

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## THE SERVICE

Sgt. McKirahan Writes

Dear Mr. Landers:

This year again I'm much too far away to drop in and say hello, but I do want to add my good wishes for a Merry Christmas. Only the fact that December rolls around could remind me of Christmas, for our weather is very hot, and under no stretch of imagination can a coconut tree look like a fir or an evergreen.

I trust you have had a good business year and that next year real merchandise advertising will resume. Is Miss Stratton still with you? If so, please wish her a very Merry Christmas for me. This country is full of odd type bushes, weeds, flowers and such. Wish I could send you a few for your collection, but the department of agriculture says "No."

Again my best wishes to you and Mrs. Landers.

Sincerely,

WILSON MCKIRAHAN.

Roy Lasswell Writes

To the city of McLean and all my friends there:

These two guys are "in the bag" (showing picture of Hitler and Hirohito in Santa's sack).

Merry Xmas!

ROY W. LASSWELL, CEM.

15th AAF in Italy.—S/Sgt. Billy G. Hill of McLean has been awarded the air medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in operational activities against the enemy." He is a ball turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator and a member of a Liberator group based in Southern Italy.

Sgt. Hill, son of Cpl. Fred H. Hill, now somewhere in England, is a former student of McLean high school and entered the army in October, 1943. His first combat mission was an attack on transport facilities in Brenner Pass in October, this year.

Capt. and Mrs. Spencer Nordyke visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan, several days last week. Capt. Nordyke has just been released from a hospital at San Antonio and was enroute to Santa Monica, Calif., to receive his new assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brewer of Borger visited in McLean Sunday. They were accompanied by their son, Glen, who has just returned from Alaska. He is with the navy.

Mrs. Clyde Dwight has our thanks for subscriptions for her sons, S/Sgt. Clyde Dwight, Jr., David Dwight, OM 2/c, Lt. Robert Dwight; also Lloyd Erwin, SF 1/c.

Lt. (j. g.) Bernie B. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morgan, has completed his naval training and is stationed at the Naval Ordnance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Oadet Nurse Jewelene Langham of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Langham, Saturday.

Gayle Montgomery, S 2/c, of San Diego, Calif., came Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Montgomery.

T. R. Langham, S 1/c, who has been in the Philippines, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Langham.

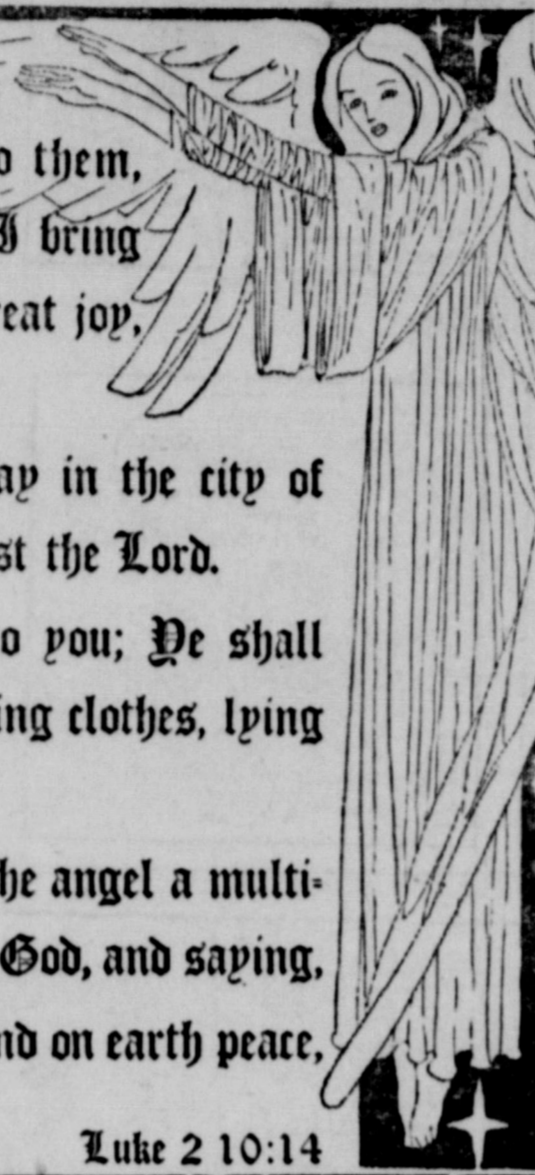
Sgt. Granville Boyd is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd. He has been overseas for 26 months.

Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke orders the home paper sent to her son, Lt. Wm. T. Cooke, who is overseas.

