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Ozona Mother Gets Card from Prisoner Son

Everardo Ramoz Writes from Nazi Prison; Captured July 29

"They treat me fine," was the welcome line in a card received Saturday by Mrs. Tomasa Ramoz from her son, Pvt. Everardo Ramoz, a prisoner of the Germans, who was captured in North Africa July 29.

Two cards were received by Ozona boy, in a German prisoner of war camp, on the same day, a sister, Lilia Ramoz, receiving a card written August 29, and the mother's written August 28.

"Dearest Mom," began the message written on a form correspondence card provided by the prison camp officials.

"Please don't worry about me, I am well and hope you are the same. I was captured July 29, they treat me fine. Don't worry, I consult the Red Cross about mail, my son, Everardo Ramoz."

The card to the young soldier's sister contained approximately the same message, merely assuring her that he is doing "fine" and asking her to "consult the Red Cross about mail," presumably meaning how they might get letters to him.

The cards were stamped by both the Nazi and American censorship stamps, the German legend being Stalag VII A, Gefrutt. The card is printed in German, with blanks for the sender's name and number, and the Ozona boy's number being 112-010.

It was nearly two months after young Ramoz' capture that his mother received word that he was a prisoner of the Germans. He was captured in the Tunisian campaign. The last word his family had received from him was written from somewhere in North Africa, a few weeks before the date of his capture as revealed in the card received last week.

The card from Pvt. Ramoz reached Ozona last Saturday, just three days after the first anniversary of the young soldier's departure from Ozona with a contingent of selectees from Ozona, leaving here December 15, 1942. After his preliminary training at Camp Wolf, Ramoz was sent to a camp in Pennsylvania where he was in training until the infantry unit to which he was attached embarked for service in the North African theatre.

Flu Outbreak Approaches Stage Of Epidemic Here

32 Cases Last Week; 20 New This Week, Dr. Nesrsta Reports

Unless there is a sudden let-up in the current outbreak of flu and other respiratory ills, many Ozona families face the prospect of spending Christmas with one or more members of the household suffering from illness.

Influenza is rampant in the city, and unless there is a slow-down in incidence of the disease it will be an approach to the epidemic stage, Dr. G. L. Nesrsta reported yesterday.

A total of 32 cases of flu and other respiratory ills, where patients required the attention of the doctor were seen last week by Dr. G. L. Nesrsta and up to yesterday around 20 new cases had been reported. In addition to these, there were many others suffering from varying degrees of cold and flu but not ill enough to require the physician's attention. Seven cases of pneumonia were among the doctor's list of patients.

Although reported on the wane on a statewide basis, the flu outbreak is still serious in a number of West Texas towns, according to press reports. Sonora, Iraan and other towns in this area have recently reported serious outbreaks

Christmas Day Grid Fare Is Novelty as Title Game Slated

Football on Christmas day will be a novel diversion for many Ozona fans this Christmas.

For those who stay at home for the Christmas observance, no doubt many will find afternoon diversion in listening to the radio broadcast of the San Angelo High School-Lufkin High School state championship game in Dallas to be played the afternoon of Christmas day.

Many Ozona fans, of course, have witnessed the play-off games in which the San Angelo Bobcats have battled their way to the championship try, the 21-20 thriller last week in which the Bobcats came from behind to nose out the High Park Scotties of Dallas, and the previous week-end when they mauled the Vernon Lions 26-0. There likely will be some who will be able to witness the championship game in Dallas next Saturday, but certainly there will be many who will be hanging on the radio for the play-by-play reports. The game is scheduled to start at 3 o'clock.

1943 Fur Market Is Declared Best In Many Years

Pelts of Good Quality And Prices Make Trapping Profitable

With a ceiling price set 10 percent over prices of last year, fine quality pelts being captured and in a volume greater than in several years past, the business of gathering furs is better this year than for many years, M. C. Couch, local dealer, reported this week.

The trapping season is only about three weeks in progress and already the local fur buying house has accounted for half of the volume of furs purchased last year, and they are still coming in in undiminished quantities.

Trappers are making big Christmas money with the heavy demand and the good prices. Ring-tail pelts are bringing up to \$4.00 and coons to \$3.50. Coon furs are in particular demand because they are being used by the Navy for making caps, gloves, etc., this fur shedding snow and thus being particularly valuable as protection for Navy men on the northern sea routes in winter time.

Season on fur-bearing animals which opened Dec. 1, continues through January. Fur-bearers may be taken with traps, guns, or dogs, with the exception of muskrats, which may be taken with traps only. The season on muskrats only is from Nov. 15 to March 15.

A trapper's license, costing \$1, is required of everyone offering the pelts of fur-bearing animals for sale. A regular hunting license does not authorize or permit a person to hunt or take fur-bearing animals or their pelts.

Christmas Story Told in Attractive Pageant at School

The Christmas story was impressively told in pageant and song last Thursday evening when pupils of the grade school, under the direction of Miss Lyndal Lowery, public school teacher, Miss Jean Heaton and Mrs. Evangeline Archer, staged "The Nativity" before a large crowd in the high school auditorium.

Beautiful lighting effects combined with appropriate costuming of the children and Christmas music made the production one of the best Christmas programs ever given here. Hymns and carols by the Junior High Choir and a solo by Mrs. H. B. Tandy provided the musical background for the manager scene, with Mary and Joseph and the infant Christ, the shepherds, wise men and the Heavenly host grouped about. More than 60 pupils took part in the pageant.

One Carload of Soybean Feed Is Allotted County

600 Sacks 41% Protein Distributed Among 23 Ranchmen

One carload of soybean sheep pellets, 41 percent protein feed, has been allotted for distribution among ranchmen of Crockett county who applied for feed through the local AAA committee, it was announced this week by Miss Betty Bratcher, administrative officer of the AAA in this county.

This carload of feed is the first assigned to this county from stocks of feed taken over by the Commodity Credit Corporation for distribution in areas of critical feed shortages in the livestock producing sections.

Application was recently made by the Crockett County AAA committee for allotment of 4,000 tons of protein feed to meet the winter feed needs of ranchers in this county.

The carload of soybean pellets is the first shipment received from this request. Whether or not more feed will be forthcoming at an early date is not known by the committee but members are hopeful that further allocation will be made.

Distribution of this car of pellets, 600 sacks, was made on a percentage basis to 23 ranchmen who had applied for feed under the allocation plan of the CCC. The feed is being parceled out to the 23 applicants on the basis of their original request, each getting a portion of the allotment according to the amount requested. The feed is being handled out of Barnhart by Boss Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pace and children, Sue and Baggett, and Mrs. Hiram Brown and daughter, Susan, will be here this week from Austin to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett.

Betty Lou Coates, Betty Jane Ingham and Gemella Dudley, all students at the University of Texas, are home for the holidays.

20 Are Accepted In Armed Service From Crockett Co.

8 Accepted by Army, 11 by Navy and One By Marine Corps

Twenty of the 44 men who left here December 10 for Army examinations at Fort Bliss in El Paso were accepted for service in the various branches of the U.S. armed forces.

The U. S. Navy took eleven of the acceptable men, the Army drew eight and the Marine Corps one.

Men accepted for service in the Navy were Roy Edwin Shepard, Benito Tijerina, Tom Chipman, Gilberto Cardona, Jesus G. Perez, Francisco Trujillo, Joe B. Chapman, Clifford Brown, Israel G. Ramoz, Domingo S. Lopez and Jose Ramirez. Men who go into service of the Army are Sam Cowan, Balentino Gonzales, Royce T. Browning, Jesus Sanchez, Martin G. Ramirez, Jr., Kirby D. Moore, Rollie W. Parker, and Jose M. Hernandez. The only recruit to make the Marine Corps was Leo V. Phillips. Sixteen men included in the call were transferred to other boards for induction.

All of the men accepted for service in the Navy have already reported for active service with the exception of Roy Edwin Shepard and Joe B. Chapman who were ill with the flu and unable to report the date of their call. Phillips also has reported to the Marines. All were to have been shipped from El Paso to San Diego for further examination and training. The Army recruits, given three weeks leave after induction, will report in two groups, one leaving December 30 and the other January 3.

Men sent from here on the December 16 call have not been reported. Two were held over at El Paso for further examination and three were rejected. Two men included in the call were transferred for induction.

Reclassification of all men in class III-A, former dependency classification, in accordance with instructions from Selective Service, (Continued On Last Page)

Skeletal Remains of "Fish with Jaw Teeth" Found on Pecos River

Those who study nature will tell you that no fish or other water creature chews its food before swallowing, but unless Ray Dundap is mistaken in his identity of skeletal remains which he found along the banks of the Pecos river as those of a fish or some kind of water animal, he has found evidence that at least one such creature did or does exist.

Two jaw bones, about two inches in length, each containing an unmistakable set of five well worn jaw teeth, arranged not in a straight line along the jaw bones, but in a triangular offset at the back, were found in the sand along the bank of the Pecos and brought to Ozona for exhibition by Mr. Dundap.

Now, Mr. Dundap, who has ranches many years along the Pecos, is something of a nature student himself and is particularly well versed in the lore of the Pecos. He declares that he is certain from the texture and formation of the bones, that they belonged to a water animal. He is equally confident that most if not all water animals swallow their food without chewing and if there is an exception it has never before come to his knowledge.

