theatre will reopen on January 4, he said.

Back To School January 5

Students and faculty will resume classes January 5 at 8 a. m.; however, other employees will return to their offices on December 29 at 8 a. m. Those employees will be given a one-day holiday on New Year's Day.

Wildlife Leaders Visit Campus To Aid College Unit

Recent visitors on the campus were Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, chief of the Division of Wildlife Research, Fish and Wildlife Service; C. R. Guterth, vice-president of the Wildlife Management Institute, both of Washington, D. C., and Howard D. Dodgen, executive secretary of Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission of Austin.

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Panhandle Club To Hold Yearly Dance Dec. 27 in Borger

The Panhandle A. & M. Club will hold its annual Christmas dance at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, December 27, at the American Legion Hall in Borger, Joe D. Vaughn, president, announced last night.

Students attending should register in the lobby of the Black Hotel in Borger before going to the dance.

Arrangements have been made with the TSCW Panhandle Club for girls to go with those Aggies who do not already have dates.

Persons who do not have places to stay overnight in Borger will be accommodated in private homes. These rooms will also be designated at the registration desk.

There will be no admission charge. However, students planning to attend should contact Vaughn in Room 309, Dorm 9, or Chuck Maisel in Room 409, Dorm 8.

Vaughn stated that freshmen at Little Aggieiland are invited to the Christmas dance. They should contact either Maisel or Vaughn for full particulars before leaving for the holidays.

Alexander Speaks Here This Morning

Dr. W. H. Alexander, principal speaker for the 1947 Religious Emphasis Week, addressed a group of students and faculty members this morning at 11.

Dr. Alexander, minister from Oklahoma City, flew from Dallas earlier this morning to make today's three-hour visit to the campus.

After dinner today he met with a group of students in an informal open forum of questions and answers.

Formerly an amateur boxing champion, Dr. Alexander was returned to the campus last year for the Aggie Muster after having spoken here for Religious Emphasis Week.

He planned to return to Dallas around 2 this afternoon immediately after the forum.

IRC to Discuss France Thursday

"The Political Future of France" will be the topic discussed by the International Relations Club Thursday, 7 p. m. in Room 205 of the Academic Building, according to Ferris Block, chairman.

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REDS LEAVE BULGARIA, RUSS RADIO SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Moscow radio broadcast yesterday a Tass dispatch from Sofia reported that the last Russian occupation forces departed from Bulgaria Monday in compliance with the terms of the Bulgarian peace treaty.

All-Conference Fullback . . .

Athletically-Inclined Pastor Played Against A&M in 1925

By KENNETH BOND
"I think you must know how to live, in addition to knowing how to make a living," explains Orin G. Helvey, Vicar of the St. Thomas Chapel.

Rev. Helvey was born in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, in 1903. He attended the Castle Heights Military Academy and Tech High School in Atlanta, Ga., before entering Central High at Houston. He played tackle for four years on the Central football team and lettered three years in basketball. In the Interscholastic meet at A&M in 1922, he won the discus, shot putt, and javelin throw, and Clyde Brown, coach at Rice, played second in the half mile race. Through their efforts, Central High took first honors. He graduated from high school in February, 1923.

While attending the University of the South in Sewanee, he played tackle and fullback on the football team for four years and was all-conference fullback one year. During that time, his team played Texas A&M at the Dallas Fair with A&M winning two games and tying one. Rev. Helvey played basketball and lettered four years on the track team. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1927.

He entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, and received a Bachelor of Divinity in 1931.

His first assignment was Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Houston. After two and one half years he was transferred to Christ Church at Nacogdoches, where he served as Rector for nine years.



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Vicar, St. Thomas Chapel