Mrs. Mace H. Jones orders the home paper sent to her husband, Pvt. Jones, who is overseas.

Ernest Beck has received an honorable medical discharge from the army.

Mrs. Hershel Smith and children are visiting their husband and father, Pvt. Smith, at Tyler.



**A**nd the angel said unto them,  
Fear not: for behold, I bring  
you good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of  
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; He shall  
find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying  
in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.

Luke 2 10:14

## USO COMMITTEE RECEIVES LETTER

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16, 1944.

Dear Friends:

As we approach our third Christmas at war, and we, as USO volunteers, near the completion of three full years of service, may I extend to you again my sincere compliments for a very great job well done.

You as volunteers strive to make each day merry for the members of our armed forces. Your joy at Christmas will, I am sure, be full.

To each member of the council and to every volunteer serving in your club, may I extend thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year replete with happiness.

Cordially,

DONALD H. HOGAN,  
Associate Regional Executive,  
USO.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Carpenter were in Amarillo Monday on business.

Mrs. Fred N. Smith orders the home paper sent to her son, Pvt. Vaughn V. Smith, who is overseas.

Mrs. J. C. Amerson left this week for Tucson, Ariz., where Cpl. Amerson is stationed.

Pvt. Jack Jones is home from Stanton, Va., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones.

Lt. Cagle Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt, of McLean, has arrived overseas.

Ernest Erwin has received an honorable medical discharge from the army.

E. R. Humphreys, Rdm. 3/c, is a new reader of the home paper.

## OPA COMPLAINTS FILED

Four criminal complaints have been filed with the U. S. Commissioner at Amarillo, charging violation of rationing regulations, and one temporary injunction was granted in a price violation case heard at Fort Worth, the Enforcement division of the Office of Price Administration at Lubbock has announced.

The four criminal complaints were filed against H. A. (Jeff) Burk and Johnnie L. Carter, of Amarillo; John D. Adrian of Amarillo; R. A. (Bob) Phillips of Borger. Charges in each case concerned violation of rationing regulations for gasoline or tires.

Temporary injunction was granted in a suit against the Ideal Package Store of Dumas.

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. J. P. Dickinson honored her little daughter, Betty Ruth, with a birthday party Saturday afternoon.

The afternoon was spent playing games. Refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Those attending were Mary Kay Goodson, Beth Brooks, Monta Jean Kennedy, Barbara Ruth Carter, Frankie Tucker, Ann Taylor, Becky Barker, Patty Shadid and Mrs. W. W. Shadid.

## W. D. SIMS DIES

W. D. (Dab) Sims died at his home at Tulla Wednesday. He will be buried at Tulla Friday.

Mr. Sims was a former McLean business man.

Mrs. Elva Valle and son of Amarillo visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Luta Smith, last week.

Mrs. W. C. Shull went to Stanton Saturday to the bedside of her father.

## Town and Farm In Wartime

### Ration Reminders

**Meats, Fats**—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A9 through S9 good indefinitely. No new stamps until Dec. 31.

**Processed Foods**—Blue stamps A8 through Z8, A9 through Z9, A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until the first of next month.

**Sugar**—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 each good for 5 pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar thru Feb. 28, 1945.

**Gasoline**—A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through Dec. 21. A-14 coupons good for four gallons beginning Dec. 22.

**Fuel Oil**—East and far west—1 and 2 coupons good for 10 gallons per unit. Mid-west and south—2 and 3 coupons good for 10 gallons per unit.

**Shoes**—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in book three good indefinitely.

### War's Pace Reflected On Home Front

The intensified pace of military operations everywhere is reflected in continued firm controls of civilian economy and further official steps to concentrate needed manpower and materials into war production. Thus Americans, as they celebrate Christmas day with appreciation of the fact that their fighting men have enabled them to keep lighted the Christmas spirit, are aware that they are about to open a new year of hard, incessant work with victory still to be earned.

### Farm Machinery Behind Schedule

One measure of the concentration on war needs is the fact that the War Production Board finds output of farm machinery exclusive of wheeled tractors, repair parts and attachments, about 25% behind manufacturers schedules for the four months ended October 31. Military needs more critical than in recent months, are creating shortages in components for farm machinery.

### European Needs Reported

The demands on productive resources to keep the world of the United Nations going is pointed out by the urgent pleas for everything from horseshoe nails for Sicily and fishing hooks for Greeks to water-pumping machinery for the Netherlands and raw cotton for the mills of France to be made into tent duck for allied forces. These pleas are being laid before the Central Relief Section for relief and rehabilitation of the combined production and resources board and WPB's combined raw materials board.

