

Eagles Top Balers 53-30 in Finale

Baker Kids Lose 1 Preholiday Tilt

The Atkinson high Balers were limited to six fielders last Thursday evening on their own court as the potent O'Neill high Eagles started slowly and then rolled to a handy 53-30 triumph.

At the end of the first frame both clubs were deadlocked at 7-4. O'Neill pulled to a 24-13 advantage at halftime and zoomed in front 44-21 at the end of the third.

The brand of ball, like the officiating, was ragged at times. The Balers' high scorer, Puckett, failed to get a field goal.

Coach Paul Baker's kids knocked off for the holidays, having dropped only one pre-Christmas engagement. They triumphed over St. Mary's, Gothenburg, Creighton and Atkinson and were spilled by Ainsworth by a close margin.

O'Neill reserves triumphed, 48-41.

Eddie Gatz fractured his ankle during the reserve game and finished the contest without knowing the extent of the injury.

Boxscore of main event:

O'NEILL (53)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Chace	2	0	4	4
Dexter	0	0	1	0
Hollenbeck	2	4	5	8
Kilcoen	1	1	0	3
Buckmaster	4	5	4	13
Seger	1	1	0	5
Carroll	1	1	3	3
Closson	0	0	0	0
Eby	6	3	2	15
Booth	1	0	1	2
Davidson	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	15	21	53

ATKINSON (30)	fg	ft	pf	tp
Dunn, F.	0	0	0	0
Karr	1	4	5	6
Dierks	2	0	0	2
Kissinger	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0
Puckett	0	7	3	7
Withers	1	1	1	3
Ratliff	1	4	3	6
Spence	0	0	0	0
Dunn, D.	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	18	17	30

Volleyball, Cage Clinic Held, Stuart

STUART — Volleyball fans packed the Stuart auditorium on Thursday night, December 18, when the high school sponsored a volleyball jamboree and basketball clinic.

The whistle blew for the start with the junior and freshman boys playing the senior and sophomore boys. The score favored the junior-freshmen, 41-38.

The next game was the housewives against the business women. The housewives could boast only a 1-point margin over the business women in the 41-40 score.

A basketball clinic by Coach Don DeCosta and five of the team was given while the crowd relaxed.

The boys gave demonstrations of various fouls and traveling while the coach explained referees' signals and the new rules recently put into effect.

Next the farmers played the businessmen a fast game ending 34-31, in favor of the farmers.

The high school volleyball team divided as seniors and freshmen against the juniors and sophomores and finished with a score in favor of the juniors and sophomores, 37-34.

It was all in fun and the door receipts went into the athletic fund.

VERDIGRE WALKS
VERDIGRE — The Verdigre Hawks pasted the Lynch high school basketball team Friday evening on the Verdigre floor. The score: Verdigre 103, Lynch 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Petersen and Pamela are planning to spend Christmas at Lake Andes, S.D., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Padronos.

Twin Benefit Cage Bill at Atkinson

ATKINSON — The Atkinson high gymnasium will be the scene of a benefit basketball twin bill Friday night.

The Atkinson All-Stars will tackle the St. Joseph's hall alumni at 7:30 p.m.

Performers for the Stars will be Dick Wilbern, Lech, Siebert, Ted Lindberg, Don Godel, Don Beck, Shorty Miles, Wills, Jack Gatz and Pat Hickey. For the Alumni will be Bob Tushla, Bob Berigan, Tom Slattery, Dexter, Troshynski and Wenner.

The second game, starting at about 9 p.m., will feature the East All-Stars composed of players from Atkinson, O'Neill and West All-Stars, made up of players from Bassett, Ainsworth and Stuart.

Cards Hit by Indians, St. Joe

Redskins Roll, 46-21; Jays Win, 37-31

Those St. Mary's academy Cardinals, fighting an uphill battle during the pre-Christmas holidays with a green crew, were twice punished during the past seven days, losing to the St. Francis (S.D.) Mission Indians, 21-46, and succumbing to a strong St. Joseph's hall (Atkinson) finish, 31-37.

Injuns Hot at Outset

Coach Joe George's Cardinals were overwhelmed during the first two periods by a furious assault by the St. Francis Redskins who jumped to a 13-1 first quarter margin and stretched the lead to 26-5 at the intermission.

The Cards weren't unlimbered during those early stanzas after a chill 150-mile car ride. The O'Neill parochial crew played the Dakotans on fairly even terms in the second half, but the damage had been done. Noah Swift and Johnny Wain paced the winners' attack with 10 points each.

The Cards limped back to O'Neill between 2:30 and 4 a.m. the following morning.

