

THE MCLEAN NEWS

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Commercial Tires Inspected at Once

All commercial vehicles inspected this week that are under Certificates of War Necessity must be made by January 15. N. F. Nelson, district manager for ODT's district, urged operators not wait until the last minute for a rush on approval, but begin at once to get their tires inspected.

Inspection of commercial motor vehicle may be operated after Jan. 15, but a Certificate of War Necessity must be obtained by an inspector on the certificate. Nelson said. After the inspection, vehicles must be inspected every 60 days for every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

ing at a Glance

Station Books
Book No. 1—Used for passenger cars, will be required for motor vehicles, Book No. 2 soon. Those who have Book No. 1 may obtain a local ration board.

Food Commodities
Camp No. 10 in Book No. 1 until midnight, 1943.
Camp No. 27 in Book No. 15 (or older) good for until midnight, Jan. 3, 1943. Voluntary share-the-meat limit at 2 1/2 pounds per week. Meat will be rationed under the "point system" Book No. 2 is distributed.

Mileage Rationing
Value of each coupon in C books is 4 gallons. Coupons in A book are good until Jan. 21, 1943. Those who are eligible for supplemental rations should see their local ration board.

Inspections—All vehicle operators have official tire inspections on Jan. 31, 1943. Thereafter, A and B holders must get inspections every 30 days. Holders of B and C must get tires inspected every 30 days or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Official Tire Inspector
A tire replacement or repair to local ration board requires a replacement certificate. Groups will be rationed on basis of tire inspections with quotas available, with total mileage to come first.

Other Rationing
Purchasers needing new bicycles, typewriters, sewing machines and other commodities which sales might be reduced see their local ration board.

McLean Panel
County war price and ration board are: T. A. Landers, rubber footwear; O. G. Stokely, E. I. Sitter, tires.

BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mrs. Herman Petty, Harold Christian, Jean Shawver, Charles Fland, S. L. Montgomery, Jr., Lucy Ann Hicks, Mrs. J. H. Bodine, Mrs. Lee Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Floyd, Mrs. Joe Hindman, Mrs. Deigh Stubblefield, Herman Origby, Rev. T. A.

College Students at Lions Luncheon

All college students who had returned for the Christmas holidays were invited guests at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday.

The young collegians had charge of the program, group singing and all, which was enjoyed to the fullest by the 14 Lions present.

Violin solos by Robert Gibson and piano solo by Miss Ermadel Floyd highlighted the program.

Guests included Misses Floyd, Joyce Fulbright, Bernice McClellan; Messrs. Gibson, Oran Back, Robert Wilson, Bill Cooke, Ercy Fulbright, James Finley, Sonny Boy Back and James Fulbright.

Visitors included Windell Smith, Billy Ralph Andia, of Clarendon, and George Colebank.

Three Hostesses at Bridge Party

Mrs. J. T. Hicks, Mrs. R. B. Ford and Mrs. Woody Wilkerson were joint hostesses Monday afternoon at a bridge party and Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Vester Smith.

The house was decorated with candles, pine and pine cones.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of spice tea, pineapple salad, cheese sandwiches and fruit cake were served.

High score went to Mrs. Carl Jones, and low to Mrs. Cecil Dyer.

Others present were Mesdames Harris King, George Graham, Willard Hudson, Charley Neusome, Mabry Eppright, Albert Randall, Roger Powers, Ernie Phifer, C. J. Montgomery, June Woods; and Miss Hazel Dyer.

Annual Greetings Next Week's Paper

The annual New Year's greetings edition of the home paper will be published next week. Practically everyone has copy already in the hands of the publisher, but a few more can be accommodated if the order is given right away.

This edition of The News attracts more favorable comment than any other during the year, and this year will see many improvements. New copy and new cuts are furnished with every advertiser expressing appreciation and best wishes for their customers and the community.

Greene to Register 18-Year-Olds

C. O. Greene has been appointed registrar for 18-year-old boys for service in the armed forces. Mr. Greene is also connected with the rent control service, making weekly trips to the county site on this business.

At the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, Rev. Bill Foster will sing. Rev. Foster is assistant pastor in charge of student work at the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, and has many friends in McLean.

A large group of young people from the First Baptist Church enjoyed a fellowship hour at the pastor's home last Sunday evening, following the evening services.

Bill and Joe Cooke order The News sent to their uncle, Allen Wilson, as a Christmas gift.

Mrs. O. W. Sullivan was in Amarillo last week at the bedside of her son, Jim, who was ill with pneumonia.

FPC J. E. Langham of Camp Berkeley visited home folks here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Billingslee were in White Deer one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moore and son of Erick, Okla., were in McLean Saturday, enroute to Amarillo.

D. M. Thomas takes advantage of our special rate on the News and Amarillo News.

Joe Billy Bogan of Lubbock is visiting home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Glass of Alameda were in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Alice Wilson of Amarillo visited home folks here this week.

The SPIRIT OF SANTA CLAUS



THERE will be many shadows clouding our Christmas Day this year; but—Christmas is important! It comes at the close of the old year binding up the wounds of bitterness, making fast the moorings of friendship, renewing the promise of peace and good will, invoking the magic of memories.

Christmas is the children's feast; has the Master not said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do also unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our bundles, and our prayers.

In America, the children must not lose their faith in Santa Claus. The best explanation regarding Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit I have ever been offered or able to figure out for myself, is the one that was given to me by my mother on that fateful day when I accidentally caught a delivery boy entering the house bearing an ill-concealed rocking horse.

Santa Claus typifies the Christmas Spirit: the mothers and fathers, those be-whiskered gentlemen in the stores (who puzzle lots of boys and girls by being so numerous), the delivery boys, and all of us who support and participate in the campaign of spreading cheer, we are the life blood and sustaining power of the Christmas Spirit.

The children of today must have their toys this Christmas; and we must be extra-careful that no child has occasion to lose his faith in Santa Claus. There are plenty of sleds and drums, dolls and painted carts and Christmas trees to go around; but it is up to Santa's helpers to see that every child in the land is remembered.

And we grown-ups must have our Christmas, too. For when we cut away our toys we set this day aside to reunite our families and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

*"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."*

This Year's Motorists Few Christmas Visits

Very few visits to kinfolks or otherwise are in prospect for this holiday season, as the 90 miles undesignated mileage per month has in most cases been used up, and if not, would not go very far.

There has been very little noticeable misuse of "B" and "C" book motorists' cars for visiting, as they must be used only for the reasons given in the application.

Mrs. Roy Rogers of Quanah, Mrs. Aaron Edgar of Munday and Clayton Bridge of Dickens were here last week at the bedside of their father, W. J. Bridge. Mr. Bridge was taken to Quanah Saturday for treatment.

Oran Back, Ercy and James Fulbright, Misses Joyce Fulbright and Bernice McClellan of Abilene are home for the Christmas holidays.

Paul Ashby takes advantage of our special rate on The News and Amarillo News, and also orders some magazines.

Miss Bennie Mae Wade has returned from school at Lubbock and is employed in a local government office.

Mrs. N. J. Bunch of Fort Arthur came last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkel.

Mrs. L. E. Coltharp and son of Erick, Okla., visited their son and brother, Keith, Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Erwin returned last Thursday from a visit with relatives at Lubbock.

Mrs. A. Stanfield of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Rippy, and family.

Mrs. J. C. McCabe orders the Amarillo News another year.

Miss Herma Duke of Welch is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lola B. Duke.

Bennie's Cafe Has New Management

Bennie's Cafe is now under new management, Clint Staggs having leased the business from Buddy Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Staggs have had much experience in this type of business and have been connected with cafes here for the past year.

Mr. Watkins says his plans for the immediate future are indefinite at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wood and children of Lufkin are visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks; also Mr. and Mrs. Wood at Canadian.

A gift subscription to the home paper has been sent to Capt. and Mrs. George McCarty at Lemoore, Calif., from their niece, Miss Mary Lee Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pitts of Amarillo visited the former's sister, Mrs. E. R. Adams, last week. They are moving to California, where Mr. Pitts is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Swafford of Denver, Colo., are visiting relatives here.

Raymond Howard and family of Borger visited the former's mother, Mrs. Ethel Howard, Sunday.

Jimmie Jones of Amarillo is visiting his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Jones.

D. A. Davis renews for The News and Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Konowa, Okla., are visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rippy.

Mrs. Elmo Duke is visiting relatives in Kansas.

James Lee Rice of Wichita Falls is visiting home folks here.

Miss Jamie Lee Watkins of Phillips is visiting home folks here.

J. S. Denson visited home folks at Amarillo over the week end.

Mrs. Hornsby Entertains Class

Mrs. Ella Hornsby entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

Santa Claus, impersonated by Eddie Joe Hornsby, passed out presents from a beautifully lighted tree. The children enjoyed guessing who Santa was. Cherry chocolates were given the children by Mrs. Hornsby.

Those present were: James Robert Kenneth and Irene George, Mollie, Pauline and Mary Ella Erwin, Geraldine, Glenda, Donald and Annette Smith, Glenda Switzer, Dixie June and Johnnie Wardlow, Rotha Lee Reneau, Darlene and Patsy Ruth Herndon.

Meador Buys Cafe; Says, "Back to Stay"

J. A. Meador has bought his old cafe from D. C. Carpenter and says he is now "back to stay," and will appreciate his friends and customers visiting him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Meador were in business here for some 18 years before selling the cafe a few weeks ago. They are now back in active management of the cafe and will continue to give the best service possible.

Christmas Tree at Baptist Church

For the first time in many years, there will be a Christmas tree at the First Baptist Church tonight (Thursday), when every child enrolled in the elementary departments of the Sunday school will receive a gift.

A short program has been arranged with the children taking principal parts, and everyone is invited to attend.

Jack Hodges Dies, Houston Funeral

Jack Hodges, 67, former McLean business man, and brother of Sam M. Hodges, died at Houston Dec. 16, 1942.

Mr. Hodges owned the McLean mill in an early day, besides other business ventures and was well known to old timers here.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Two soldiers who received sweaters knitted in McLean sent thanks to the local chapter.

Pvt. Chas. Lane says: "Dear ladies: I deeply appreciate the sweater I received today, that was knitted by a kind member of your chapter. I wish to thank the individual member as well as the organization for such an appropriate gift."

Cpl. Nowakoshi sent printed Thank You card containing the following verse: To you, my heartiest "Thank You." Though still I'm in your debt, for thoughtfulness like yours I never shall forget!

The soldiers are in a Wisconsin camp and the cards were furnished The News by Mrs. O. G. Stokely, home production chairman of the McLean chapter.

Mrs. C. M. Eudey and son returned Friday from a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Milford Fennell, at Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Allison has returned to her home at Clarendon after a visit with her son, Clifford.

Rev. Charles Sargent, Methodist pastor at Kellerville, and his family were in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shankle and baby of Pampa visited relatives here this week.

Miss Thelma Jean Dishman of Oklahoma City is visiting her father, E. E. Dishman.

Bill Cooke of Lubbock is at home for the Christmas holidays.

James Edwin Finley of Kansas City is home for Christmas.

Dr. Ralph Moore of Amarillo was in McLean on business Monday.

Miss Duella Wood of Amarillo visited home folks here last week end.

Ted Morris Dies From Heart Attack

B. H. (Ted) Morris, aged 35 years and 6 days, died from a heart attack at about 12:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Mr. Morris, who has lived here for some 16 years, was a lineman for the Southwestern Public Service Co. and was apparently in the best of health, his death coming as a shock to the community.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ Tuesday afternoon, conducted by W. B. Andrews, minister of the Tacumcort, N. M. Church of Christ.