Mrs. T. A. Landers visited in Amarillo last week end.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### MCLEAN METHODIST CHURCH

H. A. Longino, Pastor

Most people like to sing our beautiful Christmas hymns. America finds joy bells ringing at Christmas time. There are deep and earnest prayers this year for "Peace on Earth" and that "Good Will" shall be to all nations who will appreciate the fullness of life in Christ. Both the morning and evening services are in keeping with the Christmas traditions.

Christmas message 11:00 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. the young people will give a Christmas program. Immediately after this program they will go caroling throughout town. If would like them to sing for you, call them in.

Can we arrange to take a soldier home with us for Christmas dinner? Some of these boys are far from their homes just as some of ours are from their homes.

May this Christmas be a real Christmas with the spirit of Christ in our lives.

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

J. E. Perryman, Pastor

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Kings in Contrast."

N. Y. P. S. 7:00 p. m.

Preaching 8:00 p. m. Subject, "The Incarnate Christ."

Christmas program Friday, Dec. 22, 8:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

A friendly welcome awaits you.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Floyd Eugene Grady, Pastor

Sunday school is at ten o'clock.

Morning worship is at eleven o'clock. The sermon topic will be "Earth's Glorious Dawn."

The annual Christmas cantata will be presented by the choir at the hour of evening worship, seven-thirty. You are cordially invited to this and all other services of the church.

Prepare your soul for the Birthday of your Lord by attending church Sunday.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Henry A. Lynch, Jr., Minister

Bible Study 10:00 a. m.

Worship Service 11:00 a. m.

Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Ladies' Bible class Wednesday, 3:00 p. m.

Mid-week Bible study Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

You are welcome to attend these services.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be preaching at both hours Sunday. Other services at the regular hours.

### METHODIST W. S. C. S.

The Methodist W. S. C. S. held their annual Christmas program at the church Tuesday afternoon with some 36 ladies present.

Christmas decorations included lights and a tree.

The program opened with the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. H. A. Longino at the piano.

After prayer by Mrs. J. L. Hess, the president, Mrs. J. E. Kirby, presented life memberships to Mrs. J. M. Noel and Mrs. Callie Haynes. Both responded with short talks of appreciation.

Mrs. Bob Black had charge of "Keeping Christmas in the Heart."

Mrs. Ercy Cubine and Mrs. C. J. Magee assisting.

Miss Patty Ruth Rippey sang "White Christmas" and "Oh Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. Longino.

Gifts and a \$10.00 offering were brought for Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Osborne of Cisco, formerly with the McLean church.

Lovely refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. R. Davis and daughter, Miss Wanda, of Amarillo visited here this week.

Little Miss Susie Hill returned Thursday from a visit with her mother at Panhandle.

## Rev. Perryman Nazarene Pastor

Rev. J. E. Perryman, who has been pastor of the Dodson Church of the Nazarene for the past two years, is now pastor of the McLean church.

Rev. Perryman received his theological training at Bethany-Pental College at Bethany, Okla. He was pastor of the Blossom church for five years. He has an enviable reputation for building up large congregations wherever he has been pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Perryman have two children: a daughter, Nita Rae, and a son, J. E. Jr.

## Greetings Edition To Be Published

The annual New Year Greetings edition of The News will be published next week. Practically all business houses in McLean have messages to their friends and customers in type, and only about a half dozen more small spaces can be sold, as space is at a premium this year.

Anyone who has failed to turn in their advertisement should phone 47 at once, as no ads will be sold when space limitations are met.

## LIONS TO MEET FRIDAY

McLean Lions will meet Friday noon, at which time Lee Johnson of Wink, governor of district 2-T, Texas Lions International, will speak.

A limited number of local business men who would like to hear Gov. Johnson may attend by contacting a club member this afternoon (Thursday) and paying 60c for the luncheon.

## GEORGE WEAVER DIES

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones have received a message of the death of George Weaver, 67, at Dexter, N. M., Dec. 11. Mr. Weaver was a former McLean resident.

Subscriptions this week: Jewel Sanders, Mrs. J. W. Burrows, A. J. Dwyer, Woody Hindman, W. R. James, J. E. Goodson, Mrs. Ina Marshall, F. E. Stewart, Homer Wilson, Mrs. Lula Latson, J. C. McCabe, A. T. Wilson, Paul Ashby, H. B. Hill, F. P. Wilson, Mrs. S. N. Bush, Mrs. Alma Weaver, Mrs. J. A. Fowler, Mrs. C. A. Watkins, O. R. Blankenship, Rev. J. E. Perryman, Mrs. J. W. Story.