The strange find, together with other skeletal remains found in the same spot, bones which are even more clearly those of a water creature, are to be placed in the high school museum and Supt. C. S. Denham has promised to make an investigation in an effort to identify the species.

Crockett Still Far Short of Dec. War Bond Goal

Over \$16,000 Still Needed to Meet Nov. And Dec. Quotas

Unless there is a spurt of Christmas gift War Bond buying, Crockett county faces the prospect of showing up with a deficit in its monthly bond quota for the second month in a row with the end of December, Scott Peters, county War Finance Committee chairman, said this week.

Up to yesterday, December sales had reached approximately \$12,000, some \$8,000 short of the December quota of \$19,800 assigned to this county, the chairman said.

In addition to the shortage to date in meeting the December quota, there is a deficit of \$8,778.75 remaining from the November quota which the chairman hoped to wipe out by going far over the December goal. The November quota was also \$19,800 and a little under \$11,000 worth of bonds were sold during the month.

An urgent appeal was sent recently by J.S. James of Dallas, executive manager of the U.S. War Finance Committee for Texas, to all counties in Texas to make special effort to meet their monthly bond quotas. The Fourth War Loan Drive has been announced to begin January 18 and heavy purchases are going to be demanded during that war financing campaign, but the state committee head pointed out in a recent letter that "we must not lose sight of the fact that the war must be financed this month as well as all succeeding months and December quotas are important."

NAMED TO MASONIC POST

W. E. Friend, Jr., has been named Deputy District Grand Master of Masonic lodges in this district, which includes lodges at Ozona, Sonora, Eldorado and Big Lake. Mr. Friend was appointed at the recent session of the Grand Lodge in Waco, succeeding A. W. Billingsley of Big Lake, who served during the year just closing.

Tom Ed Montgomery, attending Schreiner Institute at Kerrville is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery.

Crockett's First Soldier Killed in Action in Italy

Grover Hignight, First To Go From County Killed Dec. 6

Crockett county's first soldier in World War II, Grover Hignight, 28, who volunteered immediately after passage of the Selective Service and Training act in 1940 and was the first man to go into training from this county, has been killed in action.

A telegram was received this morning by Hugh Gray from the War Department advising that Hignight had been "killed in action in defense of his country on Dec. 6 in Italy." No further details were given in the War Department telegram. Hignight, whose parents are dead, worked for several years for Mr. Gray.

Hignight had received extensive training as a paratrooper and was attached to the First Special Searvier Force, a detachment of troopers trained in several types of attack, paratroops, amphibious landing forces, raiders, etc. He was among the American forces landing on Kiska after the Japs had evacuated that Aleutian island and also with the Americans who fought the Japs off Attu in the same group. He had been transferred from the Pacific theater to the Mediterranean about two months ago, according to information received by friends here. He visited here shortly before his unit embarked in October for the European war theater.

Grover Hignight, born Dec. 7, 1915, in Highland, Ark., was discharged from the Army in the winter of 1941, after serving one year. After the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor and American entry into the world conflict, he re-enlisted at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He has two brothers, also in the service, Warren enlisting in the Army and Jimmy, who was graduated last year from Ozona High School enlisting in the Marines.

Pilot Describes Training Program For Bombardiers

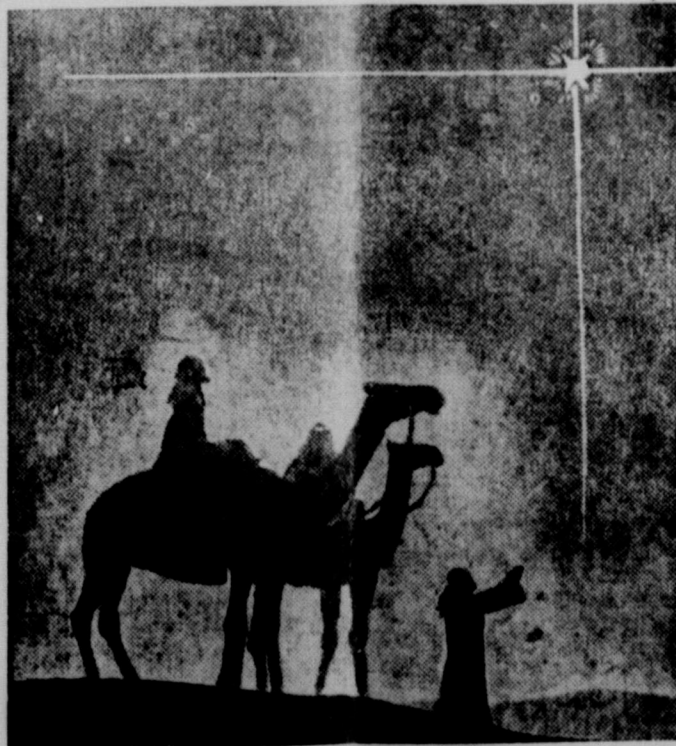
Lt. Webster Says Cadets Serious Minded and Eager to Learn

Young men who are wearing the uniform of the United States Army Air Forces, studying the art of bombardment from the air and navigation of aircraft, are on the whole serious-minded young men, intent on learning their complicated job in winning their global war and are willing to spend long hours to learn, Lt. H. H. Webster, pilot attached to the squadron from the SAAAF bombardier school in San Angelo now in training at the Ozona airport, told members of the Ozona Rotary Club in a talk at the club's luncheon Tuesday.

Lt. Webster, one of the veteran pilots assigned to fly the twin-motored bomber training ships in which "bombardiers"—bombardier-navigators—get their training in precision bombing, gave an interesting account of the training routine through which the bombardier cadets go before receiving their wings and commissions as bombardiers.

Groups assigned to the Ozona airport for short period training under simulated war conditions, are in the fourth period of their training, Lt. Webster explained, including three weeks of ground school, three weeks of daylight and night bombing, and three weeks of training in navigation. Pilots and bombardier instructors are assigned to the field and take each successive class of bombardiers for training, Lt. Webster said.

"Addition of navigation training to the regular training of (Continued on Last Page)



"So that peace may prevail for all mankind--"

Christmastide, hallowed season of joy and happiness, this year finds all of us in America striving constantly to hasten the day of victory. Nevertheless, it is fitting that we should pause both to recall our Christmas days of yesterday and to look forward into the future with profound confidence and hope.

To all of you here at home, then, we wish for you all the joy that Christmas can bring, including a full measure of hope and confidence that the coming year will bring us the glorious gift of victory and peace. And to all of our boys from Crockett county in training camps and on the far-flung battle fields of the world, may this Christmas season bring you comforting memories of former Christmases at home, all the happiness that can be gleaned in your present station, and satisfaction in the knowledge that the job you are doing is to secure for the world of the future the "Peace, good-will toward men" promised 1943 years ago. And may the Christmas prayers of all of us be answered, "So that peace may prevail for all mankind . . ."

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THURSDAY DEC. 23, 1943

"PEACE IN OUR TIME"

When the late prime minister of England, Neville Chamberlain, returned home from a conference with Hitler which sanctioned the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia, and brought with him the famous "peace in our time" message, a few people were not fooled. It was the prelude to war. Justice and the government of a great nation had bowed under the threat of brute force. A day of reckoning was inevitable.

Those who criticized the course of Britain in those dark days can now observe a parallel right here in our own country, relative to our domestic affairs. For years our government has failed to face squarely inflation and labor problems, just as Britain failed to face the growing might of Hitler. Our government, after a long record of silent encouragement of labor lawlessness, delegated to a single agency, the War Labor Board, the responsibility of restraining labor organizations that had learned the effectiveness of brute force—strikes. How closely this parallels the action of the British government, when after years of bungling it expected one man to stop a roaring tiger, with an umbrella.

The War Labor Board could not stem the tide. The coal miners struck and compelled the government to seize the coal mines and give in to their wage demands. In the expediency of the moment, the rights of the coal mine owners were sacrificed, even as the rights of small nations were sacrificed at the whim of Hitler. The War Labor Board confirmed a "peace in our time" wage contract made under a threat of force with which the government was unprepared to cope. In approving the contract, the industry members of the WLB warned: "We know that the circumstances of the last several months have raised around this

contract many far-reaching questions of government policy. These larger questions of government policy, the solution of which unhappily has been too long deferred, will now, we hope, be faced and solved."

One public member of the War Labor Board, Wayne L. Morse, dissented from the position the Board took with the comment that: "It is contrary to sound policy for the War Labor Board to approve this agreement, which was negotiated under the duress of a strike." Here again our temporizing with tyranny ominously parallels that of England in her dark days when a few courageous souls bucked the tide of popular sentiment—when peace at any price "in our time" was more valued than the maintenance of justice and national integrity.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Crockett County Greeting: Margaret S. Noble, Guardian of the Estate of Mrs. M. S. Mauldin, feeble minded, having filed in our county Court her final account of the condition of the Estate of said Mrs. M. S. Mauldin, numbered 130 on the Probate Docket of Crockett County, together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by publication of this Writ for three successive weeks before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Crockett you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the January Term, 1944, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the town of Ozona, Texas on the 3rd day in January A.D. 1944 when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the town of Ozona, Texas this 15 day of December A. D. 1943.