Palbearers were Pete Fulbright, Ernest Beck, M. T. Wilkerson, Cleo Heasley, C. O. Greene and Amos Thacker.

Burial was made in Hillcrest cemetery under the direction of Womack Funeral Home.

Survivors include his widow, a son, Jimmie Don; his mother, Mrs. O. W. Morris of McLean; four brothers, Ray of Childress, J. W. of McLean, John of California, Oliver of Wellington; three sisters, Mrs. V. L. Pierce of California, Mrs. Bert Norvell of Dumas, and Mrs. E. W. Jolly of Olton.

May Apply for Sugar Book No. 1

Since announcing that no sugar ration books No. 1 would be issued after December 15, a month's extension has been granted, and anyone who has not received a sugar ration book may make original application until January 15.

Applicants for lost ration books must wait full 60 days before new ones are obtained, unless it can be proven that the books have been destroyed, as in case of fire or similar circumstance.

Ration book No. 2 is expected to be issued some time after the first of the year and everyone will be required to have the first book in order to get the new one.

Miss Floyd Wins College Honors

Miss Ermadel Floyd of McLean is one of 84 Texas Technological College students chosen this fall for membership in Alpha Chi, national honorary scholarship society. Qualifications for membership include scholastic rating in the upper 10% of the junior and senior classes, and outstanding qualities of leadership.

Miss Floyd is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Floyd, and is being re-honored by Alpha Chi, having been chosen for membership last year also. She is a senior music student in the division of arts and sciences.

NO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

No downtown Christmas lights were strung this year, upon request of governmental authorities, as a conservation measure, due to war conditions.

Ercy Fulbright, Joyce Fulbright, Leo Ledbetter and Richard Back made the honor roll at ACC for the second six weeks' reports.

R. N. Ashby renews for The News and Amarillo News and orders The News sent to his son, Carl, another year at our bargain rate.

Mrs. P. B. Bryant of New Mexico visited her sister, Mrs. Arthur Erwin, last week end.

Master Bobby Dyer of Orange visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Dyer, this week.

J. S. McLaughlin's subscription figures have been moved forward a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips of Dumas visited relatives here Sunday.

A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE
A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Hard-Fought Battle for Air Supremacy Holds Key to Control of North Africa; Italians Fret Over British Air Raids; Gains in New Guinea Mark Pacific War

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper. Released by Western Newspaper Union.)



United States soldiers cross a stream in the Gona-Buna area of New Guinea. The occupation of Gona by Allied forces, directed by General MacArthur, left the Japanese pinned down in a narrow strip of coast in the Buna area, 12 miles south.

NORTH AFRICA: Air Battle Grows

Cheering word of ever-increasing Allied air strength in North Africa came from London and the Morocco radio as swarms of American and British planes in Tunisia provided cover for land operations.

Press reports tell of ground commanders telephoning for air coverage "as casually as calling for a taxi."

Chief battleground for the opposing forces had been Tebourba, a strategic junction 20 miles west of Tunisia and 35 miles south of Bizerte. Here a series of rapid action tank battles took place, with the key town changing hands as battle fortunes shifted.

Continuing efforts were made to extend and equip new airfields from which Allied planes could operate. Reports reaching the United States stressed the importance of the many American Commando transport planes now available. They are described as 50 per cent faster than the JU-52s and are capable of moving jeeps, small field guns and up to 98 soldiers.

On the opposite side of Africa, the British Eighth army was reported allowing Marshal Rommel's army no rest in the El Aghaila area. The official communique spoke of patrol and artillery action. British military sources in London had warned that the "real" offensive was not yet under way and that when the Eighth army strikes, the blows will leave no doubt as to its strength.

RUSSIA: Central Front

Although Nazi forces have been hard pressed in Russia, military observers were quick to warn against undue optimism. Despite a grave strain on their communications, German forces were said to be showing no signs of faltering in defensible positions.

Generally speaking, news was good. The Red army drove seven miles deeper into enemy lines on the central front near Velikie Luki, recapturing 13 settlements, while the Germans failed in their drive to regain the initiative on the Stalinograd front.

On the central front the Russians attacked with ski troopers supported by tanks painted white. This front extends northwest of Moscow, roughly from Rzhev to Velikie Luki.

Russian reports said the Nazis were trying not only to smash the Soviet offensive but also to start one of their own, evidently in the belief that the Red army is exhausted after their continuous attack.

JAP DEFEAT: In South Pacific

When Allied forces, directed by General MacArthur, occupied the Gona area of New Guinea, the Japs lost the northern anchor of their ever-diminishing beachhead in Papua, which already has been badly sliced by veteran American and Australian jungle fighters.

This new defeat left the Japs hemmed in a narrow coastal strip centering on the Buna area, 12 miles to the south.

First announcement of the Gona victory was made by Prime Minister John Curtin, who gave the news as he was conducting a review of the war before the house of representatives in Canberra, Australia. His announcement was made 16 days after an Allied headquarters communique had announced the original Australian entry into Gona.

The Japs had landed at Gona on July 22 and from that area launched their invasion drive which took them across the Owen Stanley mountain range to within 32 miles of the Allied base at Port Moresby.

COMPLAINTS: From Italy

"Why do the British bomb our towns now instead of German towns? After all it was the Germans who bombed London."

That was one of the many complaints reported originating in Italy during the past 30 days. Well-informed diplomatic quarters have reported ever-growing discontent in Italy over the war. Mussolini's people are weary. They do not like the arrogance of their German Allies. Already they are dazed by repeated British bombing attacks. And every Italian knows the immediate future is black.

But the same sources also report that Italy has little chance of breaking away from German domination and seeking a separate peace. A steady stream of German air, anti-aircraft and land forces, all under Gestapo supervision, is pouring into Italy. Most of the land forces are said to have been drawn from the few reserves in Germany. Russia's new offensive makes withdrawals from the Eastern front practically impossible.

The almost incessant bombing of Turin, northern Italian industrial center, continued unabated. The smoke and fire of one raid was not dissipated before another wave of British bombers returned to spread new destruction. It was evident that the RAF did not intend to give city authorities even time to restore public utilities.

STRATEGY: Nazis First

Much interest throughout the United Nations has long centered on the broad or general plan for defeating the Axis. Always there have been theories advanced which often seem to have little basis in fact. Others again have a highly legitimate tone.

One of the most recent explanations of such strategy, and one of more plausible presentations of it is that advanced by Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia. In a current statement he declared that President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill decided even before the fall of Singapore (February 15, 1942) that the most necessary job was to beat Hitler and then take after Japan.

Thus the campaign in the South Pacific and on the Australian continent becomes one of a "holding" action. He warned his countrymen that they might have to endure strong air and sea-borne attack from the Japanese forces based on the island of Timor. He urged them to further prepare themselves for such action.

He pointed out that the closest co-operation exists between the Australian government, General MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz, commander of the U. S. fleet in the Pacific.

CANNED FOOD: New Restrictions

America's housewives are finding less and less use for their can openers.

Many canned foodstuffs are eliminated for civilian consumption for the duration upon a new order of the War Production board. The order was designed to save large quantities of tin, steel and rubber for war purposes. The saving in rubber would be made through fewer truck deliveries under the reduced output program.

Canned foods henceforth eliminated include apples, applesauce, apricots, numerous types of berries, grapefruit segments, orange juice, dehydrated vegetables, powdered skimmed milk, bacon, and other meats, fruit for salad, okra, succotash, various fruit juices, white asparagus, chili con carne, meat loaf, vienna sausage, sausage in oil, frozen and storage cream, various fats, syrups and sea foods.

CASUALTIES: Total War

Well into the second year of World War II, U. S. citizens were pondering the official announcements from Washington which reported for the armed forces during the first 12 months of the fighting. There were 58,307 such casualties in that period according to the Office of War Information. This total includes killed, wounded, missing, interned in neutral countries and prisoners of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, merchant marine and Philippine Scouts.

War department reports showed that army casualties totaled 35,678 and of this number 2,009 (including 480 Philippine Scouts) were killed; 3,332 were wounded; and 29,000 (including 10,500 Philippine Scouts) are missing in the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies and 1,119 are missing elsewhere in action; 112 are prisoners of war, not including those missing in the Philippines; and 106 are interned in neutral countries. Six hundred and nine of the 3,332 wounded have returned to action. As the majority of the army's missing were in the Philippines and Dutch East Indies, most of these are presumed to be prisoners of war.

Navy department officials said that they had reported or were in the process of reporting to the next of kin 22,629 casualties for the year. Broken down here is the picture: Navy—dead, 4,532; wounded, 1,579; missing, 8,636. Marine corps—dead, 1,129; wounded, 1,413; missing, 1,926. Coast Guard—dead, 40; wounded, 11; missing, 119. Merchant Marine—dead, 482; wounded, none; missing, 2,762.

According to Japanese and German figures 3,138 U. S. civilians are interned, said the OWI report.

3-CENT COIN: May Avert Shortages

If mint officials have their way new 3-cent coins may jingle in your pockets some day in the not distant future.

Officials asked authority to make such coins in case the copper shortage becomes so acute that there won't be enough pennies. The house passed legislation authorizing the new coin and returned it to the senate for action.

Director of the Mint Nellie Tayloe Ross has asked the nation's school children to undertake a "help win the war" campaign by putting idle coins, especially pennies and 5-cent pieces, to work meeting business demands, and thus save many tons of vital metals.

DETROIT LABOR:

Approximately 660,000 essential war workers in the Detroit area have been frozen in their jobs in an all-inclusive order by Montague A. Clark, Michigan director of the War Manpower commission.

The order lists 34 categories in which employees may not change jobs without specific government authorization. It affects nearly two-thirds of the area's gainfully employed workers. It includes workers at the Willow Run bomber plant, and other plants throughout the region.

Rest in Desert After 60 Hours of Fighting



An American-made tank, serving with a New Zealand division in Libya, halts while its crew, exhausted by 60 hours of continuous fighting, rests. This picture, received by the New Zealand legation in Washington, was taken during the Egypt-Libyan offensive which has driven General Rommel and his men to El Aghaila, Libya.

Generals Meet for Attack on Japs in Buna



At an undisclosed base, General Blamey confers with Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider (with pipe) during preparations for an attack on Jap-held Buna, in New Guinea. General MacNider received eight wounds in this attack when a Jap rifle grenade exploded.

Yum, Yum, 30,000 Pounds of Horsemeat!



Bostonians who never ate horse meat before will now have a chance to try out this delicacy. The first shipment of 30,000 pounds of horse meat has arrived, and the whole town is talking about it. Shown above Boston butchers are inspecting the new shipment. A taste for horse meat, like a taste for olives, has to be cultivated.

Praise the Lord and Pass the Nutrition



These regular guys from East Side, New York, are getting some practical instruction in nutrition (important during wartime rationing) in the junior chef's class at Judson Health center. The instructor sits with her back to the camera.