ST. FRAN. (46)	fg	ft	pf	pts
LaPointe, f	3	0	0	6
Swift, f	4	2	1	10
Gillaspie, f	2	0	2	4
Mernod, f	1	0	0	2
Lind, c	2	2	1	6
Wright, c	0	3	3	3
Hawkass, g	3	1	0	7
Wain, g	3	2	3	10
Roubidau, g	0	0	0	0
Running Bear, g	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	16	12	9	46

ST. MARY (21)	fg	ft	pf	pts
Weier, f	2	3	2	6
Graham, f	2	0	1	4
T. Wanser, f	4	1	2	9
Cuddy, f	0	0	0	0
J. Wanser, c	1	0	1	2
London, c	0	0	0	0
Bazelman, g	0	0	2	0
J. Fritton, g	0	0	0	0
W. Donohoe, g	0	0	4	0
Tomlinson, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	9	4	12	21

Jays Keep Record Clean

A get-hot-quick antic on the part of St. Joe's Nick Schmit, pouring in four fielders in dramatic succession, kept the Blue-jays' cage record spotless in Monday's go against the St. Mary's Cardinals on the O'Neill rink. The Cards were in front until late in the game when Coach Lou Wewel's Josie crew uncorked.

Soph Terry Wanser fashioned 13 points for the losers, sinking a few nifty corner shots. The Cardinals led 15-13 at halftime.

ST. MARY (31)	fg	ft	pf	pts
W. Donohoe, g	1	0	3	2
J. Fritton, g	0	0	0	0
Tomlinson, g	0	0	0	0
Bazelman, g	2	3	4	6
Graham, f	1	1	2	3
J. Wanser, c	2	5	4	9
London, c	0	0	0	0
Weier, f	0	0	5	0
Cuddy, f	0	0	0	0
T. Wanser, f	6	1	0	13
Totals	11	9	17	31



900 Kids Greet Santa

About nine hundred children were handed treats by Santa's helpers during his one hour visit to the O'Neill public school Saturday afternoon. This is a portion of the crowd of youngsters as they queued for a chat. Of course, doting parents were in the line, too.—The Frontier Photo.

Orchard Town Team Trims Inman 71-30

ORCHARD — Orchard's town basketball team won its third straight victory here Sunday afternoon, trouncing Inman, 71-30. Wilmer Young scored 30 points for Orchard and B. Park added 13. Best for Inman were Sobotka with 9 and Godel with 8.

Ewing will play Orchard here January 4.

Previously the Orchard towners defeated Ewing 42-41, and Page, 55-51.

BOWLING NEWS (Week of December 14-17)

The high single game was rolled by Dale Hines with 236. He also took the high single series with 533. Phillips 66 captured the high team and high team series with 800 and 2215. There was only one "200" game and "500" series bowled, which was by Dale Hines, 236 and 533.

The team standings are as follows:

	W	L
Coast-to-Coast	21	15
Phillips 66	21	15
Knight Bowling Alley	21	15
New Outlaw	18	18
M & M Cafe	18	18
Wm. Krotter Co.	17	19
Gambles	14	22
McIntosh Jewelry	13	23

Yule Party Held

The Chez-a-Mari club held a Christmas party on Monday, December 15, at the home of Mrs. John H. McCarville. They met at the M&M cafe for dinner then returned to the McCarville home where they played games and exchanged gifts.

Cherry Ranchers

Principal Objectors

Principal objections to the proposed development of the Niobrara river basin came from a handful of Cherry county ranchers living along the Snake river in official hearings conducted last week.

This opposition was anticipated by proponents of the move, the Niobrara River Basin Development association. First hearing was at O'Neill on Tuesday, December 16. Next day a hearing was held at Ainsworth, followed on Thursday at Valentine and Gordon.

Four Boyd county persons living on Ponca creek spoke out against the proposal at the O'Neill hearing. But the vast majority of the persons volunteering to speak at O'Neill, and also at Ainsworth, were in favor of bringing irrigation to the valley.

The Valentine meeting produced ample support for the development, but both sides of the proposal were adequately aired out. At Gordon on Friday the feeling was in favor of development.

Either Gov. Val Peterson or Gov.-Elect Robert Crosby is expected to forward to bureau of reclamation's plan to congress for approval.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff and Carolyn are planning to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Wilma Daniels at Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. George Jefferies and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright, both of Ewing, also plan to be present.

1952 Big Year for SCS

Christmas Party for Chambers Society

CHAMBERS — Members of the Keller Presbyterian Ladies' aid society held a Christmas party and program last week following the business meeting.