(SEAL) Geo. Russell Clerk County Court Crockett County.

A TRUE COPY, I CERTIFY. Frank James Sheriff Crockett County. By A. O. Fields, Deputy Sheriff.

Issued this 15th day of December, A. D. 1943 Geo. Russell Clerk. County Court Crockett County, Texas. 36-3tc

ELECTION NOTICE.

Be it ordered by the Board of directors of Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, that an Election shall be held at the hereinafter named polling places within said District and by the Election Officers hereinafter named, for the purpose of electing Three (3) Directors for said District, on the 2nd Tuesday in January same being the 11th day of January, 1944. POLLING PLACES AND

ELECTION OFFICES

At Court house, Ozona, Texas. E. B. BAGGETT, JR., Presiding Judge.

Mrs. A. E. Deland, Clerk Wanda Watson, Clerk.

The returns of said election shall be made in accordance with law. A copy of this order signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of this Board shall serve as proper notice of said Election, and the President shall cause the Notice of said Election to be given in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of said Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 and the seal thereof hereunto affixed this the 15th day of December, 1943.

P. L. Childress, Jr. President Crockett Co. Water Control & Improvement District No. 1

Attest T. C. Harris Secretary 36-3tc

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FOR SALE—Gas range in good condition for \$50. Can be seen at Oberkamp's. R. L. Flowers. 36-3tc.

"FOR REAL" IS "RIGHT"

Absorbed in workaday thoughts, we may forget that our servicemen, absent perforce to fight for us, have their thoughts too... For instance, we may be all wrapped up in who's going to win Saturday's football game.

"So what?" demands a corporal in The Sentry, newspaper of the Nashville Army Air Center.

"So in Lae, doughboys are tackling harder than the publicized darlings of Old Siwash, and they are chucking grenades faster and straighter than ever a football was thrown by the Saturday heroes. And in Italy, and in the Solomons. They aren't playing for headlines, but for real."

Cloud-sitting theorists with visionary schemes for postwar regimentation, take note!

Ozona Chapter No. 287 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR Regular meetings on third Tuesday night in each month. Next Meeting Jan 17

OZONA LODGE NO. 747 A. F. & A. M. Regular meetings first Monday night in each month. Next Meeting Jan. 3

Bitterweed Control Methods Outlined by Pasture Specialist

COLLEGE STATION—Pulling poisonous bitterweed as soon as invasion occurs in new areas of grazing land will prevent future losses and expense of eradication, says Robert R. Lancaster, pasture specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service. "Stop the first ones and you stop all."

This pest has become the most critical range problem for sheep ranchmen in the western counties of the Edwards Plateau. It is a winter weed adapted to growth generally throughout the whole western half of Texas, and is spreading wherever over-grazing causes an invasion of weeds. But winter weeds are rarely abundant where bunch-type grasses flourish.

Lancaster says that poisonous bitterweed likely would kill anything eating it. In seasonable years when weeds are profuse it may cause death losses as high as 30 percent in a ewe flock. But cattle, horse and goats graze it so little in proportion to other plants they are not greatly affected. Sheep are killed by grazing 1.3

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I am offering \$500 Reward

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FRANK JAMES Sheriff, Crockett County

percent of their weight of it, and some losses of goats are reported occasionally and cattle very rarely.

Control methods, such as conservation grazing, deferred and rotation grazing, and pulling and spraying the weeds, are being practiced. By reducing the number of stock from 64 to 50 units per section the Sonora Range Experiment sub-station reduced poisonous bitterweed 90 percent within five years. Where stock was excluded entirely the bitterweed was almost totally replaced by grass.

The current popular method of control is pulling the weeds before the seed mature. This practice has been carried on at private expense for the past six years on a Sutton County ranch at a cost of about \$10,000, but it has increased the carrying capacity approximately 40 percent.

Lancaster says that according to average estimates by sheepmen, the value of ranch land is reduced about \$5 an acre where poisonous bitterweed is very prevalent.

Miss Elizabeth Fussell left Tuesday for San Antonio to spend the Christmas holidays.

ANCHORS AWEIGH

FOR A GRAND OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN CHRISTMAS



May your ship return to port next year abundantly filled with health, happiness, and prosperity. Merry Christmas to you all.

Smith Drug Co.

Gertrude Perry, Mgr.

LET'S TAKE STOCK

The Christmas season should be an important time for all of us. It gives us a splendid opportunity to check up on our individual shortcomings and to make new resolutions which we will endeavor to maintain, the opportunity of a great American Christmas the remembrance of which will remain with us throughout the coming year.

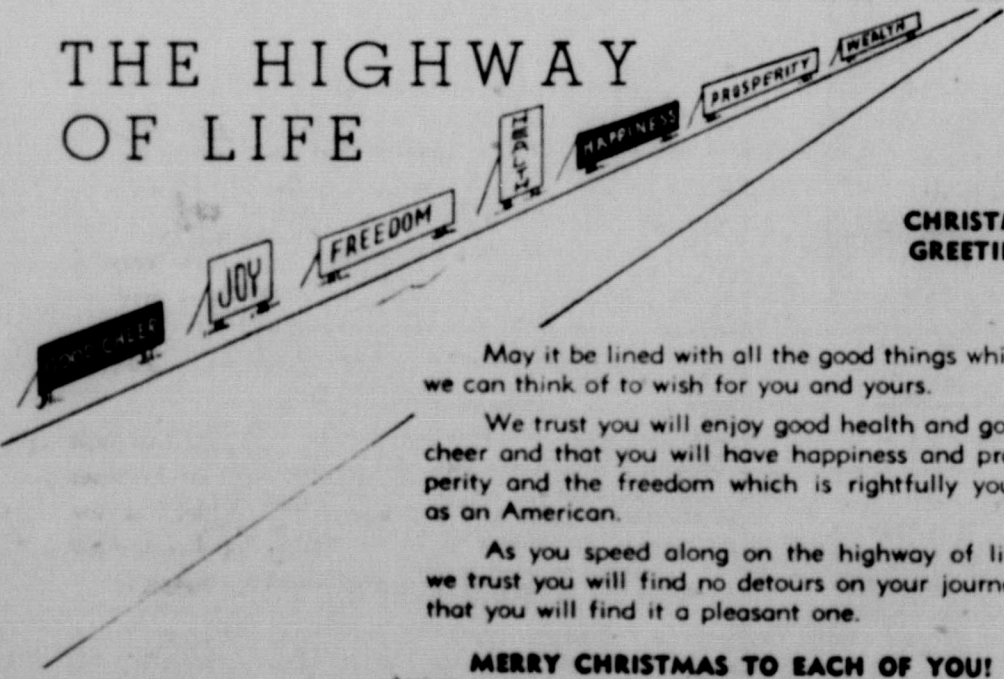
This year it is doubly important that we be tolerant in our thinking and make an honest effort to be considerate of other people. It is essential to the morale of American people during these times. Where ever you may turn you will find people in need of a kind word, a courteous gesture or a pat on the back. From such thoughtfulness comes extra strength to meet the routine problems of everyday life.

It is our definite purpose to maintain this attitude, to keep the spirit of Christmas not only on December 25, but from now on. It is our obligation and we expect to fulfill it to the best of our ability.

Please accept our season's best wishes that you and yours may spend a most enjoyable Yuletide and that the coming year will find us all reunited for a more normal way of life.

Lemmons Dry Goods Co. "Home Of Quality Merchandise"

THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May it be lined with all the good things which we can think of to wish for you and yours.

We trust you will enjoy good health and good cheer and that you will have happiness and prosperity and the freedom which is rightfully yours as an American.

As you speed along on the highway of life, we trust you will find no detours on your journey, that you will find it a pleasant one.

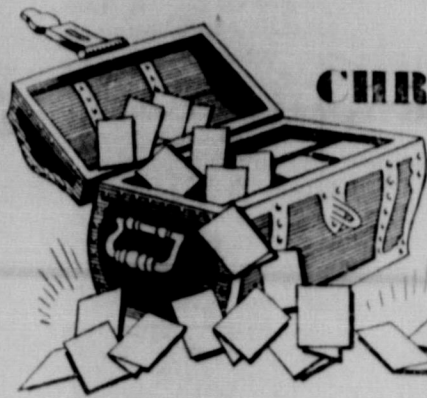
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU!

JOE OBERKAMPF FURNITURE - HARDWARE - PLUMBING - BUTANE GAS

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Warren E. Starnes, Minister
 Bible classes meet at 10 o'clock.
 The sermon is at 11 o'clock.
 The evening service is at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting is at 8 o'clock
 Wednesday evening.
 Ladies Bible class meets Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
 You are cordially invited to come.

THE TREASURES OF CHRISTMAS



Are the many instances of good will as evidenced by your thoughtfulness of us.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Hurst Meinecke Grocery
 Phone 92

To Wish You a . . .
Merry Christmas

Ozona Boot & Saddlery
 "Cowboy Outfitters"
 Oscar Kost

Harmon Comes Back Again



Louis Harmon, brother of Lieut. Tommy Harmon, embraces his wife joyfully as they learn that Tommy is safe somewhere in China. For the second time in seven months Pilot Harmon, a former Michigan university football star, has returned to battle after being reported missing in action.

