



SPECTACULAR PRE-GAME CEREMONY—More than 12,000 Potato Bowl spectators witnessed one of the most entertaining pre-game shows in bowl history here Saturday night. As 12 bands decorated the gridiron for the mass playing of the national anthem, thousands of colored balloons were

loosed, searchlights played and the "bombs were bursting in air." (Below) Monte Blue, former star of the silent screen (left), looks on as Ernest Hunter, president of Kern County Shrine Club, delivers a welcoming message to the record-breaking throng which saw a rugged Pasadena Junior Col-

lege football team overcome a fighting crew from West Contra Costa Junior College, 28 to 13, in a bitter battle on a crisp, clear night. It was the sixth annual Spud Bowl game and—all agreed—the best in the series. Half-time ceremonies were the most colorful in the history of the event.

Crash Kills State Aide

Fruit Inspector Dies When Auto Runs Off Road Near Tehachapi

A 23-year-old California Department of Agriculture fruit inspector was killed last evening when his 1953-model coupe ran off Highway 466, four miles west of Tehachapi, the California Highway Patrol reported today.

The victim was William R. McQuilliams of Burbank, whose parents live in the Bakersfield area. The 6:45 p.m. fatality is still under investigation by Patrolman Russell C. Troxler of the Mojave substation.

McQuilliams had visited his parents, W. Earl McQuilliams, of 110 W. Moneta St., North-of-the-River, and Mrs. W. T. Elliott of 325 California Ave., over the week end. He was returning to Burbank by way of Mojave when death struck. The fatality brings Kern County's traffic death toll to 165 for 1953.

Funeral Pending

The body of the victim was taken to the O'Donnell Funeral Home in Mojave and later transferred to Payne and Son Funeral Home in Bakersfield. Funeral services have not yet been set. The fruit inspector is survived by his parents and three sisters. Other relatives include three uncles, Floyd, Alvin and Jack.

Major Injuries

Another Sunday accident that resulted in major injuries to two county visitors was reported to the California Highway Patrol at 2:30 a.m. Taken to Kern General Hospital by Gorman Ambulance as a result of the Ridge Route collision between an auto and a tractor-trailer were A. W. Gage, 24, of Bell Gardens, and Wilford P. Newman, 44, of Gardena.

Newman was driving the south-bound auto when it rammed the rear of the heavy truck operated by Henry Specht, 33, of Fresno. Patrolmen D. Bianchi and G. Engholm are investigating.

Lost Control

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Sebert Wallace Simmons, 51-year-old Boron motorist, lost control of his west-bound vehicle on Highway 466, two miles east of Keene, Patrolman Ken DeLaMar reported. Simmons was taken to Tehachapi Hospital with major injuries.

O'Donnell Ambulance also took Simmons' wife, Cordie, 53, and Charlene Taylor, 17, also of Boron, to the Tehachapi Hospital. Mrs. Simmons suffered major injuries, Miss Taylor is listed as having minor hurts.

Gordon Yack, Lebec bartender, escaped with facial lacerations when he lost control of his eastbound car on the Frazier Park Road at 4 a.m. Saturday. The car ran into a sand hopper and turned over, being completely wrecked, said one witness.

Culver City Man Accident Victim

FRAZIER PARK—Charles M. Andrews, 23, 6107 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, accidentally shot himself in the leg with a .22 pistol Saturday morning. This took place in the mountains between Gorman and Lebec.

He told Dr. L. J. Price, physician who attended him at Frazier Park, that the pistol went off when he put it in his holster. The bullet lodged near the bone below the right knee. Andrews had been hunting rabbits with a group of men.

Conflicting Claims of 2 to Be Heard

Attorneys this morning began selection of a jury which will hear conflicting claims of two persons involved in a two-car collision June 30, 1952, at the intersection of Ash and Houghton Roads.

Plaintiff Geneva Norling, represented by Attys. Baker, Palmer and Wall, seeks damages of \$20,000 from defendant William Frank Martin. Martin, she alleges, drove in a careless and negligent manner and caused the accident.

Mrs. Norling states she suffered a brain concussion, skull fracture, injuries to her shoulder and knee, and a fractured ankle bone.

Mrs. Norling's attorneys allege these injuries caused her great pain and suffering and caused permanent disfigurement.

