



11 Perish In Plane's Plunge

Stock Market Takes Sharp Dip

Mishap 'Copy' Of Yule Crash

Despondent Youth Takes Life Near Girl's Grave

Melrose Park, where young Potter had visited often since Kathy died Dec. 5. Police said she died of carbon monoxide poisoning after Potter's car became stuck in a partially enclosed construction site where the couple apparently had driven by mistake.

Dow Jones Average Off 15.23

Observers Blame Selloffs, Fears By JACK LEFLER NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market Monday fell into its steepest decline in a year and a half as measured by the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial issues.



WAR TOOLS — THEN AND NOW — Air Force Major Forrest Fenn and his wife, Jean, examine a pair of weapons centuries apart in history, but both designed for death.

Propjet Cartwheels Onto Golf Course During Light Snowfall

BRADFORD, Pa. — An Allegheny Airlines propjet crashed while trying to land in a light snow Monday night, killing at least 11 people. There were 17 survivors, one of whom was in serious condition.

The crash occurred in almost precisely the same manner as that of a sister plane here two weeks ago. Twenty persons died and 27 survived in that mishap.

Same Investigating Team Reactivated The National Transportation Safety Board, citing the "amazing similarity" of the two accidents, reactivated the same 10-man investigating team that was looking into the first crash.

Site Okayed For Postal Substation

THE SITE for the fourth postal substation for Lubbock and the purchase price have been approved by the Post Office Department in Washington, according to information received Monday from U.S. Rep. George Mahon.

The substation, which was approved by Postmaster General Marvin Watson in August 1968, will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Frankfort Avenue and Elkhardt.

Part Of LCC Campus Vernon E. Bell, real estate officer with the regional office of the postal department in Dallas, said the land is part of the Lubbock Christian College campus.

It is on the southwest portion of the campus. Bell said the regional office had been looking for a site in that area since about October, and during November met with college officials to see if they could agree to sell the land.

He said they were "glad to let us have some space there." The college was then asked to submit an offer so it could be forwarded to the Post Office Department for approval.

"Good Price" Cited Bell said the price the officials submitted, about 25 cents per square foot, or \$10,000 for the 40,000 square foot tract, is a good price for commercially zoned land in Lubbock.

A topographical survey of the land will have to be made, Bell said, and sent to Dallas so the regional office can draw up plans for the new facility. Bell expects to have the plans in Lubbock and ready for contractors to bid on in about four months.

No estimate on the cost of the substation can be made until the plans are in Lubbock, Bell said. The new substation makes the second new postal facility Lubbock has received in less than two years.

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STATE SCHOOL PROBE

Guards Vindicated By Boys' Lie Tests

AUSTIN — A legislative investigation of alleged brutality at the Gatesville State School appeared to be over Monday after polygraph tests cast doubt on the stories of five delinquent boys who said they had been beaten by guards.

In statements given to the Department of Public Safety in Waco Sunday, three of the boys admitted they had been beaten by guards who were attempting to disarm them during an escape attempt. Guards produced five homemade knives they said they took from the boys.

In separate statements, each of the three boys said if a single guard apprehended them, they planned to kill him. They were caught Jan. 2 by several guards after they spent more than a day hiding in a plumbing room at the school.

Panel's Work Over House Speaker Ben Barnes, who receives copies of the DPS reports, said the other two boys given lie detector tests admitted they got their bruises in a fight.

State Rep. Vernon Stewart, whose committee launched the investigation Friday, said "there is nothing more that our committee is able to do concerning these particular boys."

However, State Rep. Curtis Graves of Houston, vice chairman of the committee, said he is still convinced there is brutality at the school. "I don't trust the methods of the DPS," Graves said. "I think the boys were put under duress before their statements were taken."

Plans Own Probe "I'm going to pursue the thing until I receive some true answers," Graves said. "If possible I'll do it through the committee. If not, I'll do it on my own. Gatesville has not seen the last of Curtis Graves."

Barnes, who went to Gatesville early Sunday to personally investigate the allegations, said "any further investigations of brutality at Gatesville will be made by the Department of Public Safety and the FBI," not Stewart's committee.

"I don't think there's anything to be gained by Stewart and his committee going back to Gatesville and taking statements from boys," Barnes said. "Any boys who have any charges to see SCHOOL PROBE Page 6

VIETNAM TALE

Major Tells Of Being Down, Out

By MEL TITTLE Avalanche-Journal Staff NIGHT had fallen in Southeast Asia as Mrs. Peggy Fenn sat in her Lubbock home Dec. 20 and read the message forwarded to her from Brig. Gen. Robert W. Maloy at Randolph Air Force Base.

The message began: "It is with deep personal concern that I inform you that your husband is missing in action in Southeast Asia..."

At the same time Maj. Forrest Fenn, who eight hours earlier had been on his final mission before returning to Lubbock, huddled in a dense jungle beneath a high bluff awaiting help he felt would certainly come with daylight.

13 Tense Hours Help came to the 38-year-old Air Force pilot after 15 tense hours of waiting. He is now at home at 5407 15th St. on a 30-day leave awaiting reassignment to Reese Air Force Base as a T-38 instructor.

The mission was Fenn's 20th and was to have been his last during a year-long tour of duty. He planned to get a couple of days' rest and then join his family in See 'MISSING' Page 6

ELECTOR REVOLT UPHELD

Nixon's Pay Raise Okayed By House

WASHINGTON—Congress formally certified the electoral victory of Richard M. Nixon Monday but upheld the right of Electoral College members to ignore majority will and cast their ballots as they see fit.