Maternal Care for Wives Enlisted Men From Federal Funds

AUSTIN, Texas—Federal funds are now available with which to provide maternal care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces and for medical and nursing care for their infants, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has released funds to the Texas Health Department with which to administer this program. Two distinct services will be rendered under this program, explained Dr. Cox: complete maternity care for wives of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; medical and hospital care for sick infants under one year of age whose fathers are within these

four pay grades. Maternity care as provided under this program will consist of medical care during the prenatal period, child birth, and six weeks thereafter—including complications resulting from pregnancy.

Sick infants will be given medical, hospital, and nursing care during the first year. Nursing care in the home, will be made available by local health departments where there are established services. Bedside nursing care will be provided only upon the recommendation of the attending physician.

Forms of requesting care may be obtained from the local or State health departments, Welfare agencies, American Red Cross Chapters, USO centers and local physicians.

The United States Congress made it clear in passing the legislation making provision for this service that this is not a "charity" service, but that it is to be provided as the right of any wife and infant of an enlisted man in the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh pay grades of our armed forces.

Mrs. Lowell Littleton is ill with the flu this week.

What is double petunia?
 Well, a petunia is a flower like a begonia;
 A begonia is a meat like a sausage;
 A sausage and battery is a crime;
 Monkeys crime trees;
 Trees a crowd;
 A rooster crowd in the morning and made a noise;
 A noise is on your face like your

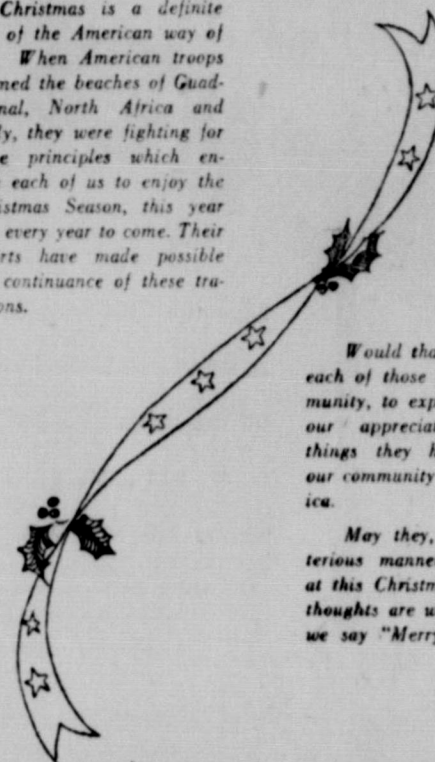
eyes;
 The eyes is the opposite of the nays;
 A horse nays and has a colt;
 You get a colt and go to bed and wake up in the morning with double petunia.

Jim Ad Harvick is home from A & M College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strick Harvick.

THEY FOUGHT ON GUADALCANAL
 NORTH AFRICA - - SICILY

That We Might Enjoy CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a definite part of the American way of life. When American troops stormed the beaches of Guadalcanal, North Africa and Sicily, they were fighting for those principles which enable each of us to enjoy the Christmas Season, this year and every year to come. Their efforts have made possible the continuance of these traditions.



Would that we could see each of those from this community, to express personally our appreciation for the things they have done for our community and for America.

May they, in some mysterious manner, realize that at this Christmas season, our thoughts are with them when we say "Merry Christmas."

North Motor Company
 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. North

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To All Our Friends in Crockett County
POPULAR DRY GOODS STORE
 Samuel Martinez, Prop.

PEACE

Comes at Christmastime

No matter what the turmoil about us in the year just past, no matter how bitter or unhappy our experiences have been—it's comforting to know that there is one time of the year when Peace predominates. It's Christmas!

And so, with these thoughts in mind, may we all think kindly, one with another, and may we enjoy the season to its richest, content that we may be better prepared for the problems of the morrow. Season's Greetings to all!



W. B. GRANNIS and C. B. GUTHRIE
 LIVESTOCK MEDICINES

Del Rio Phone 50

Ozona Phone 22

YOUR THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS AND OURS



Folks everywhere have been through days the past year that have been difficult, to say the least. Sacrifices have been many and disappointments have come to others. Conditions have left their mark all about us yet from these experiences comes the realization of the true value of friendship.

Without the background of loyal friends many of us would have found the problems more difficult but because we had those friends to whom we could turn, we found ourselves particularly equipped to meet the future.

So, as we face the coming year with heads unbowed and with a definite goal in sight, we take great satisfaction from the knowledge that friendships will continue to play vital parts in our everyday life. From these associations may we maintain the background of things which will result in making this world a better place in which to live.

It is our sincere wish that this type of loyalty to one and another becomes universal with nations throughout the world. It is with these thoughts in mind that we wish you a merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson
 and All of Us at

HOTEL OZONA

HOTEL BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Evelyn Haynie - Mrs. Merle Parker, Operators

OPA Plans Series Meetings to Plug Gasoline Leaks

Sessions Slated in Del Rio and Sonora and S. Texas Area

The San Antonio District OPA office announces that beginning on December 20th a series of meetings will be held in the principal cities in this district with licensed and intermediate gasoline distributors, representatives of banks handling ration bank ac-

counts, and members of the Local War Price and Rationing Boards to explain the new enforcement methods to be followed in order to combat black market practices in gasoline and particularly the use of counterfeit and stolen gasoline coupons.

Many filling stations in this district have been accepting loose coupons without realizing that by doing so they are contributing directly to the creating of a gang of racketeers as bad as any seen in prohibition days, William P. Dobbins, district enforcement attorney, said.

In order to make sure that only valid coupons are being accepted by filling station operators the

ration bank accounts of distributors will be checked for invalid coupons, such as counterfeit coupons, coupons which do not bear the proper endorsement of the number and state of the license tag, etc. The banks will be instructed to charge the account of each distributor with the amount of invalid coupons found in his account. The distributors will then be required to secure from the dealers, who gave them the invalid stamps, valid replacement stamps. This will mean a depletion in the ration capital of the dealer who has been passing invalid stamps to his supplier and means that if he continues in these activities his entire supply of stamps will eventually be exhausted and he will be driven out of business.

The meeting in San Antonio will be held on December 20th and ration accounts in San Antonio will be checked beginning ten days after the date of the meeting.

Additional meetings will be held in the following places on the following dates: Austin, Dec. 21; Victoria, Dec. 22; Corpus Christi, Dec. 27; Edinburg, Jan. 4; Laredo, Jan. 5; Del Rio, Jan. 6; and Sonora, Jan. 7.

It is known to the Office of Price Administration that ration coupons are being sold in a black market at prices from 5 to 25 cents per coupon, Dobbins said. In many instances these coupons have been stolen from filling stations and the result is that a coupon is buying twice as much gasoline as it was supposed to buy since it has been used once legitimately. It is believed that some counterfeit coupons are also in circulation in the San Antonio district.

Joy Coates and Sug Owens, both students at T.C.U. in Fort Worth this year, were expected to arrive today to enjoy the Christmas holidays at home. Joy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Coates and Sug is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens.

Edison Phonograph Of 1916 Vintage Is Gift to Museum

A first World War model Edison phonograph, one of the finest reproducing machines of its era, has been added to the collection of the high school museum, Supt. C. S. Denham announced last week.

The phonograph was loaned to the museum by Mrs. John Michell, who said that it was purchased in 1916 or 1917 from H. D. Lettelf's jewelry store in San Angelo.

Approximately 20 of the old Edison thick records, which had a reputation in their time of providing the most faithful reproduction of any machine ever made, went with the gift to the museum.

"Gifts of this kind are of real value as additions to the museum collection," Mr. Denham said, "not solely for their present interest but for the interest they will have 20 years or more from now."

There is at present a move under way to secure an old time organ for the museum. Mr. Denham, acting as a committee from the Crockett County Historical Society, has secured quotations on five organs that can be secured from a furniture dealer in Boulder, Colo. Decision on whether or not the organ is to be purchased will be made by the society at an early date.

WFA RATIIONS WELL CASING

Sheet metal water well casing is now rationed, according to WFA. However, an exemption of \$100 per well is allowed so that farmers needing small amounts for supplies or maintenance, or for sinking small wells, will not be required to obtain ration certificates. Persons wishing to use a quantity of casing costing more than \$100 (retail value) for any one well will be required to obtain a purchase certificate.

