

L.T.-OLDS. TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1962.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here in the East the weatherman warned that the thaw couldn't last - with the Midwest in the grip of a howling blizzard. He was right; and sub-zero temperatures are reported tonight - from New York to the Carolinas. In the deep South, at Shreveport, Louisiana - two inches of snow. A rare phenomenon - that near the Gulf Coast. In Dallas, Texas - four inches of snow. Between Dallas and Fort Worth - fifteen hundred abandoned cars.

Buffalo, New York - fourteen inches of snow. But they are used to that - at Buffalo. This time piled on top of - sleet and freezing rain.

The weather, frigid - from the Atlantic Coast to the Rockies. With the weatherman saying we are in for - more.

ACCIDENTS FOLLOW WEATHER.

~~Bad weather has a habit of producing bad accidents~~

~~This cold snap - no exception~~

due to the weather,
At Fort Hood, Texas - a five ton truck collided

with a fifty ton tank. Result - a gasoline explosion that
rocked the base. Five killed - nineteen injured.

~~Then there were the~~ Train accidents, ^{too.} The

"Hawkeye" - enroute from Chicago to Sioux City; ~~the~~
~~engineer,~~ doing seventy-five - ~~because he was~~ behind
schedule; ~~His~~ locomotive, jumping the tracks - on a
curve. One trainman ~~was~~ killed, - ~~in the crackup.~~ ~~Two~~
others had to be cut out of the wreckage - with acetelyne
torches. Fortunately - the passenger cars remained
upright. ^{Occupants} ~~Those inside,~~ merely shaken up.

~~The second train accident~~ At Agnew, Illinois,
^a ~~One~~ freight, thundering through the blizzard - smashing
into the rear of another. A shipment of cattle ~~were~~
trapped in the cars - as they jackknifed. ~~There was a lot~~

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CONGRESS

Washington, as usual, is buzzing tonight. The state of excitement and anticipation that is always the prelude to the reconvening of Congress. Members of Congress, streaming in - from all points of the compass - Imperial Valley, California, Yakima, Washington, Harlan County, Kentucky, - maybe even Podunk - surely Kalamazoon and Keokuk.

Fence meding - over; constituents - consulted; now, the moment when they do whatever they can do on Capitol Hill. Said one Congressman today - "I feel like a boxer waiting for the bell."

The men who will be the leaders in the coming session - have been in Washington for some days; consulting with the President - about administration bills, consulting with one another - about the strategy.

One ~~Congressional~~ leader who used to love ^{all} this ~~sort of thing~~ is ~~missing~~ ^{missing}, ~~for~~ the first time in half-a-century. The late Sam Rayburn - of Texas. "Mr. Sam" ~~was~~ Speaker of the House every time the Democrats had a majority - for the past twenty-one years. When he became ill last fall, he ~~insisted~~ ^{said} that he'd be back, ~~in~~ Washington to ~~preside~~ again, at the opening of the 1962 session of Congress. But, ~~as you know - "Mr. Sam" didn't live to see 1962.~~ In his place ~~as Speaker~~ ^{will be} John McCormack of Massachusetts.

~~McCormack has been among those most prominent~~ ~~at~~ ~~this week's White House conferences.~~ How does the new Speaker feel - about the administration's chances, this year? He thinks the President will get - most of what he asks ^{of} Congress, ~~to give him.~~

President Kennedy, to succeed - by astute timing. Agreeing to postpone a test in Congress - on tariff

reduction, and medical care for the aged. Leaving those issues for later, the President will push hard beginning tomorrow - for tax revision, and a new ceiling on the national debt. The figure proposed - Two-hundred and ninety-eight billion dollars. Administration supporters in Congress consider that figure - realistic.

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SPACE

~~Our space program now calls for~~ ^{We are to see} a jump from early Saturn to advanced Saturn. The intermediate Saturn - scrapped on the drawing boards.

Meaning - earlier development of the rocket that will carry our astronauts to the Moon. The advanced Saturn, to be a giant - 'twenty-seven stories high. Thirty-three feet - in diameter. It's booster rocket, generating a thrust of - seven-and-a-half million pounds. Twenty times as powerful ^{as} as the Atlas, which is now the ~~workhorse~~ workhorse of the American space program. ~~And~~ The advanced Saturn will be some ten times as powerful - as ~~the~~ current Soviet rockets.

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ATOMIC

The latest American nuclear explosion - a small one. Only equal to - under twenty thousand tons of T.N.T. Which makes it "low yield" - in the phraseology of the Atomic Energy Commission. At the test site in Nevada. Underground. Went dead.

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PLANE

Twenty-seven Westerners are spending tonight at Grozny in Soviet Armenia - near the Caspian Sea.

Nineteen passengers and eight crew members aboard the Belgian jetliner forced down in the Soviet Union; when the radio compass went dead.

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uproar. An item from Bristol, England - like something out of the Pickwick Papers. Remember how Mr. Pickwick got caught in the Academy for young ladies - at midnight Tush Tush! The result, a masterpiece of comedy - as only Dickens could write it. Now Mr. Pickwick felt - when Dickens should have been in Bristol - at two this morning, when Charlie Price, a stranger in town, arrived at his boarding house - where the door was to be left open for him. The door was locked. Rather than wake up the house Charlie climbed a wall, and squeezed through a second story window into a corridor.

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The explanation - Pickwickian. The visitor to Bristol - got the wrong number. Instead of his boarding house, Dick, he had invaded a school for girls.

Tonight, Charlie Price knows how Mr. Pickwick felt - when he was surprised in similar circumstances.

GARDENS

Here's a ~~rather~~ bizarre ^{one!} ~~observation~~. "The nuclear submarines are in the middle of - their harvest." The statement means - exactly what it says. Our polaris subs have their own ~~gnd~~ gardens - aboard ship. Reason - they're at sea for so long, they have no chance to pick up fresh vegetables. A problem they get around - by growing their own.

Specially developed seed beds, producing - lettuce, peas, carrots and so on. Enough vegetables for - a pretty good salad. Aboard the Polaris subs, hundreds of feet down in the ~~xxxx~~ ocean - harvest time.