Hints For Your Yule Dinner

Foods with a Christmas air will contribute much to making a holiday a success for your family. Your favorite may be turkey with all its fixin's, traditional ham, roast goose or even roast pork, but whatever it is, have the accompanying dishes all blend in with your main course. These menus will guide you in planning your Christmas feast:

- I
- Cranberry Sherbet With Avocado Slice
- Roast Turkey or Chicken With Stuffing
- Celery Curls Radishes Olives
- Mashed Potatoes Gravy
- Buttered Brussels Sprouts Hot Rolls
- Pickled Peaches or Pear With Red Jelly
- Steamed Pudding With Hard Sauce
- Coffee
- II
- Hot Tomato Juice With Chopped Parsley
- Roast Pork With Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Baby Beets Green Peas
- Carrot Sticks Celery Olives
- Dinner Rolls Honey Jelly
- Hot Mince Pie
- Coffee
- After-Dinner Mints and Assorted Nuts
- III
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Baked Ham With Clove and Brown Sugar Topping
- Peach Halves With Cranberry Star Garnish
- Parsleyed Potatoes
- Mashed Turnips Green Beans
- Cabbage Cole Slaw
- Pickles Jelly Celery Hearts
- Plum Pudding With Sauce
- Coffee

Small Children Need Special Care During Holiday's Excitement

At Christmas time it is generally an accepted thing that each member of the household requires, and should get a handling which is very close to being called "special."

But it is the two-year-olds, or close to that, who really require special handling. Excitement is in the air. Even though excitement is a healthy emotion, too much of it is quite upsetting to the very small child.

For the two-year-old child the toys should be quite simple. The kind that makes them open their eyes wide, enables them to put them to a practical use, will stand a "good beating," and will not be the kind that will frighten or excite them.

Child training specialists, after observing many young children, also suggested that since a small child becomes tired very quickly from excitement, the parent should see that he gets his regular afternoon nap. They say parents won't be doing any kindness by letting him stay up.

Another thing is to prepare for him food which does look festive and different, but which will not put too great a strain on his delicate digestion.

Parents might open the little lady's, or little fellow's, gifts, but it is hinted that it will be the wisest thing to give the little one just one or two of the gifts at a time. Enthusiasm shouldn't be expected over each gift received. It will take time for their little minds to figure out something to do with it, and until they do, it isn't worth much.

Junior's Military Toys Made Largely of Wood

Santa Claus' helpers anticipate a boom in military toys. You have noticed some of the advertisements and window displays already.

During the past four or five months the busy men at the North Pole have been making Springfield and Garand rifles entirely of wood, wooden machine guns which sound with an uncanny rat-a-tat-tat.

There will be few, very few lead soldiers. Most of them will be made of cardboard and plastics. Instead of the following toys being made from metal, wood will be used instead: Parade guns, cannons, anti-aircraft guns, forts, planes, jeeps, tanks, field ambulances, battleships, submarines and barges for Commandos.

Junior will be in civilian defense, too, when he gets his presents at Christmas time. There will be doctors' and nurses' outfits, air raid warden kits and blackout sets—all made of non-essential materials.

Christmas Cards Traced To Reign of Victoria

One of Queen Victoria's favorite painters, W. C. Dobson, is credited as being the originator of the present-day Christmas card custom. In 1845 he dispatched lithograph copies of a greeting card to his friends.

Prior to the exchanging of cards, Christmas letters were written to one's relatives and acquaintances.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

WASHINGTON: Newspaper men covering this wartime capital now need about 40 press passes to get them into the various buildings and offices around the city. Up until stricter measures were taken—to guard against spies, saboteurs or traitors—one pass, that admitting the bearer to the White House, would get newsmen almost anywhere they wanted to go.

NEW ORLEANS: Andrew J. Higgins, shipbuilder extraordinary, is definitely going to build 1,200 cargo planes for the U. S. army. Contract for this number of aircraft was signed some time ago and the planes are to be built largely of non-critical metals.

ALGIERS: U. S. doughboys in Africa are now getting a weekly edition of their own newspaper, the Stars and Stripes. This North African edition is the product of combined efforts of the London staff of the Stars and Stripes in Britain and the staff of Yank, army magazine.

CHICAGO: Three Nazi sympathizers, under sentence to die January 22, were granted a stay of execution while the U. S. circuit court of appeals studies the findings of their recent trial. They are Hans Max Haupt, father of Herbert Haupt, executed Nazi saboteur; Otto R. Wergin and Walter O. Froehling, friends of the Haupt family.

LONDON: Continuance of the German reign of terror in Bohemia and Moravia was charged by the exiled Czech government, a spokesman for which said that 35 more Czechs had been executed by the Nazis. Twenty-nine men were shot on one day for allegedly possessing arms and explosives and participating in anti-Nazi activities, the Czech spokesman said. Six Czechs accused of being ringleaders in a sabotage and terror gang were executed in Prague. In Yugoslavia one official report said that guerrilla warriors had retaken almost half of that country.

TIGER POST

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Editorial

OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE

Though this is not the time of peace on earth and good will to men which Christmas should be, we high school students believe with the rest of our nation and our allies that we are fighting to restore peace and good will to all mankind. Some of our fellow classmates have already left school to join Uncle Sam's forces; others may follow. May all of us, at home and on the battle front, do our part so well that by next December 25 we may be at peace.

Zeke Speaks

AN EPISODE AT CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Then, "Whoa, reindeer! whoa! Come on, reindeer, whoa! Come on, you ain't doing reconnaissance flight for the army tonight. This is your night off. Remember this is Christmas Eve."

Well, here is that nice little Anton's house. I sure hope he isn't have any glue on the inside of his chimney this year. If he will have a heck of a time getting a tailor shop where they fix coats while you wait. And I know the carpenter has such big socks. They will be nailed up to the top of the chimney and end up in the bin.

This year I am glad they put me with Bill Thacker is a girl and a boy. I wonder how she stood the sight of that necktie.

MELODY BAND ENTERTAINS

The ward school melody band entertained the high school students Friday morning in assembly. Mrs. Chaudoin directs the group and Patty Smith Rippey is piano accompanist. The program was as follows:

- "America"—Band.
 - "Moonlight and Roses," violin duet—Mr. Chaudoin and Miss Roach, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rippey.
 - "Silent Night"—Band.
 - "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"—Band.
 - "Jingle Bells"—Band.
- These young musicians show remarkable ability for the ten weeks' training they have had, and the high school cordially invites them to give another program soon.

Derick the Fish

I sure dread Christmas. I always get too much and get sick. The Aunt Lulu Pearl gave me aught to make anyone dread Christmas.

ATTENTION PLEASE: Viola Appling and Kenneth Bruton have made an engagement official. Whew! What's come over this school?

Ben Cumrock doesn't like to tell who he's been dating. Are you ashamed of her, Ben? If anybody asks out, let me know. There's a letter that some of us boys are contemplating sending to her.

THREE NICE BOYS

Between Langham and a cute girl, known as Johnnie to me, I made a swell couple. When we get back from the high school we'll have to work like mad. We're going to official two-week mid-term test. And that's no joke! Did my heart give my back the other day when my love (Joyce Fulbright) came around. She gets prettier every day. But I'm too late again, as you know Billy Massey is home, and she's his "victory job."

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mas presents. I guess it's too late now. But don't feel bad, my birthday's next month and you can make it up to me then.

THE TUMBLEWEED

"The Tumbleweed" is the name decided upon for the annual which the Commercial Club is sponsoring. Since this title was submitted by two students, Ann Wilson, junior; and Mildred Edney, freshman, they will receive a joint award.

Dear Santa:

Please send me a watch for Christmas so I can keep a watch out for my dream man. And, Santa, if you can find one between here and the Solomon Islands, please send me a tall, dark and handsome Marine with curly hair.

A very good girl,

NADINE BOYD.

Dear "Nickie":

I would like very much for you to bring me that guy who writes the sketch over the radio, "Bill Snuff Bucket," and a blue convertible roadster wrapped around a red and green telephone pole. If possible, send these by way of chimney because it is stopped up. And please don't bend my blue convertible.

Yours till my presents are received,

"BUNNY" BAILEY.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm just a little girl 17 years old and because of the war I won't ask for a doll. Besides my old one still has all its sawdust. What I would like best of all, Santa, is to have a real doll house with a real fireplace and everything. Oh, yes, Santa, I think a mink coat would look awfully nice hanging in the closet. I've been awfully good.

BOBBY SULLIVAN.

Dear St. Nick:

Will you please bring me some new black slacks that don't shine, some permanent red hair and pink hair ribbon. And I wish a certain man in uniform would come home.

COLLEEN BURROWS.

Dear Mr. Nick Neopolias:

Please bring me a great big mamma doll that says poppa. I also want a book of 10 easy lessons that I can learn in six on how to do the rumba, conga, jitterbug, and old Joe Clark. Your juggling friend,

TOMMY NICHOLS.

Dear Mr. Claus:

I wish you would bring me a red lead pencil that would write 'OK's' like Miss Cousins writes them, and an old English 4 grammar book with rules in it all my own. I'd like also to have a formula for making synthetic gasoline.

A flunking English student,

JACK JONES.

Dearest Santa:

Please, will you send me my dream man, and please let him be in the Navy. And, by the way, Santa, he can have some money, too, because you see I want a beautiful watch with diamonds.

A very faithful woman,

MILDRED HENLEY.

Dear Santa:

I'm just asking for one thing this year, Fat Egleson. Won't you bring my baby back to me?

Hopefully,

JAMES BARKER.

Fashions of the Week

Let's make a record of the first period study hall and see what comes out, in the line of fashion, of course. Bonnie Bell Bailey sits on the front seat and deserves mention for her costume of a gold gathered skirt with brown band and suspenders. She wear a cream satin shirtwaist blouse. Belva Abbott wears a cute rose and white striped jumper with a white blouse. Viola Appling tunes in with a light blue skirt and pink sweater. Marie Kite adds her very suitable number of a navy wool skirt and white checked wool blouse. Tommy Nichols comes by with a brown wool skirt and white silk shirtwaist blouse. Colleen Burrows adds a mannish note with dark navy wool slacks and white sloppy Sue with a big black and gold "M" on the front; naturally, the sleeves are pushed to the elbows. Eulema Lively wears a school-girlish outfit consisting of colorful plaid wool shirt with a tan sweater. Norma Lee Myatt looks very nice in her large plaid suit of brown, tan and light blue. She finishes her suit out with a tan sweater. What's this? Twin dresses are worn by Georgia Lee Barrow and Cora Mae Blocker—white blouses, tan vests and brown skirts. Syble Weaver goes in for skirt and blouse, too. She wears a black skirt and white blouse. Sally Sagner puts in a Western touch with a shirt and colorful plaid skirt. That's not all, but there's the bell. Of course, there are lots of cute outfits which we will put in later.

WHO'S WHO

Mr. Jackson Leon Jones is one of the most outstanding characters of M. H. S.

Jackson was born in Henrietta on a blustery day, Sept. 7, 1925. He has been a four year letterman on the McLean Tiger football team. Also he has achieved the goal of many ambitious young upstarts. He is sports editor for the Tiger Post and also a feature and editorial writer.

His football career has been outstanding; he played his 100th game this year.

Mr. Jones is able to debate with ease on any subject, at any time, or with any person, except Miss Cousins, with whom he has met constant defeat in the verbal exchanges about his opinion of William Shakespeare and all things pertaining to English.

Jackson's hobby is collecting boogie woogie music on records along with classical jive.

HOME ECONOMICS PARTY

The second year home economics girls gave a party Dec. 17 at Betty McCarty's home. The girls arrived at 8:00 p. m., escorted by a guest.

Games were played. Punch, cookies, cheese crackers and Christmas candy were served. After refreshments, each couple gave an amateur show, which included singing popular songs, quoting nursery rhymes, etc. The best given was the song, "Breathless," by Maurine Goodman and Bobby Beall.

