Caudle Is a 'Babe in the Woods'

How tragic, for all concerned, that the Truman administration would place so maive a chap as T. Lemar Caudle in so responsible a public trust as head of the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney-

criminal division of the U.S. Altorney-General's office.

Recently we saw and listened to a TV program in which Caudle was inter-viewed by a quartet of Washington news-paper reporters. Mr. Caudle's responses proved so well how incapable he was and is of dealing with the problems of his

is of dealing with the problems of his former office.

To us, he appeared about as well prepared as a babe in the woods; he is just 'too nice' to he wrestling with affairs of state. . he would, we helieve, make an excellent head waiter in some fashionable cafe. He possesses that kind of amiable affability.

What!—No Santa Claus?

Kids in Australia have been told, over Kids in Australia have been told, over a big radio broadcast, that there is no Santa Claus. Thousands of parents re-sented the admission, but many teachers declared that already they have been telling the same story to kindergarten

children.

Thus is a portion of Australia stripping the childish mind of its belief and faith in Santa Claus. Well, then why don't they substitute a composite hardworking parent, including an itemized list of the bills that come due in January?

(By the way, what effect would such disillusionment have on Americans who believe that the federal government can function perpetually as Santa Claus?)

Nature Dwarfs Mankind

Most certainly mankind has not proved Most certainly mankind has not proved tast master over the elements. Take that cold snap we've just had, plus the heavy fall of snow. Old Man Winter, apparently disgusted with so much disgusted with so much disgusted many colded to give us below zero temperatures and a thick blanket of snow to snarl up traffic. (Not to forget shoveling snow, too.)

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Well, that pre-Christmas gift from the Old Gent did take most folks' thoughts away from the Washington seene for a day or two... something for which we think the Democratic National Committee should offer public gratitude.

To be sure, mankind stands in miniature before the natural elements of this uniforms.

Republicans Should Win

More and more it appears that Gen. Eisenhower will announce himself a Republican, and available for the Presidential nomination in 1952. Thus, with Sen. Taft already a candidate, the Republicans must come up with one of these

publicans must come up with one of these outstanding men (assuming that the Republican convention will not have to draft a "dark horse").

So, it seems to us, should Taft win the nomination, Eisenhower cannot go for some Democrat. Truman included. Therefore, a vigorous Republican campaign, with none of that "me-too-ism"

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in it, should bring a new set of political faces into the White House in January of 1953.

From Our Point of View

Reports come from New York City that Rudolph Halley, who won fame as prosecutor for the Kefauver Committee, has issued orders that none of his staff in City Hall (he has just been elected president of New York's City Council) shall give information to the press. Well, he is following the pattern of President Truman in this respect... and that pattern eventually will bring him plenty of trouble from both newspapers and the taxpayers. Halley ought to know better!

In spite of our personal dislike for the political record of President Truman, we heartily wish him a Happy New Year . . . and in this we siclude those two splendid American women, Bess and Margaret Truman!

Secretary of State Dean Acheson has been in Europe for a number of weeks, so not much about him has gotten into the newspapers. But while away, in his academic pro-pinko manner, he has been meeting with leaders of other governments ... and some day the chickens he has hatched will come home to roost on the incomes of the American taxpayers. For wherever Acheson js, there is where ways and means of spending your dough are being hatched.

It is reported from Washington that President Truman is quite angry because some of his appointees have been resome of his appointess have been revealed as betrayers of the public trust. Isn't it wonderful that he yet can't issue an executive directive to prevent Congress from investigating crime and corruption, and the press and radio from reporting it? Here's one situation that he no longer can label "secret documents." (As he has in most other agencies within his power.) cies within his power.)

Why is unemployment rising so rapid-ly in Michigan—the State presumed to be the nation's greatest manufacturing arsenal of war materiel? One important reason is that the federal agencies in charge of the transition of production from civilian to war goods is all balled up, mixed and confused. How can it be otherwise, with the nation in the hands of Truman's inept and incompetent cronies? And. with the "head man" himself so bewildered by the enormity of the job on his hands

A Michigan farmer recently won the title of champion wheat grower in the United States. He grew some winter wheat that weighed 60.5 pounds to the bushel, and it is good to eat. The championship for the champion fo pionship for corn, however, still goes to Missouri, one of whose citizens pours it out from the nation's capital in quantities that inundate many acres.

What magnanimity! A Chicago woman has agreed to pay her husband \$10 weekly until he gets a job, providing he stays away from her home. No doubt stays away from her home. No doubt the lady will get a bargain-even at that

So They Say . . .

Mrs. Alben Barkley, wife of Vice-President visiting in Korea.
"Parents back home should know the soldier wounded in Korea gets the best treatment in the world."

Mortimer J. Lovell, manufacturer:
"The cotton textile people want to go along on past momentum."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

REMARKS AT RANDOM-

S. will run Edward Longstree Bodin for the presidency in 1952. I'd
in for the presidency in 1952. I'd
greeting in the South is "Happy
give himology a ghost of a chance,
A New Hampshire farmer,
during deer season, painted the
letters "C-O-W" on his pet bevine as hunters could distinguish
have the season of the season had been had been a
long time since many of us have
a long time since many of us have
seen hard.

This time of the year in the north the usual greeting is "Happy The Spiritual Party of the U. Yule Tide". We suppose that due

You all Tide."

We see where kindergarten childen in New York had the problem in New York had the New Had to the New York had the New Had to have them recognize an omni had.

In about two weeks, one of the universities in the state will announce it has been granted \$200.000 with which to purchase one of those electronic mathematical brains' that solves in minutes problems witch would take thousands of hours of physical effort.