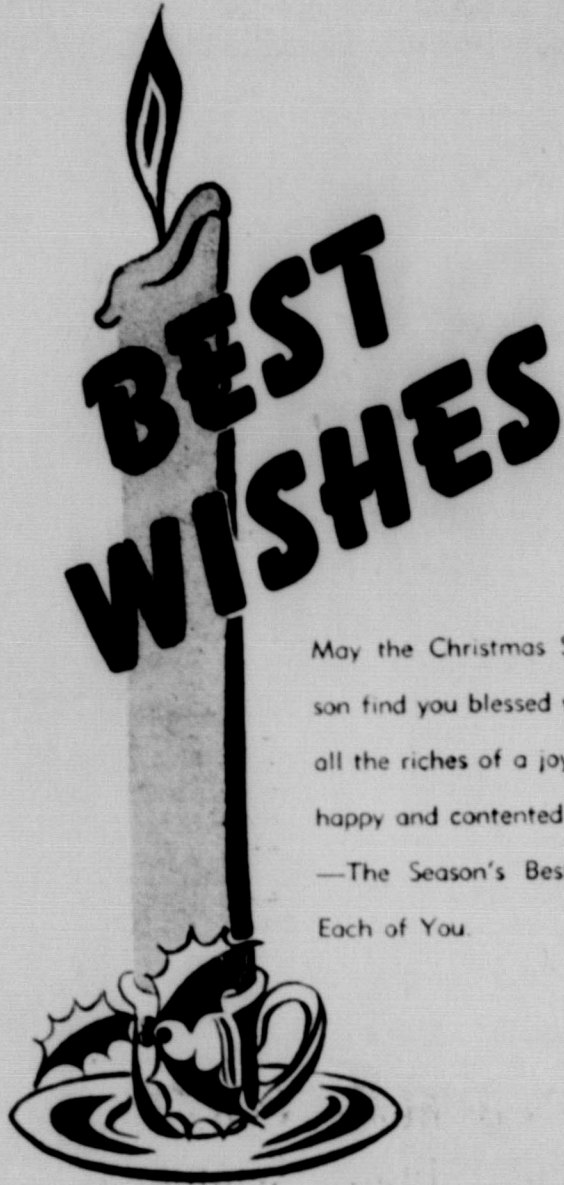
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Taylor and son, Frank, are here from Grand Prairie for a visit with relatives.

PLANS TO SAVE TRUCK TIRES

Truck tire inspections will be double-checked to see that every tire in service gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before being replaced, OPA stated recently. Central truck tire inspection stations will be provided in about 200 cities in areas where truck registrations are heavy. These privately owned and operated stations will re-examine all tires recommended for replacement by official OPA tire inspectors, and will return to service tires still good for more miles. Fixed fees to cover operating expenses will be charged by the stations. Tubes to be replaced need not be inspected.

Lt. J. K. Colquitt, son of Mrs. Lee Wilson, bomber pilot with the United States Army Air Force, arrived the first of the week to his new post of duty at Florence, South Carolina. Lt. Colquitt has been in training recently at Mills, California, and was granted a few days extra travel time on his transfer to the new station in South Carolina, where he will be trained in piloting the A-20 fighter bomber.

Who can recall the grand old carefree days when gasoline was so unrationed that women could use whole panfuls of it to clean their gloves and have enough left over to blow up their kitchens?



May the Christmas Season find you blessed with all the riches of a joyful, happy and contented life —The Season's Best to Each of You.

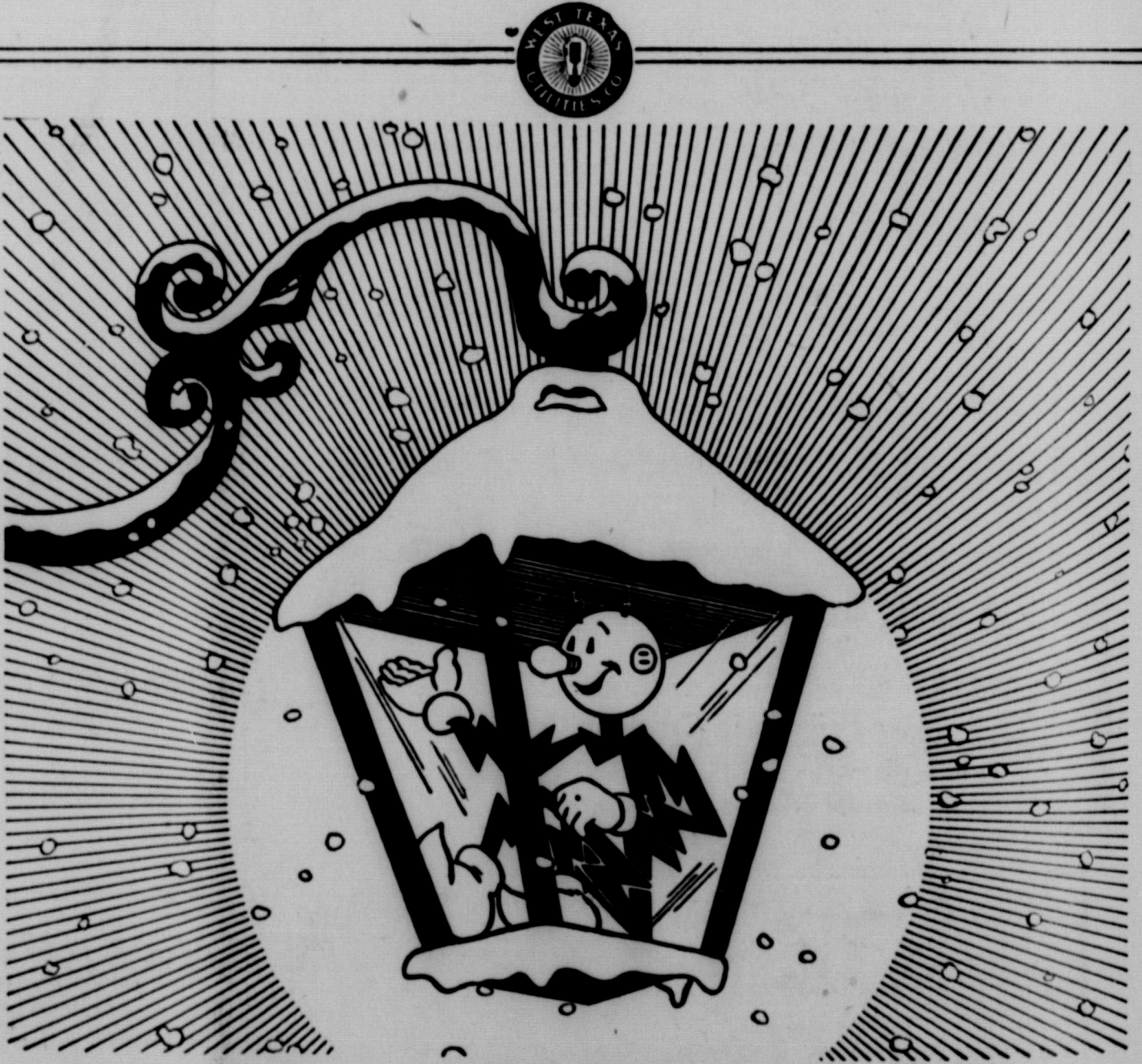
Ozona National Bank

A Good Bank in a Good Town
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Member Federal Reserve System



To Each of You, Our Friends

Wilson Motor Co.
J. P. Pogue, Manager
Phone 50



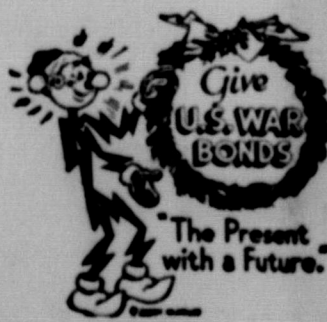
A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—REDDY KILOWATT.

Every one of the myriad of bright lights that still burn in this Country at Christmas is a greeting from me, your electric servant, Reddy Kilowatt; and that greeting is MERRY CHRISTMAS. May it be an American Christmas with lights, happiness and good will for all.

We of your Electric Service Company will be on the job Christmas Day... to make sure that your Christmas lights burn brightly, and to continue to furnish industry and agriculture the electric energy necessary for production for victory... This is our contribution to a happy Christmas Day the American Way.

—REDDY KILOWATT.



West Texas Utilities Company

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Governor Urges Reemployment of War II Veterans

Selective Service Re-employment Committee Aiding Program

Governor Coke R. Stevenson, following a conference today with General J. Watt Page, State Director, and Lt. Colonel Paul L. Wakefield, Chief of the Reemployment Division, State Selective Service Headquarters, urged the patriotic cooperation of all Texas employers to see that every honorably discharged serviceman and servicewoman is given prompt and proper civilian employment. He said:

"Veterans of the present conflict are already returning to us—many of them from the far-flung

battlefronts of the world. Some of them, because of illness or wounds received in combat, will need sympathetic and understanding employers.

"Aside from the fact that employers are required under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, to restore veterans to their former jobs, employers have a high moral responsibility for doing so.

"Employers can also show their patriotic conception of proper cooperation by working with the Reemployment Committeeman attached to each Local Selective Service Board and with the Veteran's Employment Representatives of the United States Employment Service. They should advise these agencies regularly of all jobs they have available from time to time with the view of giving preference to veterans when filling positions."

Vitally essential also to the success of the program, Governor

Stevenson stressed, is the full cooperation of the organized resources of the community in reintegrating veterans into civil life particularly with reference to creating preferential employment opportunities for veterans and occupational opportunities for those who are disabled.

Paying tribute to approximately six hundred Texans who have been appointed as Reemployment Committeemen for the Texas Selective Service System, Governor Stevenson said:

"I have the deepest sense of gratitude to those public-spirited citizens and loyal Texans who have assumed the important role of 'personal representative, agent and advisor' of our returning veterans. In giving so patriotically, so unselfishly and so generously of their time, effort, ability and experience to this tremendous and important task, they are performing one of the highest wartime services in the history of our state."