Presents were distributed to all present. The funniest was a nut presented to Miss Gadberry which stated that she is now a member of the nut club, and created much laughter. The party was enjoyed very much by everyone present.

The most attractive couples were Billie Stewart and Joe Turner Betty Davis and Bob Evans, Melba Hanner and John Dwyer, Mary McMahan and Bill Reeves, Maurine Goodman and Bobby Beall, Billie Glass and Don Bailey. There were 26 present in all.

SCAB

"Hey, what time is it by your watch?"
"Quarter to."
"Quarter to what?"
"I don't know—times got so bad I had to lay off one of the hands."

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Friday
"THE MAYOR OF 44TH ST."
Wm. Gargan, Joan Merrill

Saturday
"THIS GUN FOR HIRE"
Veronica Lake, Robert Preston
"THE LOVES OF EDGAR ALLAN POE"
Linda Darnell, John Shepperd

Sunday, Monday
"GIRL TROUBLE"
Don Ameche, Joan Bennett

Tuesday
"LADY IN A JAM"
Irene Dunne, Patric Knowles

Wednesday, Thursday
"THE FOREST RANGERS"
Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard

THE LONE STAR
Thursday and Friday
Return Showing of
"TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI"
John Payne, Maureen O'Hara
Saturday
DOUBLE FEATURE

Gay Christmas Plants Will Appeal to Mother

Here is a suggestion for the young men and ladies, around 10 or 15, who have been saving their money for mother's Christmas present, yet don't know what to get for her: Get her a Christmas plant!

She'll enjoy it as much as any of the many others. Of all the Christmas plants, the one which truly reflects the season of the year (almost as much as the Christmas tree) is the poinsettia. This red-leaved plant has a soft, yet forceful beauty to it that has, as yet, failed to attract the eye of those who are susceptible to any form of color.



Other red flowers are popular, too, but not as easily obtainable as the poinsettia. There is the Jerusalem cherry, the red cyclamen.

If you do purchase mother a poinsettia set it in an attractive colored pot (wrap it in colored Christmas paper) and tie a little red ribbon with a bow on it. That will put the "finishing touch" to a Christmas gift that is different.



Lesson

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KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Henry Van Dyke said: "It is a good thing to observe Christmas, but it is a better thing to keep it."

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"Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it a day, why not always?"
Let us make this our objective: Keeping Christmas always!

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"That was some tornado we had on our farm last summer."
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"Nope, we've still got our mortgage."

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Mrs. F. E. McCracken of Alameda was in town Tuesday.

Pvt. E. J. Windom, Jr., of Dalhart visited home folks here this week.

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It is in the eyes, round with wonder, of small children beholding the bounty of Santa Claus set in a fabulous fairyland of lighted tree. It is in the voice that knows no stranger, ringing loud and clear with a Merry Christmas to everyone. It is in the stirring tongues of tolling bells where every heart is very close to God.

It is the sum of every good word, every kind deed, every generous act and noble impulse which exalts man all the days of his years. It is the spirit which, in these dark times, must sustain also a bright avenging sword.

And this Christmas, 1942, while Silent Night and Anchors Aweigh mingle in the December air . . . while Caissons Go Rolling Along through distant deserts near the little town of Bethlehem . . . while many a lonely service man will miss the spirit of Christmas, yes the greatest happiness of any Christmas is to know that others have been blessed with the spirit of Christmas.

In this busy, uncertain world, let us pause for just a few minutes and wish each other the good cheer of Christmas time.

To my many friends and loved ones, please allow me to wish you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 1943 before raising anchor for a far away shore.

From the bottom of my heart, a very Merry Christmas, God bless you, and thanks a million for your good will.

HARRY G. WOMACK

Ph. M. 3/C, USNR, U. S. Naval Hospital
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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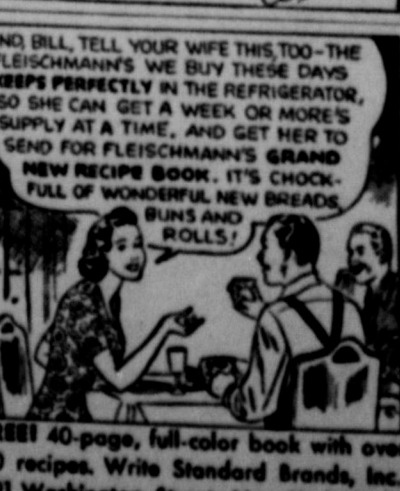
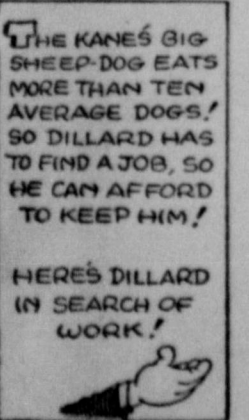
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WHO'S NEWS This Week

By Lemuel F. Parton

NEW YORK.—Critics of Maxwell Anderson, the playwright, have sometimes suggested that he has his head in the clouds. That might account for his persistence in saving the highest eminence of the Palisades—making the world safe for cloud-fanciers and rainbow fans. However, he doesn't make the mistake of Ibsen's brand, which led his people up so high they froze to death. High Tor is to Mr. Anderson the symbol of resistance against totalitarian quarry companies which would grind the cosmos through their rock-crushers, and also the symbol of certain ideas with which he garlanded it in his play, "High Tor," of 1937. It has high visibility and has rallied behind Mr. Anderson citizens far up and down the Hudson, and we know that remotely heard thunder is not Rip Van Winkle's elfin bowling team.

As head of the committee to save High Tor, Mr. Anderson is engaged in an effort to prove himself a poor prophet. In his play, he prophesied that the man who owned it ultimately would sell it to the quarry company, to be hacked down. Old Elmer Orden, the owner, died last April and High Tor was thrown on the market. Mr. Anderson's neighboring poets, artists and playwrights are swarming out of their remote hideouts to save the mountain.

Among them are Amy Murray, much beloved poet, who two years ago published a book of verse, significantly beautiful, much of it about the mountain, and worthy of attention that it received, and Harry Poor, the artist. Mr. Poor's painting of the mountain hangs in the Metropolitan museum. He and Miss Murray head the fund-raising subcommittee to buy the mountain and turn it over to the Palisades Interstate Park commission as a permanent bird and game sanctuary and a high hurdle for hikers—for Pegasus, too, it would seem as many a chaplet of verse has been hung on the mountain.

Somewhat farther down toward sea level, Mr. Anderson is promoting a prizefight for the Fighting French Relief committee. He seems always to be asking himself "What price glory?" Just now he is gathering in slathers of money from his hit play, "Eve of St. Mark," ringing up \$300,000 for the movie rights alone, and such glory always drives him to unforeseen endeavors. When he hits a jackpot he is apt to summon relatives and friends and say: "Have a farm or an education on me."

Mr. Anderson and his fellow craftsmen of the arts have led the old-timers up our way to conclude that poets and artists are all right if they behave themselves. The latter meet them halfway. There has been a new community solidarity in Bickland county, New York, which has stirred it to more than its population share of war-winning activities. Mr. Anderson has made High Tor a symbol of a common endeavor.

WITH college boys being pulled out of school, business men are sent back in. It is Dean Donald K. Shakespeare's 7 David of the Ages Fall Into a New Sequence Harvard university business school who opens Harvard to 150 business executives, between the ages of 35 and 40, for a tuition-free course to retrain business executives for war work. He says the aim is to aid in the "production of goods necessary to win the war."

In 1922, Harvard university set up a consulting staff in Europe, which included Sir William Beveridge of London, for guidance of business in the reconstruction years. Sir William has been working in this field ever since, and is just now out with a ten-pound report and recommendation which is mainly a conclusion that there won't be any business after this war—all will be socialized.

Nothing like that for Harvard university this time. Dean David, who was named head of the business school last May, has staked out his curriculum on the old ground rules and the tradition that the pursuit of an honest dollar still will be a stimulus to enterprise.

From Moscow, Idaho, where Mr. David was born in 1896, he went to the University of Idaho and was graduated from the Harvard business school in 1919. He was on the school faculty, in various posts until 1927, when he stepped into business, chiefly in large-scale food merchandising, and made a brilliant success of it. His new pupils will soon get to know that he is no mere academician.

His main prospectus of management, salesmanship and administration carries over into the post-war world.

Bright Colors and Dependable Fabrics Distinguish Woolens

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



glamour and eye-appeal if it is colorful. The little wool dresses that are outstanding in the winter mode are just like that—classically simple and gloriously colorful. Bright, singing reds are so universally accepted they are considered as basic as blacks or navies or browns. There is a new warm yellow brown in fashionable wools that is second only to black in popularity. There are many vibrant blues, "uniform" blue being a special favorite. A bronzy green and a softer grayed green are being chosen by blondes and brunettes alike. Then there are the much-talked-of fuchsia shades that stress purples and rich reds. There is the new ginger color and an attractive gold hue. And "winter white" wools make conversation wherever they go.

The vogue for simplicity is artfully interpreted in the dress pictured to the right in the group illustrated above. Fashioned of Forstman 100 per cent virgin wool, it carries a thoroughbred look that is recognized at a glance. Note how expertly it is detailed with unique darts in bodice and skirt. The accompaniment of a huge pillow muff adds to its chic.

Very style-right is the dress to the left. Made of choice wool, this gown is slim-silhouetted to a nicety. Touches of trapunto quilting, so popular this year, lend interest to the simple lines. Note the tight sleeves and the subtly molded bodice. Each feature points to fashion trends of the future.

Centered in the group you see a version of the modern business girl—fresh, tailored, efficient, but not too much so. Her suit of the same high-grade virgin wool as that which fashions the other modes is the type that retains day-long good looks even when given strenuous wear.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Leopard Trimmed



Here is a smartly styled outfit that makes use of the popular fur trim. Flattering, too, is the brimmed black felt hat, rolled high on the left side like the military sombrero worn by the Australian. Spotted furs are very popular this winter, and designers are using them intriguingly for the entire coat, or as trimming, or for hat, bag and muff ensembles.

Bib-Shaped Dickey

A bib-shaped dickey comes with long ends that can be wrapped around the neck like an ascot tie or looped into a big, floppy bow.

White Gloves Seen For Winter Wear

We will have with us this winter white gloves in greater numbers than for many a season past. They look charming worn with the new white hats that are so fashion-right this winter.

Included in the gloves shown in current displays you'll find perky little short gloves with notched wrists to wear with your suits and your furs. These little white lamb-skin types are washable.

There are also white string gloves lined with cozy wool which will companion perfectly with your man-tailored tweeds. White pigskin for gloves is this year's rage. You'll like it, too, white capeskin gloves with a swoop of white fur about the wrist. Cunning are the snowy bunny-fur types, and it's difficult to keep them in stock, what with every 'teen-age girl making a firm resolve to be the happy possessor of a pair. For the most formal and gayest of evenings you will find lovelies that are long, longer, longest. These have wee pearl buttons at the wrist.

Exotic Flower Prints Are Embroidered With Sequins

Just about the prettiest print frocks that imagination might picture are the new black crepes patterned with perhaps not more than two or three huge flower prints in gorgeous colors.

But that tells only half the story of their fascinating charm, for these exotic flowers scintillate with multi-colored sequin embroidery. Newly arrived, these eye-entrancing prints have a big future before them. To see these beautiful gowns is to feel that you must have one.

Santa Claus Born In Famous Poem By Clement Moore

Santa Claus was born in New York on a snowy December night 120 years ago. He sprang full grown, clad in red and white, with eight reindeer and a sleigh, from the mind of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore when he wrote his famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

The legend of St. Nicholas had come to the New world with the Dutch settlers in the Seventeenth century. Gradually the name of that figure became San Niklaas and later Santa Claus.

