

Flu Epidemic

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ster believes, health authorities will be better able to cope with it, thanks to an accumulation of scientific data being compiled in the research laboratories of St. Jude and other institutions around the world.

Researchers have conflicting opinions regarding the origin of new influenza strains. Dr. Webster has been investigating the possibility that "Type A" influenza viruses, those which produce epidemics in man, arise by genetic interaction between existing human viruses and influenza viruses of low pathogenicity in birds.

The second theory is that lower animals or birds act as a reservoir for future strains that ultimately infect man. This hypothesis can be further divided into at least two other possibilities: human pandemic strains arise by direct mutation from lower animals or avian reservoirs, or they arise by "genetic interaction" or a combination of existing human viruses and those of lower mammals and birds.

In this view, viruses passed from man to man and back to man again would go through a specific genetic change in the process and emerge as totally "new" strains.

He said that research underway could greatly improve on man's ability to respond more quickly to the threat of new influenza outbreaks.

Last year, Dr. Webster was a member of the first international team of virologists to visit mainland China in more than a decade. Dr. Webster returned with strains of earlier Asian viruses for series of experiments performed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and at the U.S. Government's Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory. Subsequent experiments

have enabled the researchers to trace the lineage of human Hong Kong flu by demonstrating an immunological relationship between known mammalian and avian viruses.

"What all this demonstrates," Dr. Webster said, "is a high frequency of genetic interaction between flu viruses found in man, animals and birds. The discovery makes the virologist's job more difficult, but not impossible.

"The idea now is to give the virologists a head start in preparing preventive vaccines. The reaction time to new strains can be reduced from months to weeks assuming genetic characteristics of the new strain have been identified in nature in advance and virus strains are clearly established in the laboratory," he said.

America's First Carol Written For Indians

As far as it is known, the very first Christmas carol composed in America was written for an Indian tribe by their missionary priest. The priest, Father Jean de Brebeuf, was born in France in 1593 and came to the New World in 1626 to spread the Gospel of Jesus.



Preaching Christianity to the Huron Indians, Father Brebeuf sought to convey the meaning of Christmas to his parishioners by composing a carol that the Indians could sing in their own language. The priest selected a popular 16th century folk song from France, "Une Jeune Pucelle", for his tune and wrote new words for the Indian worshippers.

The French priest had been very impressed by the Hurons and their comprehension of the Nativity. In his writings, he describes how the Hurons had built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches to house the manger of the Christ Child, and how they prepared themselves to receive the Infant Jesus into their hearts on Christmas Day by performing some sort of penance. He wrote, "Even those who were at a distance of more than 2 days' journey met at a given

Ag Exports Create Jobs

Many Americans are painfully employed, thanks to the abundance of agricultural products that are shipped abroad.

"Agricultural exports provided jobs for more than a million people last year," points out a marketing economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The big business of exporting agricultural commodities provided jobs directly or indirectly for an estimated 1.3 million people," notes Dr. Russell McDonald.

Half a million of these jobs were held by farmers—about 14 per cent of all the farmers in the United States.

Jobs in the nonfarm sector that stem from agricultural exports included some 50,000 in food processing, 300,000 in trade and transportation, 100,000 in manufacturing and 200,000 in other services.

"A total of 5 per cent of the U.S. work force was involved in some way in the agricultural export picture in 1974," adds the economist.

Santa's Helpers Sack Bags



Shown above are members of Cub Scout Den No. 2 of Pack No. 78, Eagle Lake, who assisted Santa Claus in sacking 800 bags of candy, fruit, nuts and drinks which were distributed to children of the community during Santa's visit here last Saturday. The busy little helpers, shown left to right, clockwise are: Paul Kuchera, Shelle Chastain, Richard Klekar, Billy Cook, Bonnie Cook, John Harborth, Temple Thomas, Michael Sibley, Patrick Leachover and Frank Adams. Bonnie and Frankie are not members of the den but assisted the Cub Scouts and Mrs. Bob Cook, Jr., and Mrs. John Adams, with the big task.

Christ Is King Of Glory

(By the Rev. Mrs. John R. Davis, Pastor of Assembly of God Church, Eagle Lake)

Imah, I'd "For unto a child is born unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Christmas is not just another holiday—a day of feasting and drinking; a day we get into and give gifts; but, a day we observe as the day of Christ Jesus' birthday, not necessarily on the day he was born. We do not know the day which he was born but observe this day December 25.