Rev. Clyde Childers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is the Reemployment Committeeman for Crockett County.

Mary Perner, a student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, has arrived to spend the Christmas holiday period with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner.

Mr. and Mrs. Massie Ray Smith and daughter are here for a visit with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Smith. He is employed in construction of synthetic rubber plants in the Orange, Texas, area.

Pfc. Miles Pierce assigned by the United States Army to specialized training at Texas A & M College, is expected to be home for a brief furlough to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pierce.

QUICK WORD TO NEXT-OF-KIN

Next-of-kin of servicemen who have been taken prisoner by the enemy will receive swift and accurate notification, the Office of War Information has announced. The government immediately will transmit free any accurate information from a reliable source dealing with prisoners of war. OWI warned against reliability of enemy broadcasts and against paying any private individual or organization for such information.

"When a people yield to a great centralized government to think and plan and care for them from cradle to the grave, it is not far to the grave for everything which free men hold dear." Rep. Hatten Summers (Dem., Texas).

Ozona Assigned Quota of One for Women's Marines

Southern Newspapers Undertake Enlistment Campaign

Southern newspapers are opening a campaign to enlist Southern women in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve, Major Meigs O. Frost, Marine public relations officer for the Southern Procurement Division, announced today.

The editor of The Ozona Stockman was named chairman of the local Marine recruiting drive, and Ozona was given a quota of one woman between 20 and 36.

Women who join through this

campaign will be trained at the colorful new Leatherneck base at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. Then they will be assigned to one of the Marine bases in the United States, where they will take over a job which is now being filled by a man who has been trained for combat duty.

Women Marines receive the same pay and rank as men, and get dependency allotments, medical care and other privileges of male Marines.

Full information on the Women Marines is available at the Stockman office, and preliminary application blanks are ready for young women who are interested.

Preliminary applications will be sent to the Marine Corps Procurement Office at San Antonio. If the applicant appears, on the basis of the preliminary application, to meet the standards of the Ma-

rine Corps, she will be asked to make out a complete application, and then will be given a round-trip ticket to the Procurement Office for interview and examination.

Women who join the Corps during December will not be called to begin training until the middle of January, thus enabling them to spend Christmas at home.

Major Frost pointed out that the South has always produced a large percentage of the men in the Marines, but that the South is far behind the other sections of the nation in Women Marine enlistments.

Mary Frances and Louise Bean, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Bean, both students at Baylor University in Waco, are here to spend Christmas with their parents.

GREETINGS

All of us in this organization realize the value of your good will and patronage and in appreciation join in this Christmas message. The season's best to each of you.

May you take at least one day off from the cares of wartime to catch the old-time spirit of Christmas—and to all "our boys" in service our very best wishes for joy at the Christmas season, for Victory, home and peace in 1944.

All of Us at
Laura Butler Cafe



A RIGHT MERRY CHRISTMAS
To Our Loyal Friends
And Customers

OZONA LAUNDRY and Dry Cleaners
Phone 164

It's Expected of Us!

Because of the uncertainty which most of us have experienced during the past year, we find it difficult indeed to carry on our normal way of life. Each problem as it presents itself seems more unsolvable than the rest. Each obstacle harder to surmount than the one before.

Let's lay aside those things which are unhappy experiences and look toward the brighter things of life. Let's try to be back to normalcy at least for one day—Christmas. It is expected of us! Those of our loved ones who will not be present would not have it otherwise. Those of us who are at home will gain strength and confidence from the thoughtfulness resulting from observing a normal Christmas season. It will aid greatly in meeting the morrow.

We have our freedom, our way of life, our manner of living, and the opportunity to do the things that we want to do. It is a blessing to be an American and it is a blessing to observe Christmas in a manner suitable to our thinking.

Let's make it a memorable occasion. We promise to do our part!

J. H. Williams & Sons
"YOUR GROCERS"

In the Twilight . . . of 1943



. . . we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with difficulty that we remember the details of that day: the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspoiled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to.

But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

13,000 Texans United in the War Effort HUMBLE

Hardin-Simmons to Launch Campaign for \$500,000 Building Fund

ABLENE, Texas—A campaign to raise \$500,000 in a building and endowment fund has been launched by Hardin-Simmons University, with Dr. R. N. Richardson, acting president, as chairman of the steering committee. The drive is dovetailed with the \$3,000,000 denominational endowment campaign recently announced by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Hardin-Simmons has been given the half million dollar goal on approval of the General Convention board. All Baptist churches, including congregations, brotherhoods, missionary societies and other units, will cooperate in the program.

The H-SU campaign is emphasizing raising of money for buildings. It will include completion of the Sandefer Memorial fund in which a substantial part has been pledged and paid. Such new buildings as will be possible at the conclusion of the war are to be constructed and present buildings will be renovated and repaired.

WARTIME CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAMS

On Christmas day, men and women of the American Armed Forces in every quarter of the globe will hear three hours of

Women Put Hellicats, Avengers Through Paces



Test piloting was once considered a typically masculine profession. But at the Grumman air field, N. Y., three lady pilots are putting new high-powered Hellicats and Avengers through rigorous paces. Top Left: Close-ups of three women doing a man's job. Cecile ("Teddy") Kenyon (left), Barbara K. Jayne (center) and Elizabeth Hooker. Center: One of the trio prepares to deliver a new plane to the navy. Bottom right: The three ladybirds walking past a row of new Hellicats.

special Christmas radio programs, featuring entertainment stars, name bands, and personal greetings from the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and high officers of the various ser-

vices. On Christmas Eve and Christmas day, the people on the home front will hear programs from soldiers overseas, including a chorus of 200 American soldiers in the Holy Land, a Christmas-tree decorating from an island in the South Pacific, and midnight mass from someplace behind the battle lines in Italy.

PLASTIC PROTECTION—Manufacturers of machinery parts have for years sought an easy way to pack their products so that they would not rust or corrode while en route. Up until the war, the customary method was to treat each part with a preservative and then package it.

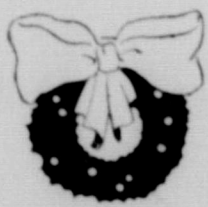
With the coming of the war, even paper products became "critical" materials and it was necessary to devise a new way to protect metal parts that were being shipped to the armed forces. Technicians of the Dow Chemical Company came forth with a hot melt in which Ethocel, a water repellent plastic, is the essential ingredient. Parts are simply dipped in the melt which immediately forms a skintight film.

The tough plastic coating can be easily stripped off by hand and the part emerges clean, uncorroded and ready for service. Besides its simplicity, company officials

point out that the method saves uncounted man-hours.

CHRISTMAS

IS THE TIME TO



MAKE OTHERS HAPPY

It takes understanding and kindness to make others happy. Never before has the world been in such need of friendships as it does today.

To make others happy is to create friendships. To maintain these friendships requires patience, love and understanding devotion.

Too often we neglect the friendships of those with whom we are associated. Many times we take their friendships for granted but there is one time of the year when all of us are reminded of the splendid relationships we have had and we welcome the opportunity to acknowledge these friendships by some token of appreciation, whether it be an elaborate gift or a kind word of Christmas greeting. We ask that you accept this message in the sense that it is offered. Ours is a cordial appreciation of the friendships which have been cemented by long and continuous service. We wish you all the good things in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Adwell and Employees of
The Ozona Theater
The House of Good Entertainment

At Christmas time it is our privilege to give expression to our thoughts concerning those whose friendship and good will we cherish above all else.

It is a little difficult this year because we realize that in recent months it has been necessary for all of us to make some sacrifices that the American way of life may be preserved. Since we are aware of most of your problems, we sincerely believe that we are qualified to express a genuine Christmas Greeting that carries with it the true thoughts that are in our hearts for you at this time.

In difficult times, as well as in good times, we consider it a privilege to remember you with a word of good cheer and a wish for genuine happiness and the good things that follow.



C. B. HUBBARD
Automotive Maintenance
Wilson Motor Co. Bldg.

Phone 50

Mrs. Anja Wilson and two daughters are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wilson's parents, week.

WE HOPE

Santa's Pack

WILL BE FULL OF GOOD THINGS FOR EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

All the Force at
Ramirez Boot Shop
Makers of the Famous Ozona Boots

May the Spirit of Christmas Prevail Everywhere

Never before in history has the symbolic significance of Christmas been of such importance. The past year has been one of many trying circumstances. It has seen many disappointments, many dreams unrealized, and we have all been through a trying and difficult period. But our heritage has not forsaken us. In the good old American tradition, we have come through another year. It is true that it has not been normal. It is likewise true that we have not enjoyed the happiness and luxuries to which we are accustomed. But the satisfaction obtained from successfully concluding the past twelve months should give us more courage to face the coming year with utmost confidence.

As you enter the Christmas season, please accept our good wishes for your good health and happiness. The season's best to each of you;



Miller Firestone Service
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller

Proclaiming a brief interlude in the restlessness of a troubled world, the glad tidings of the Christmas season is welcomed by all mankind.