There are several explanations of how Santa Claus happened to be born. One story tells that on Christmas eve, 1822, Dr. Moore was being driven to his New York home in a sleigh, and the tinkling of the bells on the horse's harness gave him inspiration for the verses.

Another story tells that Dr. and Mrs. Moore were packing Christmas baskets for the needy and found they were one turkey short. Though it was late, Dr. Moore went out to buy another. On his way home with the turkey under his arm he is said to have composed the poem.

Dr. Moore read his poem to his children on Christmas morning. When a friend had the verses printed in a Troy, N. Y., newspaper, he denied writing them, but later admitted their authorship.

The poem gained rapidly in popularity, and the picture it painted of old Santa has endured to this day.

"His eyes, how they twinkled; his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself."

Short Course in Yule Card Etiquette

Each year at this time, when Christmas cards are about to be addressed, the question always pops up in the mind: "How shall we sign them?" Here are a few hints and suggestions that will help you along in making your decision:

- If you are a married couple all you need to do is sign, "Jack and Jane." For those that would require more formal address, sign the card: "Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson."
- If you have a small family you can sign the card: "Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson, Sally and Jane." For the informal address of the cards it could be: "Jim, Mary, Sally and Jane Jackson." It is always best to put the names of the child or children next to the mother's.
- If you are a married woman, living alone, you can sign your card, "Mary Brown Jackson"—the Brown being the maiden name. The general practice in such cases is also to put in parenthesis "Mrs. Jack Jackson."
- Young ladies, single, just sign "Sally Jackson" or just "Sally." If the acquaintance is casual Sally can precede her name with a "Miss" such as "Miss Sally Jackson."

But at Christmas time, informality is the general and prevailing note. Cards addressed to your friends should be as informal as possible without causing any affront to those receiving them. If you wish you can even add your own little personal note as might a young lady to her young man. Or as one pal would to another whom he hasn't seen, or heard from for a long time.

Make Tree Fireproof This Way—It's Easy

You can fireproof your Christmas tree by a simple method of letting it absorb the proper amount of ammonium sulphate. First cut the trunk of the tree at an angle or in a "V" shape. Then weigh the tree and divide the weight of ammonium sulphate needed. Dissolve the indicated amount in water, using one and one-half pints for each pound of sulphate. Put this solution in a jar or bucket, set the tree in the solution in a cool place and leave it long enough for the tree to absorb the solution fully. Then the danger of fire is at a minimum.

'First Footing' in Britain Survives as Superstition

In England the superstition about the "first footing" still survives. Someone must go into the house before anyone comes out in the new year; otherwise some member of the family might pass away. Members of the family may be seen pacing up and down the walk about 10 minutes before midnight, waiting for the whistle, so he can come in out of the cold and bring good luck into his home for another year.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



A New Apron.
[IT IS trim as a pin, big enough to cover your entire frock, and decorative enough so that it is fun to wear! Here is an apron to rely on. You slip it on over your

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- Vaseline will prevent patent leather from cracking. Rub a little on your shoes before venturing out in the cold.
- When cream will not whip, add the white of an egg and stand the bowl for one hour in a vessel of cold salt water. It will then whip easily, and the white of egg will add considerably to the bulk of the cream without affecting the flavor.
- If a tablecloth is badly tea-stained, rub the stains with ordinary washing blue some time before the cloth is to be washed. Then boil as usual and both blue and stains will disappear.
- Fruit and berry pies with lattice-style tops require less baking time than two-crust pies.
- Lipstick stained napkins and towels should be cleaned before laundering with a spot remover.
- When washed woolen sweaters should be put in a pillowcase, and the case hung up, open, on the line. This allows the wind to blow through and avoids any chance of the garment shrinking or stretching.
- Raisin and Apple Sandwiches.—Cover slices of brown bread, first with butter, then with raisins which have been seeded and minced finely. Put two slices together with wafer-like pieces of juicy apple between.
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There are few people who do not possess the tolerant spirit on Christmas Day. The pity of it is that so many forget it every other day of the year.

It is strange that the liquor advertisers can get by with their "Merry Christmas" suggestions, when even a child knows there is nothing that pertains to Christmas in the drinking of intoxicants.

Some people lost out on securing canning sugar because they did not read the home paper and had no knowledge of the deadline. This is just another one of the benefits our subscribers have over the non-reader.

Some public buildings in McLean have some fire hazards that should be corrected before a catastrophe happens like some of the serious fires reported recently. Doors opening inward, steep, winding stairways, heavy screens on windows, etc., are all hazards that could be corrected in time, and might prevent many deaths. We are all too prone to disregard such things until it is too late.

Newsprint paper may be rationed after the first of the year. If this occurs, only those subscribers who are on the paper's paid list will be allowed to receive the paper. It is to be hoped that it will not be necessary to make such a drastic rule, but if it comes we will have to accept it as a war-time necessity. All of our present subscribers will be protected under present plans.

Every firm has a few disagreeable customers. Some people seem to take a particular ride in being hard to please, or have other disagreeable characteristics that could easily be remedied if they would take a little time for self-examination. There is little excuse for anyone to make things difficult for those who spend their time trying to please the public. Much has been said about duty to the public, but some people seem to forget that the public is a duty as well.

Miss Christine Kennedy of Amarillo visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kennedy, this week.

Mrs. J. T. Hicks, who is attending business college in Amarillo, is visiting home folks here.

Mrs. Ed Clifton of Alanreed was in town Monday.

Spirit of Christmas, 1942



Christmas day, 1942, will see more soldiers than at any time in the history of our country pay homage to Him who died to bring peace on earth. Thousands of American soldiers stationed in the world's outposts of freedom will attend services on Christmas morning. Special services have been arranged in training camps in all parts of the country. This officer, with his wife and young son, kneels before a replica of the manger in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

RELATIVE VALUES

The dispute over conditions in Puerto Rico waxed very warm. Interior Secretary Ickes is bitterly opposed to a Senate inquiry, which he considers "unnecessary and fruitless."

Maybe so. It would at any rate throw light on the philosophy that underlies monthly shipment to Puerto Rico of an average of 3,545 long tons of distilling equipment at a time when total shipments are limited to 35,000 long tons, and when the War Shipping Administration concedes it is unable to supply the territory with sufficient foodstuffs.—Pampa News.

Since "Chisos" means ghosts or spirits, Texas Chisos Mountains are believed to have been so named because of their changing colors under the morning and evening sunlight.

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BEGINNING SOON

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Where do children receive Christmas gifts from a camel?
2. What famous Christmas character originated in America?
3. If you want a Christmas tree that drops its needles early, what kind would you select?
4. What important event took place on Christmas day almost two thousand years ago?
5. When was Christmas proclaimed a national holiday?
6. Where did the early Christians obtain their Christmas trees?
7. What is the most widely known Christmas story ever written?

**ANSWERS
 To Christmas Quiz**

1. Syria. The youngest of the three camels bearing the Wise Men distributes the gifts.
2. Santa Claus. The Dutch brought St. Nicholas (Sint Niklass) to America where he was gradually transformed into Santa Claus.
3. Spruce. The Fir holds its needles the longest.
4. Christ was born.
5. There are no "national holidays" in the United States. The Federal government proclaims holidays only for federal employees.
6. Early Christians didn't have any. Christmas trees weren't used generally until the 16th century.
7. With the exception of the birth of Christ, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is the most widely known Christmas story.

Kid McCoy, Jr., of College Station is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse visited in Pampa last week.

GREETINGS

By Mrs. Lady Bryant

I wish to extend to each of you my personal wishes for the holiday season—Bringing good cheer and the best of wishes to you. For a real merry Christmas and a happy New Year, too.

USELESS MAIL

We see by the papers that Uncle Sam is having some trouble handling the huge volume of mail, which the war is helping to increase day by day. The government, it seems, is putting part of the blame on the "free" mailing privileges granted service men, which has increased the volume about 30%. But somehow the thousands of tons of franked propaganda from useless bureaus and agencies, which has been cluttering up the nation's mailbags for 10 years, has not been mentioned. Get rid of it, and give the soldiers a chance to write home.—Buffalo (Okla.) Journal.

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It is with this thought and spirit that we wish you a...

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

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THE Secret OF THE MARSHBANKS

BY KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE STORY SO FAR: An orphan, Charlotte (Cherry) Rawlings knows almost nothing of her early history when, according to the wishes of her guardians, she is placed in the hands of Judge Judson Marshbanks and Emma Baskell she becomes the secretary to Mrs. Porteous Porter, wealthy San Francisco invalid. Busy as she is, Cherry sees the judge from time to time and sees the members of his household; his mother, the elderly Mrs. Marshbanks; his daughter, the debutante daughter of his dead brother, Fred; and Fran, his gay young son. Cherry soon learns from Emma that her mother (never married) had been Emma's sister Charlotte; that her father was the judge's brother Fred—Amy's father—and that shortly after Cherry and Amy were born Cherry's mother had switched the two babies. The poor Cherry Rawlings is really the rich Amy Marshbanks! The judge confides in the amazing story, but in protect Amy his mother hides certain papers that would have proved its truth. Meanwhile, Cherry had fallen in love with Kelly Coates, a young artist (who for a time had been infatuated with Fran Marshbanks); and Amy is determined to marry Count Mario (Gogo) Constantino. The judge is shot to death in his library and everybody is under suspicion. Kelly finally convinces Cherry that he is over his infatuation for Fran and she happily agrees to marry him. Amy flies to Reno to marry Gogo. Cherry discovers there are gunpowder marks on Fran's sealings. Police find love letters Kelly had written to Fran, but he assures Cherry they are harmless. Returning from a restaurant to the Marshbanks home Kelly and Cherry find four officers waiting at the door.



"If it is to Amy's interest, zen we must fight," the count put in.

CHAPTER XVII

"You go upstairs and get into dry things," Kelly said to Cherry. "No use your catching pneumonia." He sat down at the desk, and Cherry reluctantly went away. May was waiting for her in the hall and not only personally managed the hot bath but descended afterward to the kitchen for tea and toast. "If you aren't in for flu, I'll miss my guess!" said May. When she came upstairs with the tray, it was to ask Cherry if she would have her little mid-afternoon meal in old Mrs. Marshbanks' room. "She don't feel very good and she asked if you wasn't too tired would you come in and see her." "Well, of course," Cherry said. Feeling a little dull, she was not only vaguely flattered by the proposal, but she was glad of any company on this dreadful afternoon. Cherry found her grandmother restless and uneasy. But to Cherry's great relief she seemed disinclined to speak of the affairs of the moment. The clock struck four. The old woman looked across at her companion, her voice sounded oddly firm and clear in the silence. "Judson was an honest man," she said, "but he never was fair to his brother, Frederick—" Cherry was unable to speak. She felt her throat thicken; tears stung her eyes. The proud, stiff old voice went on. "I would be very sorry to think that anything I had ever done had hurt you," said Mrs. Marshbanks. "When something surprises you and—distresses you, sometimes you act without thinking." "I don't think it matters much now," Cherry said, with some difficulty. "It might have been unimportant. Nobody knew what was in that envelope." "It was unfortunate, I suppose," the old woman said reluctantly and proudly, "that my boy inherited his disposition from me. He would not be crossed." "You are much stronger than your father," said Mrs. Marshbanks. The girl felt an odd sense of pride. It was something—even on this strange, terrible day—to have won the respect of her strange, alienated old grandmother. "You can stand what would have broken him," Mrs. Marshbanks presently added. "You know, I suppose, that Judson left you a little property in his will? What I have will be yours, too," she went on, unemotionally. "It is not what you might have had, but it is something." "Thank you," Cherry said simply. There was a tap at the door and she sprang to it, her heart hammering wildly. It was Kelly. He looked tired, and was graver in manner than she had ever seen him. "Fran and I are going out with these lads a while," he said, without preamble. "I wanted you to know. See you later." She caught at him, her eyes frightened. He smiled and was gone. Mrs. Marshbanks and Cherry sat quietly, saying little. It was a relief to both when Greg came in. "What's happened?" he inquired. "Martin looked like Boris Karloff when he let me in." "Nothing's really happened; at least we don't believe it has," Cherry told him, choosing her words carefully. "But Fran went sort of crazy today and told them a long story about how she killed your father." "What do you know about that?" Greg commented scornfully. "It's got on her nerves. What'd they do?" "Well, she and Kelly Coates went out with them—to police headquarters, I suppose." "Coates, too?" "Ha!" Greg ejaculated, more seriously. "I never knew there was anything going on there!"