Census report shows that 853 bales of cotton were ginned in Gray county from the crop of 1944 prior to Dec. 17 as compared with 2,002 bales for the crop of 1943 according to R. H. Wilson, special agent.

Miss Bebo Ware and brother, Dale, of Grady, N. M., visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Calvert this week.

Mrs. S. J. Dyer and Mrs. Kenneth Dyer were in Shamrock last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waters and son of Lefors visited in the C. P. Callahan home Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Lee was called to Forest, La., last week to the bedside of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hindman were in Pampa on business Tuesday.

Miss Mona Meier of Amarillo is visiting relatives here.

## BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 24—Ernest Jones.

Dec. 25—Mrs. J. W. Kibler, Mrs. Percy Kinard, Wanda Nell Ladd.

Dec. 26—Hershel Nicholson, J. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. C. O. Huber, Mrs. Thelma Cox, L. N. Mitchell.

Dec. 27—Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mrs. W. E. Bogan, Harold Petty, Herman Petty.

Dec. 28—C. J. Magee, A. L. Morgan.

Dec. 29—Jane Shawver, June Shawver, Charles Edwin Bourland, Mrs. A. A. Christian.

Dec. 30—Clint Doolen, Jr., Mrs. Betty Putman.

Dec. 31—Mrs. J. H. Bodine, Mrs. C. J. Cash, Lee Wilson, Roy Lee Bonner.

## Holy Night



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It's a funny world. Even at war we pay more attention to the cigarette shortage at home than we do to the ammunition and supply shortage at the front.

It used to be said that farming required a strong back and a weak mind, but this order is reversed now-a-days. With modern equipment any man with a weak back can do the work, but it takes a high degree of intelligence to make farming pay.

Christmas bells were ringing long before the war began and they will continue to ring each year long after the war is over and forgotten. This is answer enough to those who would forego the joys of this Christmas time because of sorrowful conditions all over the world.

There should be no juvenile problem at Christmas time, as this is a time when the whole world pays tribute to the youngsters. There would be no problem at any time if parents accepted their full responsibility. There seems to be two schools of thought, one of which would allow the kids to do as they please at all times, and the other believing that they should be shot on sight. Somewhere between these two extremes should be the answer to the problem. And it is an answer that must be found before the world is much older, if we are to save our youth.

**ALL TOGETHER**

The U. S. Naval Construction Battalion "Sea B. Gull" tells the story of a chaplain who was trying to organize a choir with a group of volunteer singers.

"No, no, no!" the chaplain interrupted. "Only the tenor sings that part. The rest of you just hum. Now, don't forget! The tenor will sing alone until we come to the 'gates of hell.' Then you all come in!"

**STUDIES IN ENGLISH**

A Frenchman was relating his experience in studying the English language. He said, "When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast; then if I was tied, I was fast; if I spent too freely, I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast—I was discouraged. But when I came across a sentence, 'The first one won one-dollar prize'—I gave up trying."

We do punish a person for mere ignorance if it seems he is responsible for it. Thus punishments for drunken people who commit a crime are double, because the source of the crime lies in the person himself; it was in his power to get drunk, and his drunkenness was the cause of his ignorance.—Aristotle.

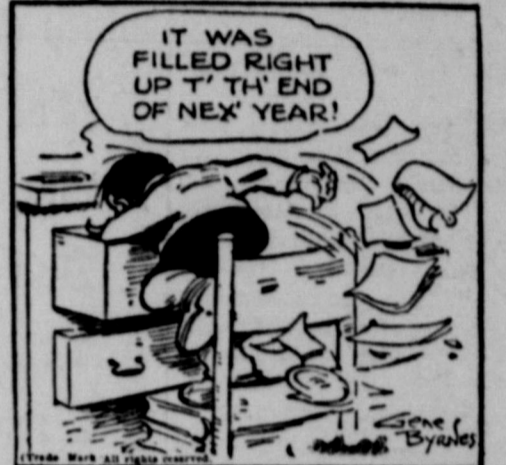
Happiness is that peculiar sensation which you acquire when you are too busy to be miserable.

**SOMEBODY'S STENOG—Such Ignorance!**



**REG'LAR FELLERS—Gift of Prophecy**

By GENE BYRNES



**Rural Bond Sales Effective Step In Postwar Planning**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard today called on American farmers to invest all "extra" dollars in War Bonds during the Sixth War Loan beginning November 20 as an "effective step in postwar planning" for rural America.