Twenty-one women and 7 children attended the meeting. Mrs. Ed Eisenhauer was hostess, assisted by Mrs. Lelia Grubb.

The president, Mrs. Elmer Wadersee, had charge of the meeting. Mesdames Charles Coolidge, Gaius Wintermote and Ray Hoffman were appointed to purchase treats for the Christmas eve program at the church.

Mrs. Eugene Halsey and Mrs. Bernard Hoffman presented the new yearbooks.

Lunch was served following the meeting. Mrs. Elmer Wadersee will be hostess at the January 14 meeting.

Band Uniforms Get Priority

SPENCER — Members of the Band Boosters club decided at a meeting last week to promote uniforms for the band as their first project.

A membership committee was appointed. Parents of pupils active in the music department were agreed on as automatic members.

The group recently organized, adopted by-laws and decide to hold regular meetings at the school auditorium at 8 p.m. the last Thursday of each month, beginning January 29.

Miss Hyldred McKim, who is employed in Omaha, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McKim.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mattern are planning to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mattern, at Creighton.

Records were shattered on many counts when the 1952 figures were totaled for the Holt soil conservation district. It has been a successful year and many farmers have started down the road to conservation farming.

The weatherman cooperated in the fact that employees were able to spend more man days in the field. In addition three part time employees were made available by the PMA office for technical assistance through the soil conservation district. About 181 man days of this time was actually used. In addition, the full time equipment manager of the district freed the technicians of many hours of work previously done by them. It all adds up to the best year ever for conservation in Holt county, according to C. R. ("Bob") Hill, conservationist in charge of the district.

For example, 114 farmers and ranchers applied to the Holt district for technical assistance. Comparing to other years this is a sizeable increase, Hill said.

In 1946, only 26 made such application and the record shows a steady increase from that date on. In 1950, 77 made applications, and in 1951 there were 98.

This means that since 1944 when the district was organized 680 farmers and ranchers have received technical assistance from the Holt district.

The increase in the past two years to a large extent is the result of the consolidation of the PMA and SCS that took place early in 1951. It has afforded direct contact with non-cooperators and given them an opportunity

to become better acquainted with the soil conservation service and an opportunity to get started on a complete conservation plan.

A revision of the planning system was inaugurated this year. Now instead of developing a complete plan, the cooperators are given an opportunity to become a cooperators of the district upon request. The plan, then, will be developed the same as before except that it will be a gradual process. For example, if a man wants terraces, the plan will be developed primarily on the crop-land affected. Terraces and waterways will be designed, a good cropping system will be discussed, etc., but the remainder of the plan will be delayed.

This has afforded better coordination between planning and application of conservation practices and has allowed a limited number of technicians to work for more people.

As for other records new contour farming was only five acres short of setting an all-time record. The 208 acres of tree planting was just 14 acres short of the all time record set in 1950. Farm and ranch ponds more than doubled the previous record set last year. There was more than twice as many terraces completed this year than the previous record of 5.2 miles set in 1950. Nearly twice as much farm drainage was completed this year as last, the previous record year.

Sixty-three acres of waterways on 20 farms were prepared, seeded and established. This is nearly three times the previous record year of 1946 and more than the total seed on cooperators' farms

since the district started in 1944. Considerably more alfalfa and broom grass was seeded this year than in any previous year.

Seeding of vetch in the county was greatly expanded and holds promise of increasing for many years to come.

All-in-all it was a good year for conservation, Hill asserted. In dollars and cents this will mean a greater return for the farmer and rancher for years to come.

Terraces waterways, proper crop rotation, the use of legumes, etc., all increase the production potential of the county. Dams will help store water reduce erosion, provide stock water and in many cases afford excellent recreational facilities. Tree planting affords greater protection to livestock, cropland or farm buildings, all of which means greater gains or lower costs.

"We are convinced of two things. 'Conservation pays' and 'conservation is everybody's business,'" Hill concluded.

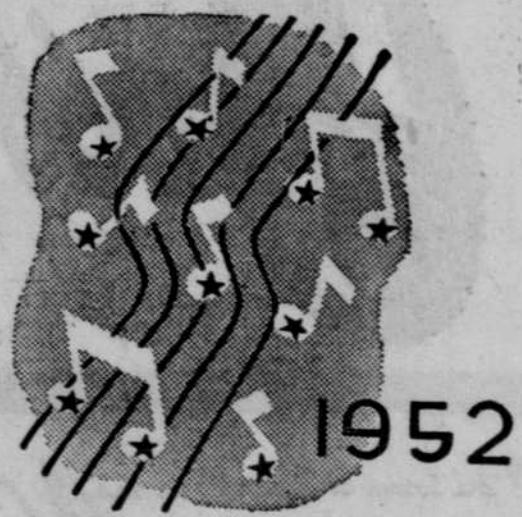
Visiting on Coast

Mrs. P. B. Harty departed on Wednesday, December 17, for Los Angeles, Calif., where she is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Geraldine Cronin and near her son, Airman Thomas C. Harty, who is awaiting overseas shipment to the Far East.