"It was over anyway," the girl stated. "And he and I were going to be married," she added, after a pause. "It sounded as if you said—you didn't say . . ." old Mrs. Marshbanks stopped in midsentence, looking keenly at the girl. "Yes, we planned it only a few days ago," Cherry said dully. "Fran knows it?" "Nobody knows it." "But if that's the case, how could she possibly have quarreled with Jud about him?" "That's one reason why I think she didn't." "You mean you're to marry Kelly?" The older woman still found it hard to believe. "Some day," Cherry answered simply, looking away to hide her filling eyes. "And how long has this been going on?" "Ever since I first saw him—for me. He walked into my life," Cherry said, "and he's never walked out." "Well," said the old lady dryly, "that complicates matters." "I should think it would simplify matters; I should think it would let Kelly out of it, at least," Greg said. "I don't think anything any more," his grandmother stated wearily. "I guess I've lived long enough. So you got him away from Fran, did you?" "That was all over. They hadn't seen each other for months. But Fran suddenly got all worked up about it. She had letters from him that the police found." "Those letters!" the older woman said scornfully. "As Cherry was about to leave old Mrs. Marshbanks, Amy and Count Gogo burst in. "Gran, darling," Amy said with her kiss, "we were going through town on our way to Del Monte and we got homesick, and so we're putting off our honeymoon, and we came home to see you! You kiss her, too, Gogo!" Cherry informed the newcomers that Fran had been asked to go to police headquarters "to explain something," and that Fran had "sort of broken down" earlier in the day, and they were questioning her. "But why? She doesn't know anything about it!" Amy exclaimed, aghast. "You cannot possibly know zat, de-ar," said the count. "She said it was on his account." "The thing is, Gran," Amy burst out, "that yesterday when I grabbed some things to go and meet Gogo there was some mail on the hall table, two or three letters for me, and I took them along. We didn't look at them until this morning and then I—we—Gogo felt—we both felt, that it might be important, and that we ought to talk to someone about it." "If it is for Aimee's comforts, zen it is important to me," Gogo said impressively. "You say it's business, Amy," old Mrs. Marshbanks said, with a level look at Gogo. "What sort of business?" "It's from some lawyer, Gran," Amy explained. "Mr. George Comstock. He says that owing to the sudden death of his father, Judge Thomas Comstock, affairs in the office—I'll read it," Amy interrupted herself. "Affairs in the office have been in some inevitable confusion, owing to the recent sudden death of my father," she read aloud. "My partner, Mr. Edward Brace, and I have been attempting to the best of our ability to straighten out his affairs. We now discover that a document deliverable to you on the occasion of your twenty-first birthday, November seventeenth of this year, has been overlooked, and is now eleven days overdue. The envelope, sealed, was deposited here at the request of your father, the late Frederick Archibald Marshbanks, at the time of his death. The accompanying instructions request that we also get in touch with Charlotte Rawlings, whose whereabouts we are now endeavoring to ascertain. Assuring you of our regret in the unavoidable delay . . ." Amy stopped short, lowered the hand holding the letter looked blankly at her grandmother. "What on earth does it mean?" she demanded. "Why, I don't know, dear," faltered the old lady. "Aimee has told me of a story told by Cherie here," the count began anxiously. "Coot it haf anything to do wiz zis?" "If it is a duplicate of that paper Uncle Jud said he had had . . ." Amy added, again leaving her sentence unfinished. "If it is to Aimee's interest, zen we must fight," the count put in. "Cherry, did they write you?" Amy demanded. "The Comstocks were great friends of your father," old Mrs. Marshbanks contributed. "But I never heard . . ." She stopped short, shaking her head. "It seem to me zat I should have known of zis, Aimee," said the count. "Gogo, why should I tell you a lot of family rubbish that I didn't believe myself!" Amy answered sharply. "Up to now—up to the time I got this letter, there wasn't any proof of anything!" "I am sure," the old woman began faintly. "I am sure there isn't any truth in what Judson said: It put Amy in such a terrible position. Oh, my child," Amy's grandmother said, in a burst of anguish, "why did you marry until this matter was settled? How could you rush off without telling us—without . . ." "But you are not saying zat Aimee perhaps will be robt of all ze money her grandfazzer gave her?" the count put in, in a tone of stupefaction. There was a brief silence. The count moved to Amy and touched her on the shoulder. "It will be very hardt, it will seem very strange to my frienz, my frienz zat I have promise to help," he said in an annoyed tone. "I tell zem to come and stay wiz me, I tell zem zat my horse—my house, all is for zem." His reproachful look swept the circle; he spread his hands open, appealing for sympathy. "Your room is ready, Countess," May said, from the doorway. Cherry saw a little pleased look, a mollified expression, come into Amy's face. The title was impressive to them all. "The first thing that Gogo said when we read this horrible letter," Amy said, looking first at her grandmother, then at Cherry, "was that it wouldn't be fair to me—it would put me in a false position for him to have married me thinking that I was—well, was rich and that I could help out all these people he has promised to help, and that he could pay up some bills. As if," Amy diverged suddenly with an attempt to speak scornfully that Cherry found infinitely pathetic. "as if money mattered! It was only—Gogo says it's only that he expected something different and made all these plans, and now of course he won't be able to carry them out." "We'll know tomorrow," Cherry said, one hand over her aching eyes. "He says, Gogo says, that it's a bad sign that they want to get in touch with you, Cherry," Amy observed, as she trailed away disconsolately, leaving Cherry alone with her grandmother. The old lady extended a hand to her, and as Cherry went to stand before her, grasping it, she drew the girl down so that Cherry's ear was close. "She's destroyed her life!" the old woman said, in an electric whisper. "The money was all he wanted." Crossing the hall, Cherry could hear Gogo's voice speaking high and angrily in Amy's room; she heard nothing from Amy in reply. With a heartsick pang of sympathy for Amy, Cherry turned away from her own doorway, and went downstairs. When she reached the lower hallway Fran and Kelly were just coming in. Both looked beaten. Kelly's face was gray, and Fran was obviously exhausted. Her eyes, sunken in rings of pale violet, went almost without recognition to Cherry. She said faintly she was going to rest before dinner. "You'll want your dinner upstairs, Fran," Cherry said, all sympathy. "No, no," the other woman said feverishly. "I don't want to be alone. I'll lie down for a while!"

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for December 27

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DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

LESSON TEXT—Romans 12:1-3, 9-21. GOLDEN TEXT—Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—Romans 12:21.

Dynamic—there is a word with an attraction for both young and old. It speaks of power, but not just brute force. There is personality with its winsomeness, challenge, accomplishment, all around attractiveness and usefulness as the essential element of this kind of power.

It may surprise some of us to hear that this is the kind of life every Christian may, and ought, to live, by the grace of God. Not that each one will have the gifts of leadership, or the personal qualifications which mark some for places of public service, but that each may have divine power working in and through his life.

Such a life can be lived only as God's power is able to flow through a surrendered life. This must begin in the individual, and in the depth of his own heart. Then it will appear in his relationship to his brethren in the church, and ultimately in his life in the world.

I. In the Heart (1-3).

It is only the believer who is ready to serve God. The unregenerate man needs cleansing, not consecration. Having that, he is ready for the transforming work of God which will bring him out into a place of freedom and spiritual strength. Notice that this is brought about by an act of the will. We are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice. That is our part, God will respond in blessing.

Conformity to this world (v. 2) is the blight on the church and on the individual believer which so hampers the work of Christ in the world today. The worldly Christian is an anomaly.

The call then is for non-conformity to the world and surrender to the transforming grace of God. Then there will be both true humility (v. 3) and full confidence in God's power.

II. In the Church (vv. 9-16).

The dynamic living of the Christian is not something to be paraded before the world, a thing of which we may be proud. It begins, as we have seen, in the heart, and then gives itself in gracious, affectionate, earnest living within other believers.

Here we note that being dynamic does not mean only being a "live wire." It may express itself in quietness which is graciously powerful; in goodness which overcomes evil; in love which weeps with the sorrowing; or in humility which is willing to touch the lowly.

These verses are full to overflowing with the kind of instruction which, if heeded, would make the fellowship of the church well nigh heavenly. For example, "in honor preferring one another" would put an end to church "fights"—blessed thought! If all were "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" there would be no problem about getting the work of the church and Sunday school done, and done well.

If Christians were "patient in tribulation," would continue "instant in prayer," and rejoice "in hope," we would at once be free from complainers, and weak or unhappy church members.

III. In the World (vv. 17-21).

"Take thought," that is, plan to have "things honest in the sight of all men." Bishop Moule's comment is particularly acute. He says the Christian "is to be nobly indifferent to the world's thought and word when he is sure that God and the world antagonize. But he is to be seriously attentive to the world's observation, were the world more or less acquainted with the Christian precept or principle, and more or less conscious of its truth and right, is watching, maliciously, or it may be wistfully, to see if it governs the Christian practice."

How then does the Christian behave toward the world? He does not return evil for evil. How often Christians have failed at that point, becoming involved in a "blow for blow" conflict with some worldly man or institution. How much better to "live peaceably with all men" as far as it is possible to do so.

The Christian is not to seek revenge. The injustice suffered may be confidently left in the hand of God. He will make it right in due season and in His own way. He will judge righteously, where we might be prejudiced. We might be too severe; He will be fair. The way to deal with such situations is by the "coals of fire" method (v. 20). It really works. We ought to use it more frequently.

Verse 21 sums up the whole matter. Instead of letting the evil of this world get the best of him, the Christian will "overcome evil with good." It seems just now that such a plan does not work, that evil has taken the upper hand, but let us wait a bit. The final accounting has not yet been made.

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PREPAREDNESS by the AMERICAN RED CROSS

THE Junior Red Cross is the American Red Cross in the schools of the nation. It is also the world's largest youth organization, with more than 14,000,000 members in the United States.

The principal duty of the Junior Red Cross in war time is the making of comfort and recreational articles for our service men everywhere. During the past year, Junior Red Cross members made more than 3,000,000 such articles, such as games, recreation room furniture and writing kits.

The Junior Red Cross has also taken a very active part in the making of many essential articles for Civilian Defense organizations throughout the nation. These items included splints, stretchers, and first aid cabinets.

"Earn, buy, make, give," are the four steps all Junior Red Cross members take in raising and using the money they get in their national enrollment drive. They must earn the money to buy the materials to make the articles to give to the hospital, army camp or Civilian Defense organization.