Martin, however, denies responsibility for the crash and alleges the plaintiff caused the accident by driving carelessly, negligently and recklessly.

Martin's attorneys, Borton, Petrini, Conron and Brown, have filed a counter-claim which also will be presented to the jury.

In the cross-complaint Martin seeks damages amounting to \$11,500 for injuries, loss of earnings and damage to his automobile.

Included in Martin's claim is \$7,500 for pain and suffering caused by a concussion and injuries to his leg, chest and back; \$1,000 for loss of earnings; and \$2,700 for loss of his automobile, the complaint reveals.

The trial, scheduled to last three days, will be conducted before Superior Judge Gordon Howden.

Milk Quarts to Be Scarce

Kern housewives and shoppers today were warned milk soon may be unavailable in quart size containers.

The warning came from A. C. Robbins, president of the Kern County Dairy Council, who explained a strike by employees of the American Can Co. has cut the supply of quart size containers.

There is no shortage of milk, Robbins emphasized, but unless the strike is settled soon shoppers will have to buy their milk in half-gallon cartons.

To help alleviate the impending shortage Robbins has asked shoppers to buy milk in the two-quart container whenever possible.

The strike of the American Can Co. workers today is in the sixth day.

119 Barrels a Day From Deepest Well

The deepest producing well in the world now is on production in the North Coles Levee field, 18 miles southwest of Bakersfield. Richfield Oil Corp. completed the record-breaking well for production from a total depth of 17,895 feet—773 feet deeper than oil had ever before been found.

Completion of the deep well gave Kern County its second important oil record in four months, strengthening this county's claim to fame as the nation's top oil-producing county.

Last August, the Ohio Oil Co. broke the world's deep-drilling record at a test well in the Paloma field, about 10 miles south-east of the Richfield well. Ohio drilled to 21,482 feet before being halted by a fishing job.

Deepest Producer

Richfield Oil Corp. completed the world's deepest producer, Coles Levee A No. 67-29, flowing at a rate of 119 barrels a day net of 43.2-gravity oil, cutting 66 per cent oil base mud, and 1,785,000 cubic feet of gas. Flow was through an 18 5/8 inch bean with tubing pressure going as high as 2,800 pounds.

Preparatory to completing the 17,895-foot well, Richfield cemented seven-inch casing at 17,500 feet and ran 475 feet of five-inch liner, including 335 feet of 180 mesh. Liner was hung three feet off bottom.

Shortly after completion, the well began to clean up, and, at last reports, output was said to be fairly clean. Net production, however, did not show any noticeable increase beyond the initial figure of 119 barrels a day.

North Coles Levee

Completion of the well proved up a new producing horizon in the North Coles Levee field, which was originally discovered in 1938 by the same operator.

Production in the field previously was confined to sands of Upper Miocene age, with various sand bodies being found productive in the Stevens zone.

Richfield reportedly drilled the deep well in compliance with a commitment made in the original Coles Levee lease with Kern County Land Co., owner of the land on which the deep well was completed.

Before completion of the deep well, the field had something like 138 producing wells and a daily production of about 14,800 barrels of high gravity oil. Pay sands had been developed in the overall interval of 8,700-10,000 feet.

Depth Records

Richfield's well is the latest in a long series which have brought Kern County the world's record for deepest oil production.

In the 1930s Union Oil Co. of California opened up the Rio Bravo field with an 11,302-foot well which at that time was the deepest producer ever completed.

About four years ago Standard Oil Co. of California broke the existing record by completing a 15,866-foot well on the Mushrush lease near Wasco. More recently

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One Lewd Count Dropped Against West Side Man

Clayton O. Schertz, 50-year-old Taft man who had one lewd and lascivious count dismissed against him in Municipal court last week, will appear in Superior Court for sentencing on a second and similar charge.

Judge J. Kelly Steele dismissed one of the two charges filed against Schertz on motion of his court-appointed attorney, Thomas Underhill. Dep. Dist. Atty. Robert Farrell appeared for the state during the hearing.

L. B. Ray, 26, charged with the Armistice Day stabbing of Isaac Bell Thurston, gained a dismissal when the complaining witness failed to appear at the municipal court hearing.