Although our loved ones and friends may not have the opportunity to enjoy this Christmas with us, may we not keep in mind that they are with us in thought. May they in some unfathomable way realize that we are thinking of them on this, the greatest season of all. From these consoling thoughts, it is our Christmas wish that you may derive the greatest amount of satisfaction possible during the holidays.

Each member of this organization joins in wishing you a joyous Christmas.

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Baker's Food Store
Hubert Baker and All The Force

THE LION'S ROAR

Published Weekly by the Student Body of Ozona High School

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From the Mail Box—

December 17, 1943

I really don't know what to write after that first word because there are so many people that I would like to write. I could say "To whom it may concern," but that doesn't sound very Christmasy, or maybe "Dear Friend" but that sounds like a letter from an advertising corporation wanting one to take advantage of a "limited offer." And I really don't want to tell you anything; I want to give you something, something very personal—my very best wishes for your Christmas.

My favorite person, of course, lives in Canyon; but most of my favorite people live in Ozona. That is the reason that I want to take this opportunity to leave this thought with you. "There will always be a Christmas. Since time beyond memory, Christmas has been a day of glad reunion with family and friends. But this Christmas, many familiar faces are missing around America's fireside.

Even at this moment, across the seas and all over the world, millions of young Americans are standing to their arms—not only in defense of human freedom but to preserve the right to follow the faith for which Christmas stands. As we light our Christmas candles this year let us pray that the true spirit of Christmas will someday reach out and encompass the whole world again."

Sincerely
Hazel Kirbie
OHS

BUY BONDS

COGITATIONS

By Joyce West

The first period Study Hall is getting to be quite a problem, Mr. Denham keeps it now!!!—The teachers seem to have the "know how" about getting these Lieutenants, they all had one on Tuesday night.—Ruth looks at Billy Womack and sighs when he plays "Kiss, Kiss, Kiss" on the piano, wistful thinking???—Susie Hokit was very, very elated over something that "happened one night"—Billy McWilliams was trying his best to find out whether or not Doris Bean had a date with Byrd Phillips.—Earl Tilley, Bill Wilkins, and Charles Snyder stroll (or slink) into Study Hall with a guilty look on their faces at the last minute.—Buddy Russell greatly upsets Miss Kirby by turning the pages of the newspaper.—Ruth thinks Burl Sparks has such pretty, black, curly hair.—Byrd, what were you doing behind the Court House last Wednesday night, you had a date with Doris, didn't you???—Benny Gail's face was red when a passenger in her car opened the pocket and something fell out!!!—Daphne had fits over a hitchhiker carrying a guitar, sounds bad.—Doris was broken hearted when she read of a certain "ex's" engagement in the paper.—Louise is keeping something from Larry in the form of a Christmas card signed "Margie."—While the boys were giving Mr. Sikes the latests dope about the dance Friday night the girls (on the steps below) were learning a lot, probably some of the girls were that

dull shade of red, commonly called a blush!—MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!!!!

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM O. H. S.

Dear Santa,
This is to let you know that if you aren't overloaded I would like a few articles. To begin with, you could bring me a convertible, a mink coat, several shoe stamps, about three boxes of chocolate candy, some brains so I can pass my mid-term exams, and a great big "Paper Doll" that I can call my own. Well, I guess that's about all for this time. Oh, yes, if you can't bring all of them, just bring me the "Paper Doll!"

Very sincerely yours,
Baby Hokit

Dear Santa,
You may think it a bit foolish for a girl of my age but I want a great big cuddly, black and white panda. Since this is about all I'm asking for, Santa, don't you think you could manage it.

Hopefully,
Daphne Meinecke

P. S. Oh, yes, how about a pair of gloves? Then I wouldn't have to contaminate my hands handing Geometry notebooks to people.

Dear Santa,
I find it very cold here. Could you please bring me a stove and heating pad?

S-S-Sincerely yours,
(My teeth are chattering)
Jimmy Read

Dear Santa,
I'll have an empty stocking hanging by the fireplace. Christmas and Billy Mac will just fit in it.

Hoping you'll take a hint,
Joyce West

Dear Santa,
This year it seems unpatriotic to want a lot of extravagant things so if you could arrange a few parties and dances I think I will be satisfied.

Sincerely,
Ruth Townsend

Dear Santa,
Same here.

Yours truly,
Billy Womack

Dear Santa,
In preparation for the Mason game next year, we are asking for a football filled with helium, some brass knuckles and about a 40 to 0 score.

Wistfully
The Football Team

Dear Santa,
Christmas is rolling around again this year, as usual. I can't think of much to want, but since I am on the subject, you might bring me a new watch, an evening dress and ermine wrap, a red convertible with a book of "T" stamps, a mill - no I guess a thousand dollars will do. Of course, I could mention several more things I want, but I don't want you to think I am greedy. Oh, and since you are coming anyway, would you mind bringing all the teachers plenty of good humor to last through the mid-term exams.

Very truly yours,
Liz Gray

Dear Santa,
I wanted a model-T
But it's war.
I wanted a new coat
But it's war.
I wanted a cute sailor (doll)
But it's war.
So Santa,
I guess you'll just have to bring me

War Bonds and Stamps!

Thank you,
Your war-time gal,
Nan Tandy

Dear Santa,
Please send me some good

mid-term grades such as 4 A's. Also, if you could send Miss Kirbie some gas and a tire it would help my English grade.

Yours truly,
Calvin Williams

Dear Santa,
Please make a big deer stop one of my precious bullets.

Love
Dick McDonald

Dear Santa,
Could you manage to put a cute blonde Freshman in my stocking?

Sincerely
Max Word

Dear St. Nick,
I'm trying to be a good little girl, Santa, so you will bring me some new members for the H. E. Club. Santa, I want some good members that will help me make the scrap book and year book.

Hopefully
Marie Williams

Dear Santa,
Could you find me some good tires and a "T" card for my jalopy?

Doubtfully,
Bill Wilkins

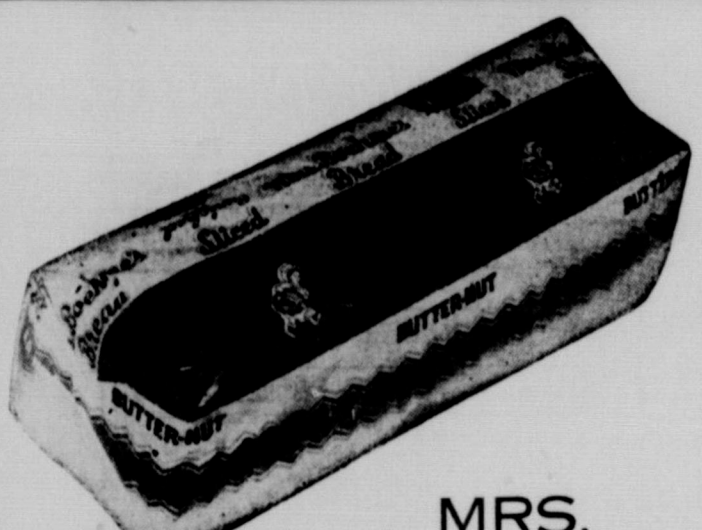
Dear Santa,
This is a letter for all the students of O.H.S. in general. To Benny Gail, you may give a brand new red hair ribbon. To Bill Mac please bring three inches in height, and five pounds in muscle. Rosalyn wants a teddy bear, preferably. To Juana Gay you may bring a white dicky, no you had better make it a khaki Dick. Bill Wilkins has his heart set on a pair of horn rimmed glasses and a cer-

tain little brunette. Dilly wants Frank Sinatra's version of "Stormy Weather." Muggs wants Max's little brown horse. Sammy Sue and Ann want Clayton and (your guess is as good as mine—however it is rumored they both have their eyes on a few Junior boys.)—Liz wants the same as usual and Baby Hokit wants to see Charles Atlas or any of his students.

Yours truly
O.H.S. Student Body

WHAT IF???

Ozona High School didn't have so many eavesdroppers—first its the girls eavesdropping on the boys and then vice-versa—Louise Arledge didn't beg Bill Wilkins to "be her friend" (?)—Ruth Townsend hadn't heaved such a sigh of relief when told that a certain bit of gossip about Billy W. and her would not be printed in this column—Bill McWilliams didn't get so much attention when he is sick (?)—Doris Bean, Muggs Davidson, and Rosalyn Stearns took him flowers the last time—Carlton Smith didn't have the strange habit of "wanting to be alone"—with his date—Jo Nell Coose, Susie Hokit and Juana Gay hadn't been so disappointed about something last week—Liz Gray's new (or maybe we just hadn't heard) nick-name wasn't "Hot-Shot"—Nan Tandy hadn't been so interested in a certain man at the hotel—she is convinced that he is a well-known movie star—Billy Laxson didn't carry on such intelligent (?) conversations during the second show—Byrd Phillips didn't ask Joyce West "why they let her out?" when she got back from the hospital—



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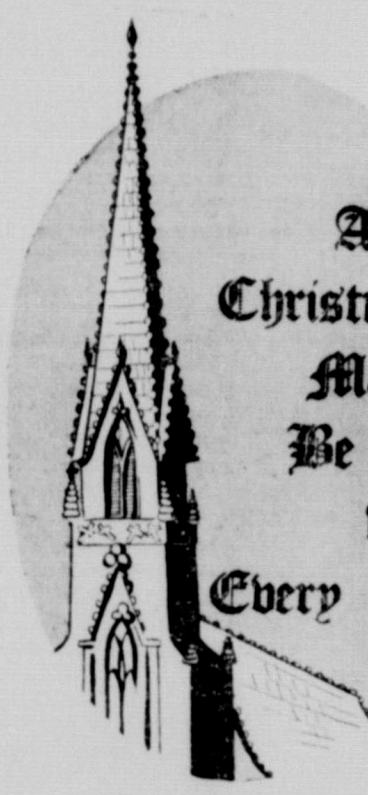
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LION'S ROAR—
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The word "ice-burg" and Jimmy Read weren't heard together so much lately—Mr. Sikes wasn't such an ole tease about Byrd's whiskers(?)—Susie Hokit and James Chapman could get together—seems James is always busy when Susie isn't and vice-versa—Sue Beasley didn't have "all the dope" about Duane Stearns' old flame in San Antonio—MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!
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20 Accepted—

(Continued from Page One) vice eliminating this classification, is now in progress here, affecting the father group. New classifications will be based on occupation, or in extreme cases of hardship, on dependency. Registrants affected in the group now being reclassified have the privilege of offering additional evidence of their classifications for deferred classification by reason of employment in necessary war production or civilian activity in support of the war effort, or for deferment by reason of extreme hardship on dependents.