But beautiful as the story of the Babe in the manger is, we must realize that Christmas is no longer the babe in the manger—he is the King of Glory while we are looking for his return.

We sing "He holds the whole world in His hand" and wonder to whom we should give our hearts. "He who is in life, there is hope" is the old saying; but we need to know where to put that hope in a time when the world faces decay and death. Into a dying world Christ was born to bring life—the gift of God, but there are two parties to a gift: the one who gives and



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This County's Population Continues Trend Downward

The U.S. Census Bureau reported this week a continuing decline in the population of Colorado County.

The Census Bureau said the county's population declined from the 1970 official census figure of 107,830 to 106,800 at the end of 1973, a drop of about 5 per cent.

The report said only 24 Texas counties experienced a population drop of 5 per cent or more during that period. Of that 24, the Census Bureau said, 22 are heavily involved in agriculture and 19 are economically dependent on mineral recovery operations, especially petroleum.

Most of the 24 counties losing 5 per cent or more of their population in the 3-year period are located in West Texas where petroleum is, indeed, a major economic factor and where agriculture is endangered from drastically lower water tables.

The decline in the county's population came in the face of a 5.3 per cent increase in the state's population and a 3.3 per cent increase in the national population.

Much of the state increase was due to an excess of births over deaths, the Census Bureau said, but at least 1.7 per cent was attributed to net migration into the state.

The Census Bureau also reported that the post-World War II migration from rural areas of the state to the central cities had been clearly reversed with the opening of this decade.

The report said there is a clear tendency of the population to move from the central cities to peripheral areas of the metropolitan centers.

This trend was reported to be strongest in the East Gulf Coast area and the Central and North Texas growth areas.

This trend, particularly if it accelerates as predicted, will create major changes in the county's population.

Locust County, with 17,800, up 0.8 per cent; Fort Bend 64,200, up 2.2 per cent; Lavaca County 18,200, up 1.8 per cent; Washington County 19,100, up 2.6 per cent; Wharton County 36,800, up 0.3 per cent.



At the Eagle Lake Firemen's Christmas Banquet held recently, these three firemen were cited for being the "busiest" in the department for the past eleven months. At the left is Charles Briscoe who attended a total of 44 fire alarms out of a total of fifty-two in the city and 35 out of the city; in the center is Gary Glander who led all of the firemen in attendance at fire alarms with participation at all fifteen of the in-city fires and 33 of the 37 out of town fires for a total of 48; and at the right is Terry Dostal who was the only other fireman to attend all 35 in-city fires and he also went to 20 of the 37 out of city alarms for a total of 55.

Christmas Cheer

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24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

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Angeline Louise is the name of the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Paschall. Other new arrivals in the Laughlin Hospital have been Patricia Sue, daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Witte, and Pedro, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Soem. Directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce are actively engaged in an effort to obtain for Eagle Lake improved postal facilities. Dan Thornton, manager of the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, reports a new plant record having handled 5,576 barrels in one day. The Jamboree Scouts have returned home from the Austria camp. John J. Drapela succeeded after lengthy illness, Little Loretta Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller, had a party on the occasion of her sixth birthday. Elected as head drum major for the Eagle Lake School Junior Band was Jo Ann Kowichka. Majoratress are Nancy Bradford, Carol Sens, Ruth Ann Tate, Donna Lou Thomas, Myrna Wesson and Janice Selph. County Judge John A. Hancher was guest speaker at the Rotary Club weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday. Albert Pustlovsky will head the Eagle Lake Quarterback Club. He succeeds T. P. Dowdy. E. Abernethy was re-elected vice president and Fred R. Friska will serve as secretary-treasurer, an office held last year by Bob Ashby. Wayne Brasher won the Lakeview Golf Club Junior Tourney here Sunday. The Henry Manoe home in the Mentz-Bernardo community was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. Mrs. K. C. Frederickson complimented her daughter, Ora Belle, with a swimming party at the Shamrock Hotel on the occasion of her sixteenth birthday. Brent Boggs was honored with a party on his third birthday by his mother, Mrs. C. P. Boggs. Mrs. W. F. Melton, Jr. had a surprise Canasta party for Mrs. W. F. Melton, Sr. on the occasion of her birthday anniversary Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eaton are proud parents of a baby girl.