Junior Red Cross members have also been very active in salvage campaigns of all kinds throughout the nation, contributing more than half of the salvage gathered by children of school age throughout the country.

In addition to furnishing opportunity to learn by making these articles for service men and others, the Junior Red Cross affords children of school age basic training in civilian preparedness so that they may take their places later on in the volunteer activities of the Red Cross or the Office of Civilian Defense.

Approximately half the pupil population of all elementary and secondary schools in the nation were enrolled as members in the Junior Red Cross campaign just completed.

Prepared Exclusively for WNU.

Perhaps Dad Should Have Impersonated Himself!

The dud actor walked proudly to the center of the stage, beaming. "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen," he said. "I sincerely trust that you will all enjoy my performance. For my opening number I'd like to do an impersonation of that famous chap, Rudy Vallee."

The orchestra swung into an introduction and the dud began to croon. The audience soon grew restless. And by the time the song was over, boos were heard from all parts of the theater. The performer looked around in bewilderment. "Gee," he mumbled, "That Vallee must be terrible!"



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Fitting Minds
Little things affect little minds.—Disraeli.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

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Just because the synthetic rubber program has been upped to 1,100,000 tons production capacity by the end of 1943, the chances of car owners getting synthetic tires before 1944 have not been increased. War needs will take the bulk of the synthetic.

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The man who likes to be "Mr. Big" would be happy if there were no "Mr. Biggers."

There is no need to fear inflation. We have it now. The thing to fear is deflation after the war.

"What we keep we lose and what we give away we keep" is a Biblical intimation that most of us can understand at this season of the year.

There are few people who do not possess the tolerant spirit on Christmas Day. The pity of it is that so many forget it every other day of the year.

It is strange that the liquor advertisers can get by with their "Merry Christmas" suggestions, when even a child knows there is nothing that pertains to Christmas in the drinking of intoxicants.

Some people lost out on securing canning sugar because they did not read the home paper and had no knowledge of the deadline. This is just another one of the benefits our subscribers have over the non-reader.

Some public buildings in McLean have some fire hazards that should be corrected before a catastrophe happens like some of the serious fires reported recently. Doors opening inward, steep, winding stairways, heavy screens on windows, etc., are all hazards that could be corrected in time, and might prevent many deaths. We are all too prone to disregard such things until it is too late.

Newsprint paper may be rationed after the first of the year. If this occurs, only those subscribers who are on the paper's paid list will be allowed to receive the paper. It is to be hoped that it will not be necessary to make such a drastic rule, but if it comes we will have to accept it as a war-time necessity. All of our present subscribers will be protected under present plans.

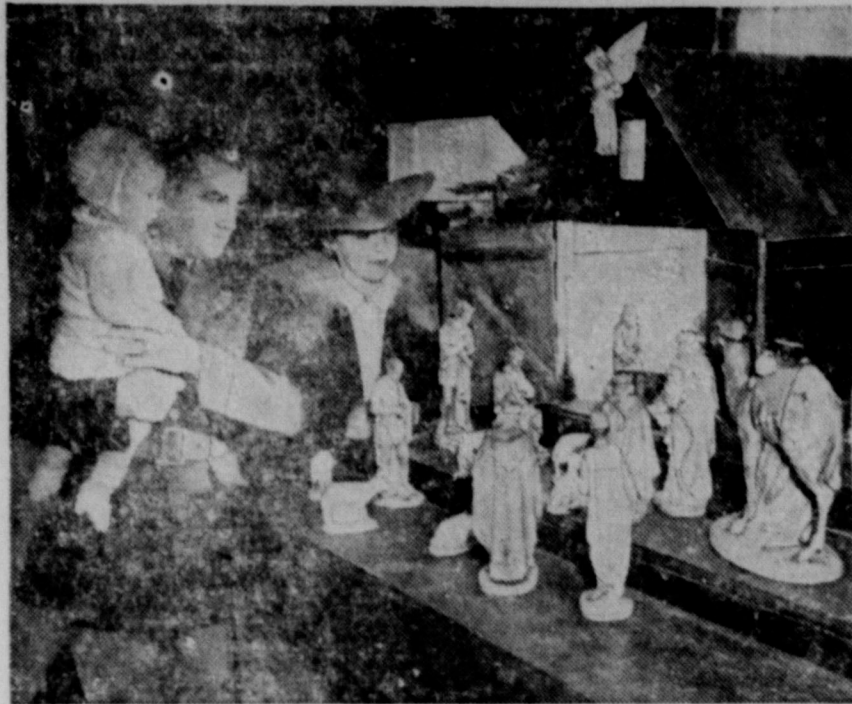
Every firm has a few disagreeable customers. Some people seem to take a particular pride in being hard to please, or have other disagreeable characteristics that could easily be remedied if they would take a little time for self-examination. There is little excuse for anyone to make things difficult for those who spend their time trying to please the public. Much has been said about duty to the public, but some people seem to forget that the public is a duty as well.

Miss Christine Kennedy of Amarillo visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kennedy, this week.

Mrs. J. T. Hicks, who is attending business college in Amarillo, is visiting home folks here.

Mrs. Ed Clifton of Alanreed was in town Monday.

Spirit of Christmas, 1942



Christmas day, 1942, will see more soldiers than at any time in the history of our country pay homage to Him who died to bring peace on earth. Thousands of American soldiers stationed in the world's outposts of freedom will attend services on Christmas morning. Special services have been arranged in training camps in all parts of the country. This officer, with his wife and young son, kneels before a replica of the manger in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

RELATIVE VALUES

The dispute over conditions in Puerto Rico waxed very warm. Interior Secretary Ickes is bitterly opposed to a Senate inquiry, which he considers "unnecessary and fruitless."

Maybe so. It would at any rate throw light on the philosophy that underlies monthly shipment to Puerto Rico of an average of 3,548 long tons of distilling equipment at a time when total shipments are limited to 35,000 long tons, and when the War Shipping Administration concedes it is unable to supply the territory with sufficient foodstuffs.—Pampa News.

Since "Chisos" means ghosts or spirits, Texas Chisos Mountains are believed to have been so named because of their changing colors under the morning and evening sunlight.

In Burnet county are found unusually varied mineral deposits, including granite (from which Texas' State Capitol and Galveston's seawall are built), graphite, copper, lead, lithograph stone and traces of gold, silver and other metals.

Brownsville is unique in that it is an international airport, international seaport and international border point of entry.

BRUCE Nurseries

Alanreed, Texas

Most complete line hardy acclimated trees, evergreens, shrubs and flowers in the Panhandle. Special prices now. Expert landscaping service.

Appreciation

Clint Staggs has leased my cafe, and I want to thank the good people of McLean for the fine support given me, and bespeak the same consideration for Mr. Staggs.

I trust that every one of my customers and friends may have a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

BUDDY WATKINS

Bennie's Cafe

What Would You Do...

... if you had bought an abandoned church and, having taken possession, the body of an old friend rolled out of a chest lying in the basement?

That was the problem Judy Jason had to face—plus a few others! Don't miss this exciting story—

Read MURDER AT PIRATE'S HEAD

In This Paper

BEGINNING SOON



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Where do children receive Christmas gifts from a camel?
2. What famous Christmas character originated in America?
3. If you want a Christmas tree that drops its needles early, what kind would you select?
4. What important event took place on Christmas day almost two thousand years ago?
5. When was Christmas proclaimed a national holiday?
6. Where did the early Christians obtain their Christmas trees?
7. What is the most widely known Christmas story ever written?

**ANSWERS
 To Christmas Quiz**

1. Syria. The youngest of the three camels bearing the Wise Men distributes the gifts.
2. Santa Claus. The Dutch brought St. Nicholas (Sint Nikl) to America where he was gradually transformed into Santa Claus.
3. Spruce. The Fir holds its needles the longest.
4. Christ was born.
5. There are no "national holidays" in the United States. The Federal government proclaims holidays only for federal employees.
6. Early Christians didn't have any Christmas trees weren't used generally until the 16th century.
7. With the exception of the Bible accounts of the birth of Christ, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is the most widely known Christmas story.

Kid McCoy, Jr., of College Station is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse visited in Pampa last week.

GREETINGS

By Mrs. Lady Bryant

I wish to extend to each of you my personal wishes for the holiday season—Bringing good cheer and the best of wishes to you. For a real merry Christmas and a happy New Year, too.

USELESS MAIL

We see by the papers that Uncle Sam is having some trouble handling the huge volume of mail, which the war is helping to increase day by day. The government, it seems, is putting part of the blame on the "free" mailing privileges granted service men, which has increased the volume about 30%. But somehow the thousands of tons of franked propaganda from useless bureaus and agencies, which has been cluttering up the nation's mailbags for 10 years, has not been mentioned. Get rid of it, and give the soldiers a chance to write home.—Buffalo (Okla.) Journal.

Fines for liquor violations in Texas reached a new peak of \$43,952.55 in November, with 371 convictions and 43 jail terms assessed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Yiddell and children of Pampa visited in the E. J. Windom home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stratton and children and Mrs. Laura Byerly visited in Amarillo Saturday.

**NO SHORTAGE OF
 TEXACO PRODUCTS**

Make Your Car Run Better

H. KING
 Wholesale Agent
 Phone 172

**TO WIN
 THE WAR!**

Every patriotic driver is making his car last as long as possible.

Phillips 66 Poly Gas gives you fast-starting pep and extra mileage.

66 SERVICE STATION

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS!



McLean Flower Shop
 Day Phone 42 Night Phone 137W
 Verna Rice, Manager

Announcement

I have leased Bennie's Cafe and will give the same good food and service to all customers. We hope to please all old customers and make new ones. Your business will be appreciated here.

Clint (Peewee) Staggs, Manager

BENNIE'S CAFE



**"Long may our land be bright
 With Freedom's Holy Light"**

Here in America we again celebrate Christmas in our own American way... with freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of private enterprise.

The contrast of our privileges with the restrictions imposed in much of the rest of the world gives deep and great significance to the words of our National hymn...

**"Long may our land be bright,
 With freedoms holy light."**

It is with this thought and spirit that we wish you a...

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

**Southwestern
 PUBLIC SERVICE
 Company**

Full Cookie Jar Important Part Of Holiday Menu

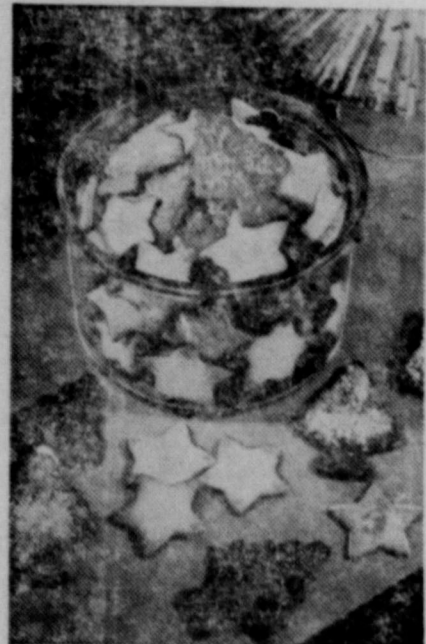
Pile high the cookie jar and gift boxes with fruited, sugared cookies as your contribution to Christmas. The jars at home should be full for the children and visiting relatives for general nibbling purposes or cookies for stringing on the tree lend their bit to the festive spirit. Plan to pack a few boxes to send away to friends or relatives, too, as nothing is more welcome than home-made cookies in a variety of shapes, sprinkled with Christmasy red and green sugar.