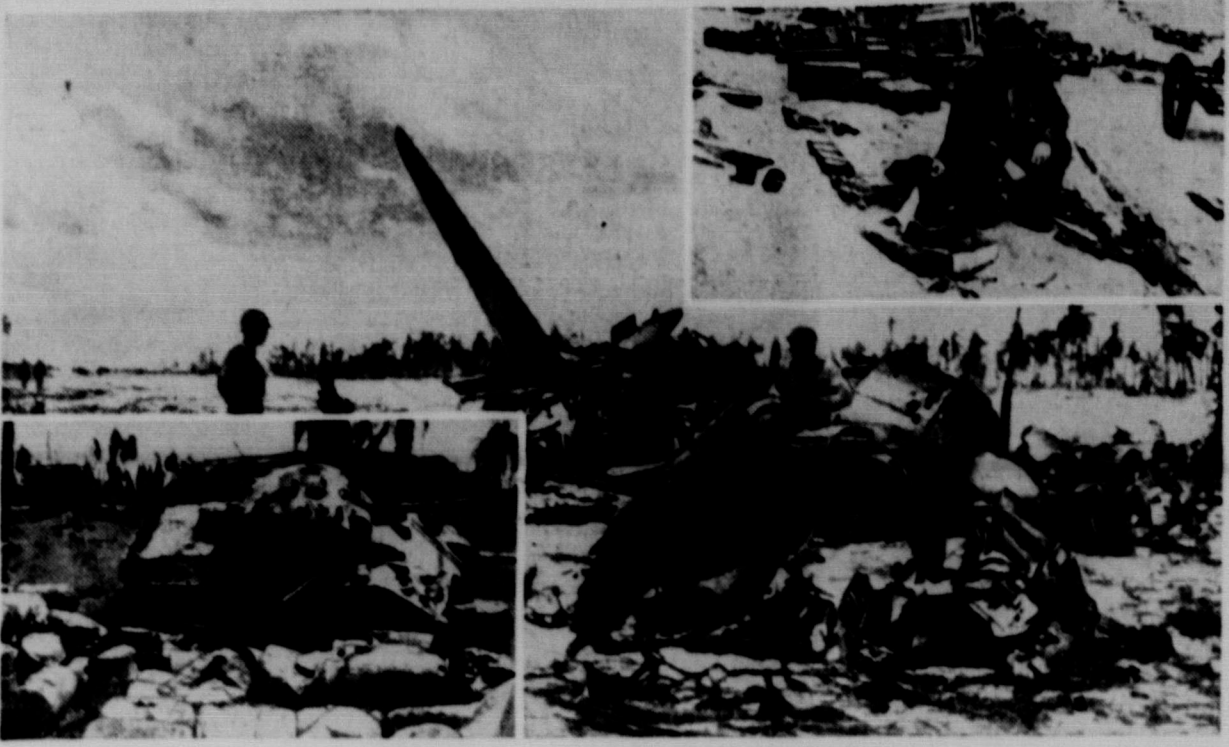
Except for the new 18-year-old registrants who are required to register as they reach that age, and men in deferred classifications whose deferments expire and are not renewed, future calls from this county will be made up from men who are fathers, all available men in the group of single men and married men without children having been exhausted.

L. R. Cox, III, who stepped from high school football to play as a freshman on the Varsity eleven at Southern Methodist University the past season at least a part of nearly every game, arrived this week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr.

Roy Coates, attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Coates.

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After 76 hours of the bitterest fighting ever to be encountered by the United States marine corps in its 168 years of brilliant battling, the island of Tarawa was wrested from Japanese defenders, most of whom were killed. Lower left: An American tank after it had been disabled. Right front corner of the tank has been torn away and the treads wrecked. Center: Marines inspect a wrecked Jap plane. Top right: Legs of a dead Jap protrude from a pillbox.

Pilot Describes—

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bombardier classes is a recent innovation," Lt. Webster said. "Men under this program are qualified both as bombardiers and as navigators when they graduate, this double training making it possible for planes to carry one less crew member and thereby make room for that much more gasoline or bomb load. So thorough is this training that after three weeks, cadets can navigate their ships to Chicago with a maximum of 1 1/2 minute error in time calculation and six miles direction finding." "Most of the cadets are eager, fine young men who are intent on learning to do a good job," Lt. Webster said of his "boys." "It is a pleasure to work with them. They take seriously the hardships and inconveniences of the field training we give them here, because they realize that this is only an approach to what they will find under combat conditions and what they learn here may mean the difference between getting back from a mission and taking a swim in the English channel or the Pacific Ocean."

Lt. Webster explained the system of ground targets laid out in various sections of West Texas, calling them the finest set of targets in the nation. Enemy installations, battle ships, docks, wharves, warehouses, etc., are simulat-

ed on these targets by caliche outlines, and the bombardiers learn what these enemy objectives look like from the air.

Artificial bombing of "enemy" objectives—the wool warehouse in Merton and other landmarks in the area—was also described by Lt. Webster. In this type of practice work, the bombing is done photographically, cadets being scored on their accuracy as shown by photographs. In this connection, Lt. Webster said of the famous Norden bombsight—"If the cross hairs show on the target with the Norden bombsight you can be sure the bombs are going to land squarely on the target." The lieutenant declared that the famous bombsight is a maze of switches, knobs, buttons and levers and that to use it requires not only knowledge of its calculations but a great deal of manual dexterity as well. For that reason, he said, the pilots call the bombardiers "knob twisters" and the bombardiers call the pilots their "chauffeurs."

After each cadet class completes training at the Ozona airport, the cadets are about ready to graduate, Lt. Webster said, except that lately they have been given an additional ten days of training with the new Sperry bombsight after which they are given their wings and commissions as second lieutenants.

Priscilla Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Baker, is home from Abilene Christian College to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Elton (Pee Wee) Smith, in training with an Army Air Force unit at Amarillo, is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Smith, Sr.

Sgt. D. F. Coates, Jr., Margaret Ann Howard Married in Arizona

Sgt. Dennis F. Coates, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Coates of Ozona, stationed with a field artillery training unit in California, and Miss Margaret Ann Howard of Cameron, Oklahoma, were united in marriage at 6:40 p.m. December 11 at Quartzsite, Arizona, according to word received by the Ozona lad's parents during the past week.

Announcement of the approaching marriage of the young couple was made in early September and the plans then contemplated an early fall marriage. But Sgt. Coates' Uncle Sam interfered with his private plans by taking him on maneuvers in Tennessee. Lately he has been stationed in California and has been on maneuvers in the desert area.

Mrs. Coates is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Howard of Cameron, Okla. She is a graduate of the Cameron High School and of the National School of Business in Oklahoma City. Sgt. Coates is a graduate of Ozona High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in January, 1942, and is at present on maneuvers in the California desert.

The couple make their home in Midland, Calif., where Mrs. Coates is employed in war work, about 75 miles from where Sgt. Coates' unit is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Early Chandler and children will spend Christmas in Stephenville visiting Mr. Chandler's relatives.

Dick Henderson, student at A & M College, is here to spend the holiday period with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson.

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D. C. Ratliff, Machinists Mate, first class, U. S. Navy, stationed at a naval training station in Davisville, R. I., is home on leave to spend Christmas with his wife and children.

Dr. Marvin Rape, who has just completed his internship in Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Rape. Dr. Rape, who holds a commission as a first lieutenant in the United States Army, has been ordered into active service on January 1, 1944.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, their daughter, Mrs. Henry Carden and the two children were ill the past week with the flu.

Bobby Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Fields, underwent an operation to remove her tonsils in a San Angelo hospital Saturday. The child was brought back to her home here Monday and is reported recovering.

Carol Friend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Friend, Jr., has been ill this week, and Mrs. Friend joined the flu victims yesterday.

R. J. Cooke has been seriously ill this week with an attack of flu and a light attack of pneumonia.

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