Directing his appeal "To the Farm People of America," Secretary Wickard said, "the farm people of this country have an outstanding war record."

"It still takes a lot of money to finance the war, even though we are winning. The single task of supplying the Pacific theater is a tremendous undertaking. Add to that the equipment which was needed on the invasion coast of France, the supplies that are required now to knock down the walls of Hitler's Germany, and the total is staggering. So our job here at home is by no means over, just as the war on the fighting front isn't over. Our homefront responsibility is twofold: One is to stick to our job and do it well until total victory is won; the other is to buy War Bonds."

"The farm people of this country have an outstanding war record. They have achieved a production miracle in the face of wartime difficulties. Their bond-buying record is good, too, as indicated by the fact that farmers and their families purchased more than one and a quarter billion dollars' worth of bonds in 1943. This figures out at about 10 per cent of their net income."

"This Sixth War Loan campaign is the biggest yet for agriculture, but never before has agriculture had so many dollars that could be put into War Bonds. The record production of farmers, coupled with favorable commodity prices, has pushed their income up to an all-time high level. The investment of those extra, inflationary dollars in War Bonds would be the most effective step in postwar planning Rural America could take."

"Stake your share in the future—share your stake in the war."

Eat turkey dinner with us on Christmas day. Meador Cafe.

**MICKIE SAYS—**

WERE YOU EVER FAR FROM HOME AMONG STRANGERS? YOUR SOLDIER BOY IS, AND HED ENJOY IT IF 'OUD SUBSCRIBE FOR THE OL' HOME NEWSPAPER FOR HIM—WE SEND IT WHERE EVER HE GOES



**TALK-EE TOO LONG**

The late Will Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb once attended the same dinner. Humorist Cobb, one of the speakers, showed his fellow guests no mercy by speaking an hour. When Cobb finally completed his talk and seated himself, Master of Ceremonies Rogers commented:

"Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have just heard an address by that venerable Chinese sage, Talk-ee Too Long."



**DR. ABNER ROBERTS**  
OPTOMETRIST  
PHONE 382  
119 West Kingsmill  
PAMPA, TEXAS



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart.

Each of us hold in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

**McLean Furniture**  
W. B. MERCER, Prop.  
We Strive to Please

**TEXAS LEADS IN RUBBER**

With Texas leading in production, the nation now has the capacity to turn out more synthetic rubber than is needed, according to R. L. Savage, a Rubber Reserve Company official. However, automobile tires, enough for all demands, cannot yet be produced. The bottleneck is lack of manpower.

Good will is the one and only asset that competition cannot undersell or destroy.

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**Christmas SPECIAL**

**20% OFF**

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Rings and sets valued at \$50.00 to \$1200.00



The enduring beauty of a diamond makes it a most cherished possession and the most appreciated Christmas gift. Beautiful diamonds in modern mountings of everlasting value underpriced right in time for Christmas giving.

This discount allowed Thursday through Saturday of this week.

We suggest early inspection of these wonderful values.

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**LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
 I received your letter asking me to report the boys and girls of McLean high school for the year 1944-45. Santa, I've only known these boys and girls since September, 1944, but I feel that I can give you a rather clear picture from that time on. Their dispositions and spirit of co-operation—well, Santa, most of them are swell—but a few need a little of your Santa Claus "brush off powder" for the gripes—just put a little in the toe of their stockings. You can tell which one because their stockings, like their personalities, have shrunk just a little—but, Santa, fill most of their stockings with "thank you dust" for the fine spirit of co-operation they have shown.

About their scholarship—Santa, we have some pretty good minds in high school, capable of doing big things in helping to get this world of ours back on a level keel again—but they need broadening and cultivating for a job such as this. I believe it would help a lot, Santa, to drop a bottle of your "educational stimuli" in each stocking to spur them all on to greater achievement in the scholastic field. Help them to realize that without a sound education on the part of this coming generation—the outlook for a sound and lasting peace will be rather shaky.

And last of all, Santa, fill the stocking of each boy and girl in McLean high school full of Christmas cheer, the gifts he wants and a grand vacation, and may they all come back on January first with a brand new resolution of good sportsmanship, diligent study and hearts brimful of happiness.

**MRS. MAZZOTTI**

P. S. Santa, please bring me a new bell system for high school.

**CHRISTMAS**

By Dorothea Back  
 What is Christmas? Why do we celebrate the twenty-fifth of December? What do we think of when Christmas is mentioned? The children have always thought of Santa Claus and bright lights on a Christmas tree, and singing Silent Night and Jingle Bells and Joy to the World. That is what they'll think of this year, too, despite all the hate and cruelty of war, which they cannot understand. Our mothers and fathers will think back to that night when Christ was born and the nights not so long ago when their sons and daughters were born.