Mr. and Mrs. George Van Evy are expecting the following guests in their home on Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Van Every and daughter of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller and sons of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller and son.

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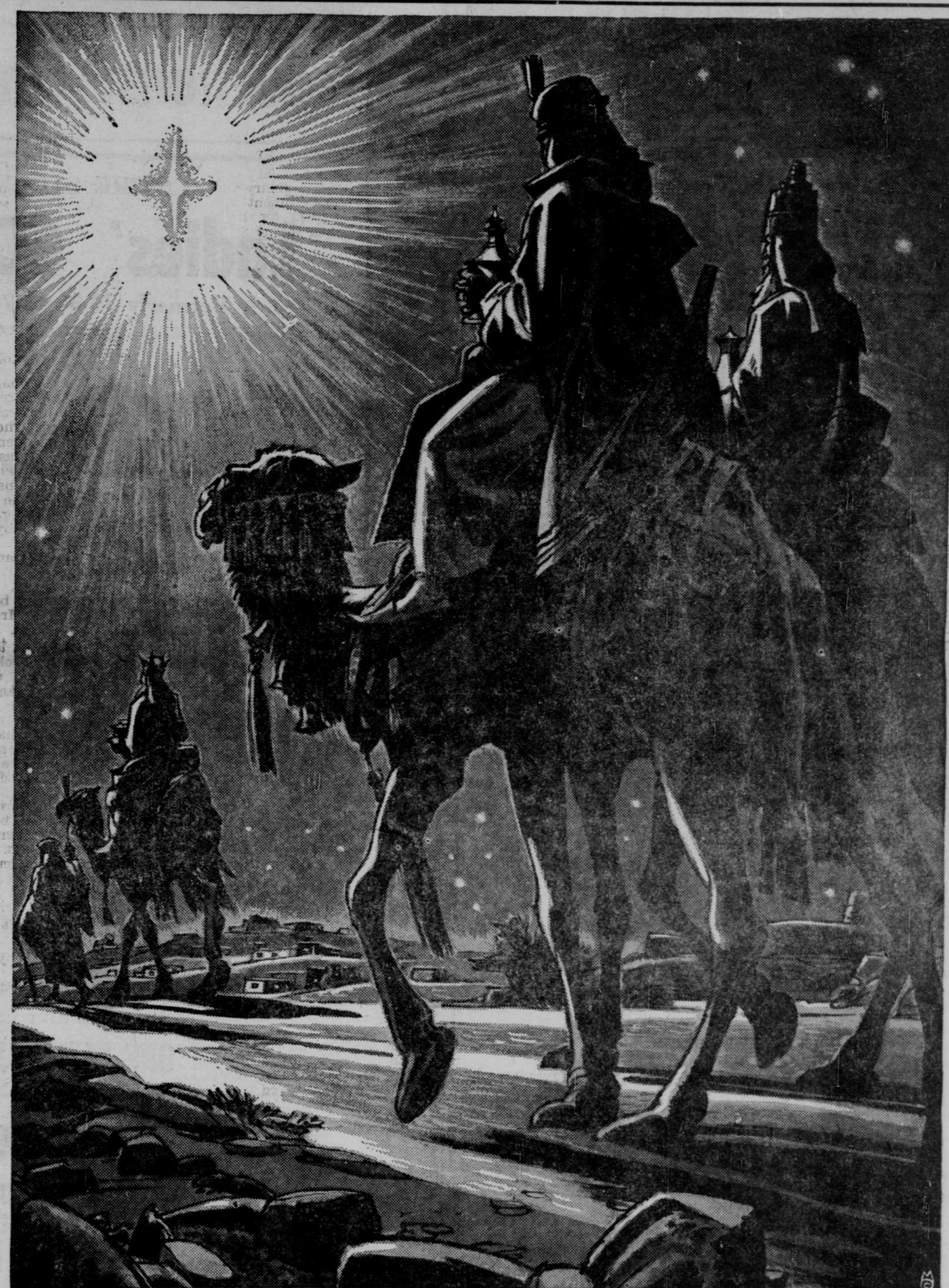


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