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5. An Appreciation of Cultural and Aesthetic Values: (a) Acquires ability to communicate in a second language; (b) Is able to express himself in an art form such as drawing, sketching, drama, etc.; (c) Reads for cultural enrichment or enlightenment; (d) Attends plays and uses discrimination in watching television or attending movies; (e) Has acquired the skill to read music, sing, and play an instrument of his choice; (f) Has an understanding of art and music theory, literature and history.
6. Competence in Personal and Social Relations: (a) Is able to associate with his peer group and is an accepted member of the group; (b) Participates in classroom activities and other situations with a minimum of problems for his age group; (c) Develops an understanding and acceptance of the need for authority and self-discipline.

A Christmas Poem

The young mother (so very young!) Smiles softly to behold Him And takes a ragged swaddling cloth To tenderly unfold Him His infant eyes gaze upon A world of strife and sorrow Does He see now the silent tree

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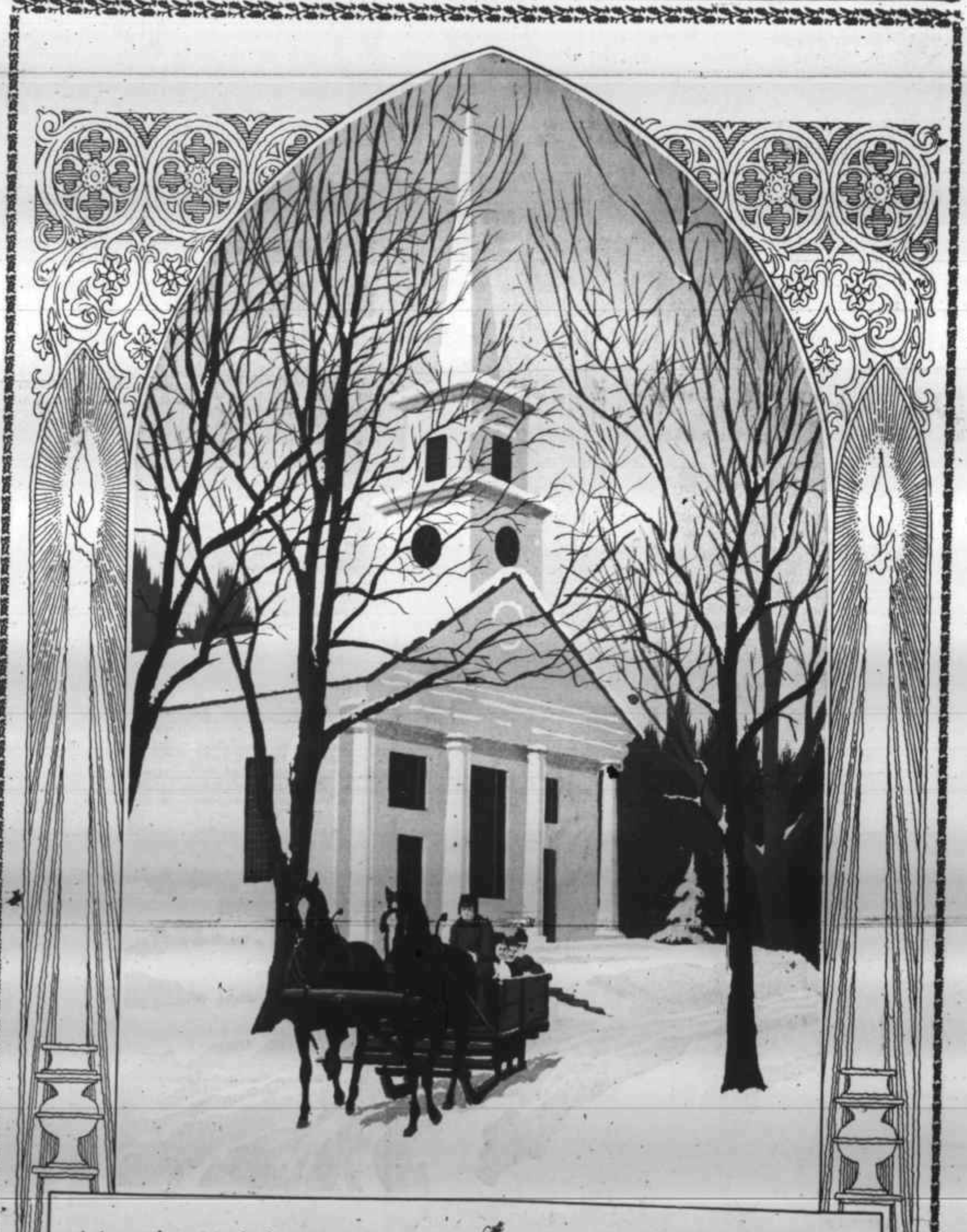
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