This year those sons and daughters will think of Christmas in the same way they always have, only this year many of them shall be far away from the bright lights. We at home must not forsake the Christmas spirit because of this, but we must make it bright and gay as it has always been. And while looking at those shining symbols on Christmas night, we shall all hope that next year those sisters and brothers may be able to sing Silent Night and Jingle Bells with us here at home.

**BASKETBALL**

The McLean Tigers have two basketball games this week. Tuesday night, Dec. 19, a boys' and a girls' game with Mobeetle, here. Thursday night, Dec. 21, a boys' and a girls' game with Groom, here, that starts at 7:30. Admission will 10c for grade school, 25c cents for high school, and 35c for adults.

**FASHIONS**

The fashions of M. H. S. this year are three slick chicks. Wilson, Marnelle Ledgerwood and Patty Rippy. Ann seems to go for green this week. She wears a green pleated skirt, green and white checked blouse, red moccasins and white anklets. Black suits are very popular this year. Marnelle wears a navy

blue suit. The jacket has a navy blue back and the front is divided in two colors—lime green and red. Patty Rippy likes sweaters. She wears a blue sloppy Jo sweater, tan corduroy skirt, brown oxfords and anklets.

**SENIOR PERSONALITIES**

Melba Hanner was born at Alford, July 26, 1928. She has attended schools at Littlefield and McLean. Her hobby is collecting miniature elephants. Melba enjoys skating, drawing, reading, swimming and dancing. She dislikes conceited people, pickles and green. Her favorite actor is Van Johnson, and favorite actress Hedy Lamarr. Melba plans to attend business school after graduation.

Mary McMahan was born April 14, 1928, at Matador. She has attended schools at Matador and McLean. Mary likes ice cream, Betty Hutton, John Payne and skating. She dislikes two-faced people and asparagus. Her hobby is collecting picture post cards. She plans to help Uncle Sam out after graduation by becoming a cadet nurse.

**SOPHOMORE PARTY**

The sophomores enjoyed a skating party Thursday night at the gymnasium. Everyone had a good time skating, although there were a few minor casualties. Refreshments of hamburgers, pop and cookies were served by the room mothers. The sophomore sponsors are Mrs. Payne and Mr. McCasland.

**TIGER ROARS**

What's this? Jean Lane comes all the way from Shamrock to visit Donald Dowell. Dorothy Goodson and Bill Ferguson are still going around together. She seems to have a senior ring, too.

Norman Grigsby is getting good in geometry, putting W. P. on the geometry figure. Doesn't he know she is married?

Harold Richardson would gladly have skated with Carol Nan Smith Thursday night. If he could skate.

Berwyn Starling said, quote: "Dates come before basketball!" unquote. What about that, Glenda Joyce?

Harold Meador doesn't know which one to fear the most, Mr. Kimmins or Billie Marie. I bet she packs a mean hook.

I heard a rumor that Wanda Rae Allen went with Troy Bass when he was home. Is the uniform getting her, too?

I wonder what's happened to all the senior boys' class rings. I see several girls sporting new

**One friend To Another...**

*...is good a friend... as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world"—A Christmas Carol.*

These words of Charles Dickens express exactly what this newspaper tries to be to the people of this community.

Because it is during the season of Christmas that the strength of friendships is most evident we choose now as the time to express our resolve to continue to be worthy of the friendship you have shown us.

In turn we wish for you the most Merry Christmas you have ever had. Despite the anxiety and worry which the war has brought to many of our homes in the past year, we urge you to remember that the bells of Christmas were ringing long before the warriors of wrong rose up and they will be ringing still when the scars of this generation's conflict are healed and forgotten.

Make faith in such thought your closest companion during this Christmas season.

Let friendship and faith then keynote our Christmas this year.

With such solid foundations our wish for you is certain to become reality—

*A Merry Christmas*



cute Christmas tree. Bye, kids. More gossip next week.

**To the People of this Community**

"Sad little personal belongings are strewn all over the bitter sands." Thus wrote Louis Pyle from a beachhead in Normandy.