Jesse James Bigham, 21, had Atty. Vic Parry appointed to his defense on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of four minor children. He was released on bail of \$1,000 until his Dec. 13 preliminary hearing. Velma Vandine Hayes, jointly charged with him for the Dec. 3 offense, was previously released on bail. The couple live in Delano.

Also released on bail was Dean Reed, charged with threatening to kill his wife, Fern Reed, last Oct. 28. Atty. David Goldberg represents Reed, who will remain on \$250 bail until his Dec. 23 preliminary hearing.

Woman Tells Assault Story

A 46-year-old Bakersfield woman told city police officers she was criminally assaulted on the Bakersfield High School campus while searching for an earring lost during Saturday's Potato Bowl game.

The victim reported she returned to the campus yesterday morning to search for the lost jewelry. In broad daylight between 10 and 11:15 o'clock she was forced under threat of bodily harm to submit to an unidentified man, the woman claims.

Scene of the assault was between the tennis courts and the high school library, the city police report shows.



Judge Continues Hearings on Beale Library Sale Plea

Hearings on the future of the Beale Memorial Library have been continued to Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. when Superior Judge Norman F. Main is expected to rule on a request by the City of Bakersfield that it be permitted to sell the downtown site of the Beale library.

At the initial hearing Nov. 24 City Atty. Charles Carlstrom introduced evidence to show the library building at the corner of 17th Street and Chester Avenue was so badly damaged by the earthquakes as to be unsafe.

Further evidence was introduced to show the cost of repairing the building would exceed the cost of a new structure.

The city is seeking permission to sell the property and use the proceeds of the sale to carry out the trust of the late Truxtun Beale who deeded the property to

Dairy Employee Scalded by Steam

Jessie Mize, 31-year-old Peacock Dairy employee, suffered first and second degree burns Saturday while he was steam cleaning at the dairy, Kern General Hospital physicians report. Mize was taken to the county hospital at 5:30 by Ayer Ambulance and transferred to Mercy Hospital after treatment. His condition was listed as "fair."

Sweepstakes Won by Santa's Train

TAFT—Santa Claus' train filled with toys and manned by small helpers won the sweepstake prize for the Taft City Schools in the annual Christmas parade Friday night.

An estimated 10,000 persons lined Center Street for the event that was climaxed by the appearance of Santa Claus riding a dog sled drawn by nine white Samoyed dogs.

The parade, that was divided into nine divisions for judging, carried the theme "What Christmas Means to Me."

Judges were Mrs. Wendell Earley, Mrs. Walter M. Keene and Capt. E. E. Kerr of the Elk Hills Naval Reserve.

The Taft Junior College float took second place in the first division and St. Mary's School, third.

Churches: Foursquare Gospel Church, first; First Baptist Church, second, and Peace Lutheran, third.

Fraternal: Cherokee Council, Degree of Pocahontas, first; Loyal Order of Moose, Taft chapter, second, and Taft Emblem Club, third.

Bands: Standard School, Oil dale, first; Maricopa Unified, second, and Taft Union High School and Junior College, third.

Scouts: Senior Scouts, first; Cub Scout Pack 700, second, and Brownie Troop 44, third.

Majorities: Margaret's Majorettes, Bakersfield, first; Bettie's Baton Belles, second.

Civic: California School Association, first; Ground Observer Corps, second; Civil Air Patrol, third.

Single Riders: Virgil Sanders, first; Jarvis Faughn, second; Robert Peterson, third.

Mounted Groups: Fred Gleason, Joyce Thompkins, Marianne Stevenson and Cecil Rhoten, first; Taft Junior Equestrians, third.

Bank of America Tells Clearings

Bank of America officials announced today the bank clearings in this area for the past month. During that month it amounted to \$49,371,674 as compared to \$46,384,750 for the same period in 1952.

Bank debits for those months in 1953 and 1952 were \$141,830,256 and \$148,126,243 respectively.

Driver Arrested

Frank Leslie Winters, 56, 1110 Alta Vista Dr., was arrested by city police Saturday afternoon and booked on a drunk driving count. Police claim Winters was driving in an erratic manner on Union Avenue from California Avenue to Kentucky Street.

THE LITTLE TREE THAT TALKED



A Christmas Story



By WALT SCOTT

