

People of Dallas Think 1949 Treated Them Pretty Well

By WES SHERMAN

Dallas, Dec. 24—The Old Man with the Scythe, Mr. 1949, will leave this city with the blessings of its good people.

Although quiet and modest, Mr. 1949 brought some real accomplishments here, and the city has profited by his 365-day visit.

One thing that local residents appreciated about the greying old fellow was that he brought little in the way of violence and disaster. Auto accidents were at a minimum, industrial deaths were few, fire losses were light, and thus little in the way of catastrophe marked the domestic scene.

True, there was the flash one-day flood of February 10 with heavy property damage, especially to bridges and county roads, and there were the forest fires of late summer in cutover logging areas to keep emergency crews humping. But they took no lives, nor did they bring serious bodily harm to anyone.

Municipal improvements were notable. The new \$175,000 water reservoir may be a step towards opening new vistas in both an industrial and residential way. Shortage of water has been an acute problem, but capacity will be four times that of previous years with the new 3 million gallon tank.

The Dallas volunteer fire department, after approval of a bond issue by the people, added a large new pumper truck to its equipment and the unit remains one of the best equipped volunteer departments in the state. At the same time, addition of this equipment made it possible to retain a low class 5 fire insurance rating. Fire losses were very low during 1949.

A new ambulance, modern and functional in design, arrived in mid-December to take the place of the old vehicle. Purchased at a cost of \$3800, the new ambulance will undoubtedly be instrumental in saving many lives in emergencies.

Three large new power substations being added to the system of the Mountain States Power company will prevent future electrical breakdowns, add capacity for domestic and commercial use, and maintain a more constant flow of energy. R. G. McFarland, manager, says that one substation is already completed and two more are under construction.

Population of Dallas is estimated at over 6,000 on the basis of water services. The number of services is 1502, and using the national average of four persons to a service, E. L. McCleary, manager of the water commission, estimates the 6,000 persons

in the city. This may be proved by the coming census.

Carl Black, Dallas postmaster, reported the post office's attainment of a first class rating, having exceeded \$40,000 in stamp sales the previous year.

Schools felt the pinch of an increasing population. Crowded conditions in the elementary school were responsible for the passing of a \$250,000 bond issue for the erection of a new eight-unit school, which is now well on its way in construction.

Incidentally, both the water reservoir and school bond issues were beset with difficulties when the first elections on each were invalidated by technicalities. In each case, however, they passed with wider margins upon the second elections.

Industries ran steadily throughout the year, but for seasonal shutdowns in logging—an annual necessity due to inclement weather. Grain growers had a bumper year, and the Polk County Farmers Warehouse business exceeded \$1 million. Fruit growers were not so fortunate because the price was too low for their products and barely paid for the picking, especially in prunes. Agriculture retained its place as the No. 1 industry supporting this community with logging and lumbering in second place.

Children enjoyed promotional programs of the Dallas merchants—the first annual Easter egg hunt, the continuing Christmas program of the holiday season with Santa Claus as the big attraction, a free back-to-school show, and other events.

Four-H achievement day under the sponsorship of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce found 500 enlightened young agriculturists participating, promising a bright future for farming in this area. Plans are underway to enlarge the scope of next year's achievement program.

The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church led the way in building construction with its large new edifice. Its auditorium is the largest in Dallas and one of the biggest in Polk county. The Mennonite Brethren church carried on an extensive remodeling and addition program which resulted in a virtually new church. In this building the church was host to the Pacific

district conference of the denomination this fall. Now in progress is a sizeable addition to the Seventh Day Adventist church.

The First Methodist church started on its second century after later observing a Centennial in late October and early November, and the First Presbyterian church observed its 60th anniversary a few weeks later.

Commercial building was slow, but several smaller business structures were erected. The year 1949 saw a continuation of residential construction that has been so marked since the war in the new additions of the city. The Dallas-Salem highway area, especially, shows many fine new homes.

Property taxes went up for the tax year of 1949-50, but the increase was relatively light for the number of improvements. City levy in Dallas remained within the 6 per cent limitation with the levy at 21.6 mills. Overall levy, including school, county, state and city is 94.5. This compares with the 78 mills of the previous year.