Then the House voted to double the new president's pay, making it \$200,000 a year. The chief objector, Rep. H. H. Gross (R-Iowa), failed to force a roll call vote and the bill passed by voice vote with only a few audible dissents. It went to the Senate for action.

After an afternoon's debate over the right of a maverick elector from North Carolina to ignore the majority of his state's voters and cast his ballot for George C. Wallace, the election of Nixon as president and Spiro T. Agnew as vice president was formally proclaimed.

Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.), the presiding officer, said at 4:09 p.m. (CST) that in accordance with the Constitution his announcement of the 301 election votes for Nixon-Agnew "shall be deemed sufficient declaration" that the Republican ticket was elected. Only 270 electoral votes were needed.

Members greeted his announcement with a standing ovation. Nixon would have received 302 electoral votes had elector Dr. Lloyd W. Bailey of Rocky Mount, N.C., not decided that his conscience compelled him to cast his ballot for Wallace, even though a majority of North Carolina voters went for Nixon.

By a 58-33 vote in the Senate. See PAY RAISE Page 6

19TH AND J)&?!* Birds Flock Here

THEY'RE here again, and in the absence of a statue of Dogpatch's beloved Gen. Jubilation T. Cornpone, flocks of migrating starlings are making life miserable for Hub city residents in the area around 19th St. and Ave. J.

The pesky birds come through Lubbock in droves early each winter, generally taking a couple of weeks to pass through the city.

But this year, the rest and recreation period is being extended for some reason.

"They have been roosting in the trees around here, says Mrs. Eunice Jones of 1814 Ave. J., and they are really making a mess.

"There are hundreds of them in the trees all the time and I won't miss them at all when they finally move on."

Other residents of the area of several square blocks which the starlings seem to have adopted as home away from home for the season also complain that the migration is taking longer this year than in years past and agree with Mrs. Jones that the birds can move along anytime now, thank you, without being missed.

Train Hits Grain Cars Near Tulia

TULIA (Special) — Three wandering grain cars, that tumbled onto the Santa Fe Railway main line Monday, were struck by a Slaton-to-Amarillo freight train about 8:15 p.m., derailing two of the grain cars and four of the train's five diesel power units.

Swisher County Sheriff Darrell Smith said three grain cars must have rolled onto the main line from a siding. The wreck occurred about one-fourth mile south of the Tulia city limits.

MORE WAVES FORECAST

Flu Epidemic Subsides In City, South Plains

THE ONCE-blossoming flu epidemic in Lubbock apparently has subsided as extensive as the first — in February and a third in March. The physician said in the second and third waves patients would be more ill than in the first, but not nearly so many would be involved.

Lubbock Public Schools reported See EPIDEMIC Page 6

The WEATHER

Weather Map Page 8-A Lubbock and Vicinity: Partly cloudy through tonight. High to cloudy in the mid 60s and the low tonight in the low 30s. South to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph per hour during the day.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon, Maximum 65, Minimum 31, Maximum a year ago today 56, Minimum a year ago today 56, See sets today 7:55 a.m., See sets today 8:00 p.m.

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TALLY FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY UP 8 PER CENT

Record Deposits Shown By State Banks

(By The Associated Press) TEXAS bank deposits were at record-breaking levels as 1968 ended. Dallas maintained its position as the banking capital of the state.

The reports on deposits at the close of business Dec. 31 were made Monday after the comptroller of the currency issued a call.

Dallas and Houston have been in a close race for the top banking spot in the state during the past year after Dallas held the place for many years.

The figures in Dallas topped \$5 billion with three suburban banks unreported, at \$3,204,007,070. This was a new record, eclipsing the \$4,528,483,877 set in December of 1967.

Houston's 87 banks with a record \$5,01,685,735 deposits topped the \$5 billion mark for the first time. Last year's total was \$4,465,416,510. Included in this year's total was one Houston bank (First City National) which had over \$1-billion on deposit.

Lubbock bank deposits hit a peak \$388,630,274.76, an increase of more than 8 per cent over the then-record \$359,745,173.42 tabulated a year ago.

Tarrant County's (Fort Worth) 32 banks show total deposits of \$1,546,326,214, compared with \$1,418,460,793 the previous year. This was

an all-time record. Bankers found Fort Worth business in good shape, and forecast a continued favorable climate through the first quarter. Some, however, felt the economic growth of the county would level off and one said it will turn "soft" in the second quarter. The agriculture areas of West Texas are reasonably good, a Fort Worth banker said.

Bankers over the state cited expanded industrial payrolls, a good crop year and favorable cattle conditions among the reasons for statewide increases in deposits.

One banker said "The excellent Christmas business with increased activity in petroleum and sulphur in-

dustries" brought the rise in savings along the Coastal Plains.

Corpus Christi showed an all-time record of \$342,945,075 for 13 banks including nearby Portland. This was \$25.8 million better than for the same period last year.

Wichita County (Wichita Falls) had a record high of \$314,175,783. This was \$25,168,571 higher than the period ending in December of 1967.

In Waco, deposits were up \$20 million from the end of 1967, \$261,785,500 compared with \$245,300,000. Also showing an all-time increase was Amarillo with total deposits of \$319,272,713, up \$29,000,000 over com-

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