More than 2,000 bundles of these belongings, carefully collected and packed by the armed forces, are sent monthly from a Kansas City depot to homes throughout America. That's the current price of victory over enemies who forced this war upon you. These "souvenirs" are enveloped with heartaches and drenched with tears. How long this tragic depot stays in business is up to you. Every second prolongs the slaughter. Every extra \$100 War Bond in the Sixth War Loan helps to shorten the fighting. Can you do less than to lend your money for speedy victory?

THE EDITOR

"I told her that each hour I spent with her was like a pearl to me."  
 "And did that impress her?"  
 "No. She told me to quit stringing her."

**NEWSWORTHY**

The world's champion prize fighter is more interesting than a college president, and the reason for that is not hard to find. The prize fighter appeals to the elemental in us. Our civilization and culture are still comparatively new; the varnish on them is hardly dry.—Karl A. Bickel, former president of the United Press.

Newspapers are schoolmasters of the common people—a greater treasure to them than uncounted millions of gold.—Henry Ward Beecher.

In a small school a number of pupils were asked to explain the meaning of "righteous indignation" and Tommy said it was "Being mad without cussing."

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**To the People of McLean and Vicinity:**

Wishing you a joyful Yuletide Season.

May health, wealth and happiness be yours during the coming year.

**HENRY A. LYNCH JR.**  
 Minister  
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

I wonder if Mary Hess still hears from that handsome G. I. Joe Turner. Could be! Dora Mae is flashing a new necklace. She says it is from her brother. I wonder! Iva Dell Rippy is receiving letters from Bill Davis, who I hear is overseas. Is it true that Rheta Pearl Hale drew Berwyn's name? What will Glenda Joyce say?? All the girls are going around singing "I am Making Believe."



**TURKEY DINNER**

CHRISTMAS DAY

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**MEADOR CAFE**  
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1944

There will be a halo over the homes of America this Christmas radiating from the new hope for the world. That your Christmas season may be both joyous and happy is the sincere wish of

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May Your Christmas Time be bright with hope.

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that ever stepped inside many a small home. Unlike most servants, I don't sleep, ask for time off, or take a vacation. When you have housework to be done and want it done quickly, remember me. I'm your faithful and dependable electric servant. You needn't make a phone call or ask for an appointment when you want me. Just plug in—I'm Reddy!



**Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company**

**NEWS FROM DENWORTH**

**B. A. U. PARTY**

The Baptist B. A. U. had a party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning. Mrs. Marshall had charge of the games and entertainment.

After several games and contests, Linwood Copeland gave a reading entitled "What I Call Living."

A table containing a number of ladies' hats was placed in the center of the room, and a number of men were chosen to wear the hats for a parade. Mrs. Marshall told why women wear hats.

Old Santa distributed a sack of candy and apples for each one, after which refreshments of pie, coffee and cocoa were served.

A decorated Christmas tree was the central decoration for the occasion.

The following signed the guest register: John Jefferson Rallsback, Vester Dowell, Calvin Spencer, B. H. Spencer, Mrs. B. H. Spencer, Mrs. Melba Kinney, Mrs. Texola Rallsback, Mrs. Dick Brown, Mrs. R. L. McDonald, Ray McDonald, Skeet Copeland and Zula, Wanda Lee Spencer, Joy Browning, Tommy Sorrels, Mr. Browning, Jerry Dan Copeland, George Rallsback, Mrs. Ina Marshall, Bruce Kinney, Deanna and Mickey Sue McDonald, Mrs. F. H. Browning, Mrs. V. Dowell.

The Friendly Neighbors Club met Tuesday night for a supper at the Webb school house. Some 50 people were in attendance.

John Merriott and Lucille Lowe of Arnette, Okla., visited in the Browning home Thursday. John formerly lived at Denworth.

Ernest Dowell of Pampa visited in Denworth Sunday.

C. M. Carpenter made a business trip to Amarillo the first of the week.

Mrs. Bob Bidwell returned Wednesday from the bedside of her father, Mr. Burdine, in Amarillo.

Bring the family to Meador Cafe for Christmas dinner.

Born Dec. 14, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kullman of Raton, N. M., a 7 pound, 7 1/2 ounce girl named Rebecca. Mrs. Kullman will be remembered as Miss Jean Landers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartow Landers of Springer, N. M.

Mrs. Paul Corbet and children of Amarillo are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer.

Mrs. Albert Stealy has returned to her home at Fort Worth after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bodine.

Gordon Collier and J. W. Lawrence of Amarillo visited the former's aunt, Mrs. J. A. Sparks, Sunday.

Miss Melba Boase of Fort Worth, Mrs. V. B. Reagar and Mrs. D. P. Carruth of Amarillo visited relatives here last Friday.