Old 1949 will make his departure leaving some problems behind him. Causing wrinkles in the forehead of city dads is the problem of the sewage disposal plant. A bond levy of \$108,000 was approved by the people for its construction several years ago, but shortage of materials and labor at that time made construction impossible. Now the amount is insufficient to do the job, and at the same time the state sanitary authority is bringing pressure for a new plant to help clean up the Willamette river. It seems that a supplementary bond issue, or a new issue, will be necessary.

Construction of the new Lyle school across LaCreole creek brings a traffic problem—how can pupils walk to school across

WORLD LOVES SENTIMENT

John Wayne Gets Top Rating In Films for Christmas Gift

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Dec. 24—John Wayne isn't looking for Santa Claus tonight; he already has his Christmas gift.

"Being nominated as number two on the box office list is the best Christmas present I could get," said the rangy star.

Wayne is philosophical about his success and attributes it to the fact that his films show

"honest emotion." "The reason some pictures are so bad," he declared, "is that the director or writer or actor is afraid to show sentiment. They'll twist the plot

around to avoid it. And they are wrong. The world loves sentiment."

"All my successful pictures were his because they were frankly sentimental. The women in the audience cried, and they loved it."

"There will be sentiment in my present picture, 'Jet Pilot,' too. I'll play some scenes with a baby. People will be curious to see how a big bruiser handles a baby."

Acting, he continued, doesn't require any formal lessons. (Wayne received his dramatic training on the USC football team.)

"Of course, an actor has to acquire poise—either through dramatic schooling or by working in quickies. But lessons don't

make an actor.

"I've learned that what's being said in a scene isn't so important. It's the reaction to what's being said. The more natural the reaction the better the actor. That's why kids are so good on the screen—their reactions are completely natural."

Without appearing so, Wayne is one of the smartest actors in the business. He is aware of his limitations and will not undertake anything that is over his depth. He is also not afraid of work.

"I have four pictures already lined up for next year, which means I'm not going to have any time off. But," he added hastily, "I'm not complaining."

Reflecting on his 20-year career in films, Wayne recalled that he was the screen's first singing cowboy.

"I played a character who always sang when he got mad," he recalled. "Soon they had me getting mad three times in every picture. That was too much. I'm not a singer, so I bowed out."

A lad named Gene Autry inherited the job.

In the early centuries of the Christian era it was estimated that the Spanish peninsula had a population of about 40,000,000



'Good to Be Back'—Elden Erickson, 30 (left) of Concordia, Kans., and Jack Feigl, 28, of Pine Island, Minn., two members of Consul General Angus Ward's "Mukden House arrest party," are pictured following their arrival in Los Angeles. Sharing the ordeals of Ward and 17 other members on his staff, held by Manchurian Reds for more than a year in Mukden, the two men said "our treatment was anything but pleasant." (AP Wirephoto)

Have That 'Tired Feeling'? It's Major Affliction in U. S.

Chicago, Dec. 24—That "tired feeling" is a major American affliction.

Dr. Dwight L. Wilbur of Stanford university put it this way today:

A tired feeling or nervousness are the most common symptoms of emotional or neurotic disturbances. And from one third to two thirds of all patients seen by doctors suffer from such disturbances.

The tired feeling falls under such medical names as chronic nervous exhaustion, psychoneurosis, benign nervousness, functional disorder, anxiety state, neurasthenia or constitutional inadequacy.

The usual causes of emotional or neurotic disturbances, Dr. Wilbur said, are emotional problems, life situations, overwork with inadequate rest and relaxation and inadequate recovery emotionally from an infection.

He added in an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association:

"Acute fatigue or nervousness can be induced in any normal person by lack of sleep and sufficient threat to security; recovery generally is rapid with sleep or removal of the threat. When these symptoms are chronic the period of recovery will be longer even after the cause is removed.

"Improving or relieving the patient's symptoms is an individual problem in each case. It cannot be accomplished until the patient understands the nature of his symptoms and accepts it reasonably well.

"If the cause of the symptoms is merely the stress of anxiety over a nonexistent organic disease or result of overwork, relief usually can be obtained rapidly by simple reassurance or by adequate rest or a vacation.

"If, however, the distress is from a more complicated and less easily solved external cause, or if it deeply involves one of the major emotions, more detailed treatment and psychotherapy will be necessary."

The injured were her husband, Adam Heistad, 48, the driver of the car, and a nephew, Harold Everdeen, 19, Myrtle Point, Ore.

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