ASSORTED HOLIDAY COOKIES

Rolls Buttered Cookies

3 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
2 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup butter
1 1/4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
2 eggs, unbeaten
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Add vanilla and lemon juice; then add flour, a small amount at a



time, mixing well after each addition. Chill until firm enough to roll. Roll 1/8 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with fancy floured cutter. Brush with egg mixture for glazing and decorate as desired. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake in hot oven (425 degrees) 5 to 6 minutes.

Chocolate Cookies.

2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, salt, and cinnamon, and sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add eggs and chocolate, and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Chill until firm enough to roll. Roll 1/8 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cutter. Brush with egg mixture for glazing and decorate as desired. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 9 minutes.

Cutters used for cookies: Baking powder cans (tops of 1-pound and 8-ounce double-acting baking powder cans), thimble or top of salt shaker, and knife (small paring knife).

Egg mixture for glazing cookies: Mix together 1 beaten egg yolk and 1/2 cup milk. Brush lightly over cookies before baking.

Decorations Used for Cookies.

Sugar: Granulated sugar, mixture of cinnamon and sugar, or colored sugar. (Colored sugar may be bought or prepared at home. To color sugar, dissolve a bit of coloring in a teaspoon of water, sprinkle over 1/4 cup granulated sugar, mix well to distribute coloring evenly, and spread sugar out on unglazed paper until dry. This gives attractive large crystals of colored sugar for decorating.)

Nuts: Whole almonds, halves of almonds, walnuts and pecans, or any nuts, finely chopped.

Candies: Tiny colored candies, small red winter-green or cinnamon candies, candied caraway seeds, and silver dragees.

Fruits: Raisins (seedless), currants, and citron. (Citron should be green, and may be cut easily with sharp scissors.)

Safety Suggestion

The National Safety Council's figures prove that each year hundreds of youngsters, swept up with holiday hilarity, meet death and disaster on the highway. Parents are cautioned to ask their sons and daughters to be extra careful during this period of extra danger; to ask them not to drive with drinking drivers, to remember the dangers of speed, and to combine their fun with common sense.



"Here is the living tree with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song and rites of love."

This is a statement attributed to St. Boniface, the English-born apostle of Germany who had saved a young child from sacrifice in the early days when Thor was worshipped by the Germanic peoples. The tree the Saint referred to was a young fir, growing nearby.

Such is just one of the many stories connected with the origin of the Christmas tree. The origin of the Christmas tree custom is obscure, notes Dr. Donald Bond, instructor in English at the University of Chicago, for he can quote authorities claiming the Christmas tree's origin in France, Scandinavia, Egypt, England and also Germany.

Only one of all the legends connects the Christ Child with the Christmas tree. This story goes back to the manger at Bethlehem where trees from all over the world had come to do honor to the new born babe. Very little attention was paid to the diminutive fir by the other more beautiful, stately, and majestic trees. Suddenly, though, star upon star fell upon the little fir until it shone with all the brilliance of heavenly light.

A Scandinavian tale of woe traces the Christmas tree to that land. Two star-crossed, unhappy lovers dramatically died. From the spot where they died, it is related, a tree grew which on Christmas night gleamed with brilliant lights.

German immigrants to the United States in 1843 are said to have introduced the decorated Christmas tree. According to claims of historians, the practice of decorating the tree at Christmas time originated in Alsace in 1605. At that time the natives brought fir trees into their homes and decorated them with homemade decorations and sweets.

Despite the origin of the Yuletide tree, the sale of trees has developed into an extensive, profitable business. Likewise, tree furnishings becoming an enormous business in itself. From records available, it has been learned that over 11,000,000 electric Christmas tree bulbs were sold in America every year. Possibly the amount will not be as large this year as last, but you can be sure that Americans will have their Christmas tree with decorations and lights on them.

White House Tree



Even the White House puts on an extra decoration for the Yule holidays. The tree here is just outside the main entrance of the President's home.

Not Santa, but 'Nisson'

Visits Danish Children

The Danish children do not have a Santa Claus, but instead a Christmas brownie, called "Nisson," a little old man with a long, gray beard who supposedly lives under the ground.

The chief features of a Danish Christmas dinner are roast goose, rice and apple fritters.

When the storks have left their nests in autumn, boatloads of coarse brown crockery in the shape of little pigs, with a slit in the back, are brought to Denmark and bought by the children. They are savings banks into which the children drop their pennies. The image is not broken until Christmas time.

WITH THE CHURCHES

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

T. Thornton, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
P. H. Y. S. 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Senior Bible study by Mrs. H. O. Byerly at 7:00 p. m.
Junior Bible study by pastor at 7:00 p. m.

Week Night Services

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00.
Preaching services Saturday, 8:00.
We will have sunrise prayer services for our nation and our boys in the service, Christmas Day. Everyone is invited to take part in this. Let us pray for our President, his cabinet, all heads of government works, all branches of the service, and our boys in the service, that God will give us victory and restore peace to the earth that we may be able to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience and to His Glory.

Also Christmas services at 2:30 p. m. Christmas Day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

C. O. Huber, Pastor
We will close 1942 with good reports of the day and invite your attendance at all services this closing Sunday.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:00 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening Worship.

Our offerings for Buckner Orphans' Home are coming in now and are more than \$100.00 to date. The W. M. S. has reported more than \$100.00 on their Lottie Moon offering. To each of these services offerings will be received through Sunday and can be reported on this year's work. These special causes are a part of our work and the response of our people has been the best of Christmas greetings for your pastor.

A very merry greeting for the season and the richest of blessings be yours throughout 1943.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

J. W. Myrose, Pastor
Sunday School, 10. P. H. Bourland, superintendent. Maintain your attendance after the holidays. Christian learning is important, no matter what the season.

Morning worship, 11. Sermon by the pastor, "Keeping Christmas." There will be a solo by the Rev. Bill Foster, assistant pastor in charge of student work at the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock.

Evening worship, 7.
TONIGHT—Christmas program and visit from Santa Claus for the Sunday school, at 7 o'clock.

Next Thursday—New Year's Eve Communion at midnight. Begin the New Year with Him.

Miss Idell Gadberry renews for The News this week.

Mrs. C. C. Ootter is a new reader of The News.

Mrs. J. A. Sparks renews for the Amarillo News at the special rate.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Flanagan have moved to Amarillo.

Louis Ford visited home folks at Stinnett last week end.

Rev. Bryant of Goldwait was in McLean Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Stubbs of Alanreed were in town Tuesday.

Miss Ermadel Floyd of Lubbock is at home for the holidays.

Robert Gibson of Stillwater, Okla., is home for Christmas.

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was in town Saturday.

R. M. Gibson of Alanreed was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sherrod of Alanreed were in town Saturday.

Robert Wilson of Austin is home for the holidays.

W. H. Craig of Alanreed was in town Friday.

Tom Phillips of White Deer was in McLean Friday on business.

Odell Dyer of Dallas visited home folks here this week.

Miss Mona Meier of Amarillo is visiting relatives here.

Miss Hazel Dyer of Houston visited home folks here this week.

Community Christmas Tree



This striking night photograph typifies the true Christmas spirit as hundreds of small lights glisten on the community Yule tree. The glistening, ice-coated pavement gives an added touch of beauty to a setting familiar throughout America.

Here Is a Festive Hard Sauce to Go With Yule Pudding

Even the tasty hard sauce now comes to the table in a gala dress. For instance here are these holiday hard sauce pinwheels to serve with your favorite steamed pudding.

Hard Sauce Pinwheels

1/4 cup butter.
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1/2 tablespoon cream
2 teaspoons orange juice
1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind
Orange food coloring

Cream butter until soft and gradually beat in sugar. Divide mixture in half and add cream and grated lemon rind to one portion and the orange juice and rind to the other portion. Add food coloring to orange flavored portion to tint a delicate orange. Spread lemon flavored portion on a cold damp cloth and spread orange mixture over it. Roll as for jelly roll and place in refrigerator. When hard, cut in slices and serve with steamed puddings or mince pie.

OH, SANTA!

Christmas Stockings Once Feminine Trick

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas to American boys and girls without a visit from St. Nick.

According to history, St. Nicholas in real life was the Archbishop of Myra and lived during the Fourth century. In the Middle Ages, he makes his first traditional appearance in the legends of the Northland.

One legend concerns St. Nicholas eve, which originally was celebrated on the sixth of December. Young ladies, it seems, would hang up their



stockings in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with dowries. After a time, St. Nick and the stocking-hanging custom was incorporated into the celebration of Christmas.

Another legend says that on Christmas eve the spirit of St. Nicholas rode across the land on a great white horse followed by the hosts of innocents slain in Bethlehem by the order of Herod. Children of the Northland filled their wooden shoes with oats for the Saint's horse and set them outside of the door; in the morning, providing the children had been good, the oats were gone and the shoes were filled with nuts and apples.

Eventually, the boys and younger children, the wives and husbands, and even the grandparents, decided the girls were getting too much the best of things; so, they all joined the International Society of Stocking-hangers.

Our ancestors brought St. Nick to America, where he has grown round and fat and jovial, traded his great white horse for eight magic reindeer, and his pack bulged bigger and bigger.

This year Santa's pack may be minus a few luxury products and mechanical gadgets, but that doesn't matter as long as there are mamma dolls, sleds and drums and picture books; toys for the children.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
TO: RUBY HUDGINS: Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 8th day of February, A. D. 1943, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 22 day of December, 1942. The file number of said suit being No. 7224. The names of the parties in said suit are: E. E. Hudgins as plaintiff, and Ruby Hudgins as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on June 27th, 1924, and since such time have lived separate and apart; there were no children born to this union, and no community property involved herein. Plaintiff shows that a short time before their final separation, the defendant threatened to take his life and to inflict upon him serious personal injuries; that the defendant has cursed him and abused him using vile and obscene language toward him; that the defendant has on many occasions been guilty of cruel treatment; that the defendant left and abandoned the plaintiff, deserting him on or about November 26th, 1942, at which time she drew out of the bank at Pampa, Texas, their community funds; that by reason of this conduct upon the part of the defendant, the plaintiff has suffered both physically and mentally and such conduct as shown herein, renders their further living together insupportable. Plaintiff prays for divorce and judgment decreeing to him his separate property, being all of lots 8, 9, and 11, in block 3 of the Priest Addition, in and to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, for relief, general and special.

Issued this the 22nd day of December, 1942.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Pampa, Texas this the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1942.

MIRIAM WILSON, Clerk,
District Court, Gray County, Texas.
By WILSIE BLAKNEY, Deputy.
52-4c S&S

GINS CLOSE UNTIL MONDAY

The McLean gins are closed for Christmas and will not gin any more cotton this week, opening for business again Monday of next week.

Glynn E. Pugh orders the Amarillo News at our bargain rate.

Mrs. Frank Crisp of Alanreed was in town Saturday.

Mrs. I. W. Huber is visiting in Amarillo this week.

C. A. Cryer has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

Everybody reads newspapers.

Only 1 More Week

All bargain offers on newspapers and magazines will be withdrawn Thursday evening, December 31, 1942.

If you want to take advantage of the low rates now in effect, you should have your order in our hands before six o'clock on that date. We can make no promises of any kind after that.

Please look after this important matter at once.

The McLean News will make a mighty good New Year's gift for your friends in other communities, or that boy in the armed forces.

THE McLEAN NEWS

The Paper That's Read First