THE KIDS were set for a field day. Snow meant sliding and snowmen. The first snowbanks were not the kind you make snowmen of. Soft, feathery fiskes just refused to stick together and a poor kid couldn't even make a snowball, let alone a snowbank.

Participate in KT Observance



Give'er a Good Whirl!

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned, From Old Files Of The Eccentric The Items That Make Up The Histórical Background Of The Birmingham Of Teday,

50 YEARS AGO
December 27, 1901
Flora Keyes, a teache

Cobb & Cobb have a very hand-some window display this week. One side is devoted to fruits and nuts and the other side to a choice line of perfumes.

Will Hilliard has secured a rofitable contract putting flues a steam boiler for a firm at hree Rivers. Mich, and he will a way a week. Thus does Biringham talent make itself known and felt all over the state.

The zero weather this past week brought joy to the hearts of wood and coal dealers, proving once again that one man'd joy is an-other man's sorrow. Small children owning sled or skates were happy, too.

James Davenport is still making seekly trips from West Bloomfield Birmingham buying butter and

Maxwell Cutting of Troy had a hristmas tree at the home of his unt, Mrs. Maude Smith, also re-ding in Troy.

20 YEARS AGO December 31, 1931

December 31, 1931

John Currin, postmaster in Frankin Village for 22 years, has resigned his position. Applications for his successor are now being accepted. Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 65, and residents of the area supplied by

Seven tons of food were distributed to needy families in this area by the Goodfellows last weekend. In addition, the group gave out many toys and items of clothing. Funds for the work are received through their annual newspaper sale.

ceipts to date total \$96,000, according to Mrs. R. Thomas, town-ship collector.

A 10 per cent salary reduction
was recommended for township
officials in the Bloomfield committee report last week. Several
methods of saving in general
operating expenses were also
pointed out by the committee.

W. F. Word, well digger, was awarded a \$6,080 lawsuit against the Village of Birmingham in circuit court Monday. Village officers said they would ask for a new trial. They claim Ward did not fulfill his drilling contract within the specified time.

5 YEARS AGO
January 2, 1947
Wesley E. Smith, former assistant manager of the Ferndale branch of the Wabeek State Bank of Detroit, has been named manager of the Birmingham branch of Frank University. The State of the Birmingham branch of Prank University who has retired.

Three Christmas free marred festivities here Dec. 25. At the Clay Johnson home the roof was well attention to the constitution of the constitution

gwed through their annual news-shory saic.

Tax receipts were swelled exterday by a check of \$8,499.85 month the Wabek corporation, the word of the words of the words of the words arcels of township property. Re-action of the wabek corporation, and the words of t

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

completely satisfied this orresponding to the winter weather brought the Christmas spirit to town. Shoppers got "that look" in their syes and piles, so gift merchandise vanished from the men joined their clerks in waiting on customers and trade was brisk. Then—well, too much of anything tends to create a lag, and to much smow did the same hing.

HUSBANDS BEGAN leaving the car home for wives to "Christ-mas shop," while they took trains and buses to points north and south. The wives, by the time they shoveled driveways, were too tired to shop.

south.

shoveled driveways, were to also shoveled driveway, they'd watched their neighbors getting stuck all over the place and didn't like the idea of driving. So, they began to stay home.

home.

The brisk trade of the stores fell off a bit, kept going mainly by people like us, the ones who always have a good share of shopping to do in the last couple of days.



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WABEEK STATE BANK

Two Local Men

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, anininer of the First Presbyterian church, ellowed the Linest Presbyterian commandery. No. 1. Knights Templar, in the Masonic Temple, Detroit, on Christmas Day. He chose for his aubject, "God's Choose for his aubject, "He start, who resides at 28525 Streamwood avenue, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery, and presided at the service.

The time was synchronized so that within precisely the same

service.

The time was synchronized so that within precisely the same hour Knights Templar the world over gathered Christmas Day, in their Commandery asylums, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and to rededicate themselves to the principles of the Christian religion.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the service was when the white-plumes knights stood in triangle-formation about a candle-lighted Crost of drink the traditional. Toust it the Most Eminent Grand. Master proposed by Commander Starr.

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Inaugurated more than threequariers of a century ago, Christmus observance has the official
sanction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and is
now recognized as one of the inspirational events of the Templar

Party to Observe Fifth Birthday Of Local YMCA

Or Local YMCA
Fifth birthday anniversary of
the Birmingham YMCA branch
will be celebrated by a party in
the First Baptist church gym
starting at 150 p.m. Friday.
Included in the program are
Christmas carol singing, group
games, stunts, sound movies, rereshments and prises. Stated that
only YMCY is the program are
only YMCY is the program and a 'Y card should be brought
along.

Gain Numerals on Central Michigan 'B' Football Team

MT. Pleasant: Among the "B" football squad numeral winners for 1951 at Central Michigan college were two Birmingham residents, Peter Landino, 688 Smith; and Joe O'Connor, 551 Oakland, and Joe O'Connor, and its manufactured string of 10 games before failing to Grand Rapids January Smith Joe O'Connor, and Joe O'C

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

requently is that know start falling before the water has froz en and the snow acts as an insulator. In addition, at times when flooding rinks, water from the fire hydrants isn't too cold and the slight heat draws frost from the ground."

tough, too. The parking problem seemed pretty well solved, because people just climbed out and left their cars wherever they happened to get stuck.

STORM NOTES

It was several years ago that every crosner in the country started dreaming about a white Christman amily, we hope they are completely satisfied this Christman. Birmingham the first few days of the winter weather brought the Christman savii to go out. Anyway, they was the control of the winter weather brought the Christman saviii to go out. Anyway, they was the control of the winter weather brought the Christman saviii to go out. Anyway, they was the control of the winter weather brought the Christman saviii to go to school.

By Friday the going was really YEAR.

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