Mrs. Peggy Hill of Panhandle was here last week end at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. N. A. Greer.

Miss Elva Blankenship of Brownwood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Blankenship, last week end.

Sergeant—Take off that gas mask.  
Rookie (indignantly)—That's my face!

Mrs. Merle Ford and baby of Amarillo are visiting here and at Kellerville.

Mrs. H. C. Weatherby and son of Shamrock visited relatives here over the week end.

Arthur Erwin renews for the Amarillo News this week.

Charlie Back of Shamrock was in McLean Sunday.

W. B. Mercer was in Pampa on business Thursday.

Mrs. John Scott visited relatives in Amarillo Thursday.

Billy Kunkel of California is visiting home folks here.

**Dance and Party At Camp Friday**

A formal dance and party will be given at the recreation hall at the POW camp Friday night under the auspices of the Red Cross and USO.

All service men and women, as well as all who have been honorably discharged in this war are invited to be present.

Music will be furnished by a Pampa orchestra.

Mrs. Cagle Hunt and daughter left Thursday for Abilene, where Mrs. Hunt's parents reside. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Hunt, who returned home Monday.

With some people you spend an evening—with others you invest it.

Mrs. A. Stanfield of Fort Worth is here for the holidays.

Eat turkey dinner with us on Christmas day. Meador Cafe.



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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bodine and children returned to their home at Kermit Saturday after a visit with their parents and grandparents here.

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IF THE person who stole our body's hand-tooled leather purse will mail us \$36 within 3 days, no questions will be asked; otherwise



**Weekly Program**

- Thursday**  
"SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS"  
Carmen Miranda, Michael O'Shea
- Friday and Saturday**  
"THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS"  
Roy Rogers, Dale Evans
- "DANCING IN MANHATTAN"**  
Ann Savage, Fred Brady
- Sunday and Monday**  
"BRIDE BY MISTAKE"  
Alan Marshall, Laraine Day
- Tuesday**  
"DANGEROUS JOURNEY"  
An African Adventure Picture
- Wednesday and Thursday**  
"MARINE RAIDERS"  
Pat O'Brien, Ruth Hussey

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WANTED—WAREHOUSE MANAGER in McLean Prisoner of War Camp Exchange. Apply in person. Exchange Officer, POW Camp, McLean, Texas. 51-3c

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WANTED—Small portable radios regardless of age or condition. Farm to rent. See Harris King.

WANTED—Automobiles, tractors or electrical appliances to repair. See us in regard to new electric irons. Harris King Motor Co.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

By Mrs. Lady M. Bryant  
**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**  
to the men and women in our services everywhere, and to all children in war-torn areas, from the McLean public library.

Mr. and Mrs. James Emmett Cooke and children of Arnette, Okla., visited here over the week end. Mrs. Cooke and children remaining for a longer visit.

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**FOR FINE FOOD**

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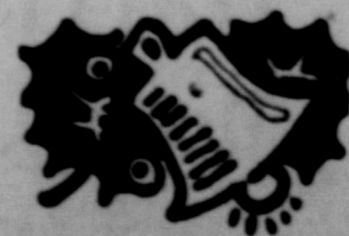
Our stock is as complete as the market affords in fine quality foods for the Christmas season. Our large buying power enables us to supply your wants with the freshest of merchandise. Buy your Christmas and everyday needs here.

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All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in each day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you and it is our sincere hope that next Christmas will see Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men.

**Barr Automotive Service**



**Specials for Friday and Saturday**

<b>Apples</b>	1b	12c	Rome Beauty bushel	\$3.89
			Delicious or Winesaps	\$4.65
<b>GRAPES</b>	Red Emperors			23c
<b>Oranges</b>	Box			\$5.98
California Sunkist, asst. sizes	1b	12c	1/2 box	\$3.15
<b>CELERY</b>	large white stalk			19c
<b>PECANS</b>	paper shell			45c
<b>PEANUTS</b>	roasted			29c
<b>Fruit Cocktail</b>	Heart's Delight		2 1/2 can	38c
<b>COFFEE</b>	Admiration		1 lb bag	29c
<b>RAISINS</b>			2 lb cello bag	27c
<b>FLOUR</b>	Gold Medal		25 lb.	\$1.25
<b>PEAS</b>	Mission		2 No. 2 cans	29c
<b>CORN</b>	vacuum pack, whole gr.		12 oz.	13c
<b>RICE</b>	Water Maid		3 lb.	35c
<b>POP CORN</b>	Colorado Giant Yellow		2 lb.	29c

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WE CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY