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THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1944

Miss Mary Perner, a student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner. Miss Joyce West returned to Dallas with her for a brief visit.

**Acute Need for Army Nurses Cited By Surgeon General**

General Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the Army, has characterized the present shortage of Army nurses as the most critical since Pearl Harbor.

Colonel Florence Blanchfield, superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, has put it more specifically.

"We have been telling the nurses and the public of the need for three years, but up until August we have not put so much emphasis on the MUST. Now we not only need 10,000 more nurses, but we MUST have them.

"Campaigns in Europe got under way in June and the picture is entirely changed because of the greatly increased load of casualties. However, up until December we were able to meet all demands for overseas units and keep an adequate staff at home. This was true, partially, because we were using senior cadets, Red Cross nurse's aides, both paid and volunteer, civilian nurses, and WAC technicians in the hospitals in this country."

For the first time since war began, this country is feeling the effects of all-out campaigns on

all fronts. War casualties are occurring at a rate which is 300 per cent greater than in July, and have been added to, on an average of 12,000 a week. In order not to sacrifice the life of a single man at the front, the Army Medical Department is stripping hospital installations in this country of nurses, so that they can serve overseas where the need is so urgent. Of the 41,000 nurses in the Army, about 75 per cent are overseas.

But even such extreme measures have not been enough. Recently medical units, which were activated far in advance of scheduled shipments had to sail without nurses. That means that staffs of already overworked hospitals will have to be spread thinner, in order that nurses may be provided for the new units.

Billie Jo West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West, Betty Lou Coates, daughter of Roscoe Coates Gemella Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dudley, all students in the University of Texas, are here to spend Christmas with their parents. Burl Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, another Ozona student at Texas University, is also home for the holidays.

**'AMERICA NO. 1'**

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—A Chamorro civilian on Saipan had his own post-war plan when Marines landed on the island.

Waving his shirt as a flag of truce, the Charmorroan advanced toward American lines.

"I'm for red, white and blue,"

he said in English. "Japanese no good; American number 1."

He knew no more English. Anticipating our capture of the island, he had learned the words from more articulate friends before the Leathernecks landed.

Capt. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., on Christmas leave for a visit with

his wife and son Tom, will leave Friday to return to his duties at Camp Claiborne, La.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Nearsta had as holiday guests Mrs. Nearsta's mother, Mrs. U. M. Sanderson of San Saba, and her sister, Miss Bernice Sanderson of Houston. Both left this morning to return to their homes.



1945 is just around the corner. All hail to the New Year! This is the season for new resolutions.



We have served you well in the past. Our aim is to serve you still better in the future. To this end we pledge our full devotion.

We want you to be happy this New Year's . . . and during the weeks and months that follow.

**WILSON MOTOR CO.**

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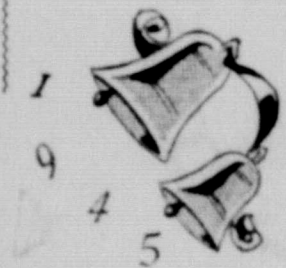
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H. C. Collett, Owner Sheffield, Texas



HAPPY NEW YEAR

**JOY TO YOU!**

++ New Year chimes will soon be drifting over town and countryside. It's time to throw dull care aside and renew old acquaintances.

With 1945 about to make its debut, we can think of nothing more appropriate than that time-honored greeting, Happy New Year!

**J. H. Williams & Sons**

"YOUR GROCERS"



THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

This is the sincere New Year wish of



**Popular Dry Goods Store**

Sam Martinez, Prop.

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Expert luggage and shoe shines at all hours. — HOTEL OZONA SHINE STAND 32-43  
 LOST — Lady's Lapel Watch. Has marquisesettes around dial. Reward for return to Mrs. Bud Coates at Ozona National Bank. 1c

**WESTERN MATTRESS CO.**  
 Representative will be in Ozona every other Monday. Leave calls at Crockett Hotel.  
 FOR SALE—Two-door General Electric refrigerator—\$150. Mrs. Hugh Childress, Sr. 1p  
 FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, 20-inch wheels. In good condition. See Graham Childress, Phone 265.

LOST — Child's red felt beanie. Also pair lady's green doeskin gloves. Reward for return to Mrs. Babe Phillips. 1p

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey Their daughter, Mrs. Johnny have been visiting her husband's were here from their ranch near Green, Jr., and Johnny, III, were Sanderson to spend Christmas. also here from Hamlin where they parents.



**ANOTHER YEAR IS IN THE MAKING**  
 —EXIT 1944—

As the Now merges into Tomorrow the bells begin to ring, whistles blow, and there is general rejoicing Reason enough, for we all look hopefully to the future.

Our hope and wish for you is that 1945 will be a year of unsurpassed accomplishment, and that Good Health will attend you each day of the year.

**MILLER Firestone SERVICE**  
 Auto Supplies Household Appliances Texaco Products  
 OZONA, TEXAS



BEHIND THE ROAR AND CLAMOR OF THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION IS THE AGE-OLD HUNGER FOR "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

SOME FIND HAPPINESS IN ONE WAY; SOME IN ANOTHER.  
 WHATEVER YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS MAY BE, OUR HOPE FOR YOU IS THAT DURING THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1945, YOU WILL COME CLOSER TO ITS REALIZATION THAN EVER BEFORE.

**BUTLER'S CAFE**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Butler



**THE CHINESE** pay off all debts on their New Year's Day, even though the wherewithal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people of this town—a debt that we can only pay off by giving the finest values and service it is possible to give. This we pledge to do in 1945. And for the immediate present—a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.

**RAMIREZ BOOT SHOP**  
 Makers of the Famous Ozona Boots  
 Jose Ramirez, Prop.

**Red Cross Supplies Unloaded in Japan**

WASHINGTON —Unloading of the first shipment of American Red Cross relief supplies received in Japan since 1943 and completion of plans for distribution to American and Allied prisoners of war, were announced today by Basil O'Connor, national chairman.

Plans for distribution included sending 15 per cent of the total cargo or approximately 45,000 parcels and proportionate amounts of other supplies to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Philippine Islands. Supplies for captive Americans in Japan proper were to be distributed in November.

Announcement of these developments followed receipt at American Red Cross National Headquarters of the plan for distribution from the Japanese delegate to the International Committee of Red Cross.

Supplies unloaded at Kobe, Japan, included 300,000 American and Canadian Red Cross standard food parcels as well as clothing, medicine, and other supplies. This was the first shipment sent from the United States to the Far East via a Russian port, and, like the two earlier shipments made by other routes, supplies from British and American Red Cross societies will be pooled for Allied prisoners of all nationalities.

The food parcels in this shipment were specially prepared to include more protein and less starch than those sent to Germany, as escaped prisoners from the Far East have reported a disproportionate amount of starch in the Japanese rations.

The shipment via Russia came as a result of months of negotiation involving the governments of the United States, Russia, and Japan regarding safe conduct guarantees and other problems of shipment.

L. B. Cox, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., is home from S. M. U. for the holiday period. In the Air Corps reserve, L. B. has been ordered to report for active service in San Antonio on January 22. Dick Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson, also in the Air Corps reserve, has been called to active duty on the same date.

Sgt. and Mrs. George Schulze of San Angelo were here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Schulze's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Baker.



Texas fighting men of the famed 36th division grow furious when they hear predictions that "the war is just about over." They know better, and tell an authentic story that graphically proves their point.

When the "Texas Division" went in at Salerno, the men were told that little opposition was expected and that they would be able to conquer all Italy in less than three months.

But at Salerno beach they were met by a withering fire of rifles, machine guns, mortars and artillery, and many Texas boys made the supreme sacrifice. The predictions of a quick victory just made the whole thing more pitiful.

Incidentally, that prediction that Italy could be conquered in three months was made exactly 14 months ago, and Americans are still dying there. So the men of the 36th get fighting mad when they hear prediction that "the war is just about over."

When Capt. Faraon J. Moss, public relations officer of McCleary General Hospital, spoke before the Austin Lions club recently as guest of State War Chest Manager Wayland D. Towner, he took with him two Texas heroes of the 36th Corp. Richard Reno and M/Sgt. Bill Wasko.

Reno and Wasko were more than frank in letting the Lions know what wounded service men think of those who encourage "let down" rumors on the home front. They don't like civilians who sell their war bonds, either!



May Yours Be a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year

As the clock strikes twelve let our hearts reciprocate the sentiment of Tennyson's New Year bells:

Ring out the old,  
 ring in the new,  
 Ring out the false,  
 ring in the true.

**Joe Oberkampft**

FURNITURE - - HARDWARE - - PLUMBING



REDDY KILOWATT  
 Your Electric Servant

Proper lighting habits are reflected not only in your children's grades at school but also in healthy eyes and nerves.

Be sure the light is adequate and that it falls on your child's work without shadow and without glare.

Clean the shades, reflectors and bulbs as a routine practice to insure your money's worth of useful light.

**West Texas Utilities Company**

**Ranchmen Benefit From Rule on Sale Of Breeding Stock**

COLLEGE STATION — Texas farmers and ranchmen will benefit this year from a recent internal revenue ruling on certain livestock sales under the 1944 income tax law. Farmers are required to make a return on or before next January 15 of their estimated income for 1944 and pay Uncle Sam the full amount of the tax due.

Under the ruling, says Tyrus R. Timm, economist in farm management for the A. and M. College Extension Service, only 50 percent of the sale price of a cow from a farmer's breeding herd is taxable. The animal must have been owned by the seller for at least six months prior to the sale. Otherwise the full amount re-

ceived is taxable. Livestock sales heretofore, whether on cattle raised or bought, were 100 percent taxable.

The new tax range applies to livestock used for dairying, breeding and work, and also covers animals raised on farms or purchased. It is applicable whether the cash or accrual method of reporting is used.

Pending further interpretation from Washington, Timm says it seems pretty certain that calves and yearlings cannot qualify for the ruling even though a farmer expects them eventually to become a part of his active breeding herd. Also sales of market animals or those culled from the herd as feeder or slaughter animals cannot be so considered.

Timm suggests that a farmer who is not certain that a particular transaction of his will qual-

ify under the ruling should get in touch with the nearest office of the Internal Revenue or the collector of internal revenue at Austin or Dallas. "The use of a sheet of paper and a three cent stamp in this instance may give a farmer a fine return on the investment," he observes.

"Schedule D," which actually is a separate one page form, should be used for reporting these capital gains," Timm says. Fill in the section at the top of the page headed "(1) Capital Assets."

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
A. A. Carter, Pastor

9:45 — Church School at High School  
11:00 — Morning Worship at High School  
7:30 — Evening Worship.  
Tuesday  
7:30 — January Meeting of Board of Stewards  
Wednesday  
3:00 — Womans Society  
7:30 — Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday  
7:30 — Board of Education and Workers Council

This Sunday will be the last day of 1944 and everyone of us will then stand on the eve of the New Year. The sermon theme for the 11:00 o'clock service will be: "SPEAK, THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

We invite everyone who will to join us in all of our Public Worship Services. There certainly can be no more appropriate way for all Christians to observe the eve of the New Year than to gather in Divine Services both Sunday morning and evening.

Sunday morning at the High School at 11:00 o'clock.

Sunday evening at the Methodist Center at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boggess and son, Albert, Jr., were here from Austin to spend the holidays visiting Mrs. Boggess' mother, Mrs. C. C. Montgomery, and family.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 9th day of January, 1945, at the courthouse in the city of electing two members to the Board of Directors of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

PLEAS CHILDRESS, President  
T.C. HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer  
Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1

**Ultimatum**

A negro pastor in an impoverished area sent frequent appeals to his bishop for aid. Tired of the constant requests, the bishop wrote to the pastor telling him to send no appeals for aid.

In a few weeks the bishop received this note:

"This is no appeal—it is a re-

port. I have no pants"

**Sound Logic**

Sir Harry Lauder confesses that the smartest answer to a stupid question he ever heard was delivered to him at Butte, Montana, by a negro cab driver.

On his visit to the city, Lauder made the trip from the railroad

station to the town and return in the Jehu's dilapidated buggy. The town was about a mile from the station, and on the return trip the famous Scot inquired irritably why they had built the station so far away.

"I don't jes know," replied the old Negro, "unless it am to have de depot near de railroad."



**Charles Lamb said:**

"Of all sounds, of all bells, most solemn and touching is the peal that rings out the old year. . . ."

Had Charles Lamb lived in the year of grace, 1944, he might hear only joyousness in these pealing bells that ring in a New Year filled with hope and promise of better things to come—for surely they are on the way!

Happy New Year to all—and 365 days of good luck!

**OZONA THEATRE**  
The Best in Motion Pictures



**More Power to You!**

**Y**OU KNOW how a snowball gets bigger and bigger as you roll it along. That's the way we want it to be with you. As 1945 rolls along we hope that with each day your opportunities will become bigger and better—and that each day will add measurably to your store of blessings.

**Baker's Food Store**

"Where Housewives Meet"  
Hubert Baker, Prop.



**A**T THIS TIME of resolution-making it might be apropos to recall the words of a wise old philosopher of a long forgotten era. He said:

"Every first of January that we arrive at is an imaginary mile-stone on the track of human life; at once a resting place for thought and meditation and a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey. The man who does not propose to himself to be better this year than he was last must be either very good or very bad indeed."

We wish you a very Happy New Year

**NORTH MOTOR COMPANY**



Another year is knocking at the door. Let us give it a royal welcome.

We look forward to 1945 with the firm belief in better things to come. And we want to express our deep appreciation to each of you for having contributed in such an important way to our continued success in this community.

**Foxworth-Galbraith Company**

Lumber--Building Supplies



Tom Ed Montgomery, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, is here for the Christmas holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Montgomery. Tom Ed received his football letter at Tech this fall.

### OPA Urges Check On Prices Charged For "Anti-Freeze"

Sellers and buyers were urged today to check prices of various types of "anti-freeze," since some complaints have been received that certain establishments are selling inferior types of this product at prices set for the better grades, it was stated by John R. Bailey, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board.

All types of "anti-freeze" have definite dollars-and-cents ceiling prices, according to their chemical make-up, and retail prices include installation in the automobile cooling system when requested by the buyer. Maximum retail prices per gallon according to type are as follows:

Type P, including Prestone and Zerex: \$2.65 per gallon.

Type N, 95% wood-distilled alcohol by volume: \$1.40 per gallon.

Type S, mixtures of fermentation wood alcohol and synthetic alcohol mixtures: \$1.00 per gallon.

Type C, principal components inorganic salt such as calcium, magnesium, or sodium chloride: \$75 per gallon, except magnesium chloride which is \$.85 per gallon.

These maximum prices may not be increased by any charges for containers, and if the seller requires the return of the container, the maximum price must be reduced by \$.025 per gallon.

### A&M Forest Service Asks Aid in Growing Cork Tree in Texas

Would you like to aid the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, in an experiment to find out whether any section of the state offers the proper combination of

soil and climate for the growing of producing cork trees?

This is the third year the scientists of the Forest Service have offered free tree seeds to Texans who wish to set them out and help carry on this experiment. Acorns from which the trees may be grown can be obtained by writing Texas Forest Service, Dept. W. College Station.

The Texas Forest Service will distribute a ton of acorns this year. Orders should be placed immediately to insure postpaid de-

livery about the third week in January. Acorns will be sent free, with planting instructions, in minimum lots of 50.

Cork oak is not a natural Texas tree, but it is strikingly similar to the live oak except in size. It does not grow quite as large. The only place in the state where cork oak is found producing is near El Paso where three trees were planted 15 years ago. They average 10 inches in diameter.

A cork tree will produce commercially when it is about 15 years

old. The cork is the outer layer of bark, and that grown in the U. S. has been reported as comparing favorably with good grade imported cork. A tree is stimulated, not injured, when the bark is harvested each six to 11 years, foresters say. The individual yield varies from 45 to 500 pounds for each harvest. Experimental budding with the live oak, cultivation, fertilization and some other procedures have been tried, but such a short time ago that definite findings are not yet available.

## NEW YEAR



**A**LL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!



### JAMES MOTOR COMPANY



The year 1944 will soon be history. We are happy to say that we formed many new friendships during this eventful year, and strengthened many old ones.

To all of our friends, both new and old, we extend most cordial New Year wishes.

## C. G. MORRISON & CO.

• 5c to \$5 Store •

## FURS!

The Fur Season is now open, with prices somewhat lower than last season's, due to a larger carry-over from last year. But as manufacturers prefer fresh skins, we are looking forward to another good season.

WE PAY TOP MARKET PRICES

### TED DOGGETT

Phone 290



We are naturally proud of our standing in this community, and can only thank the people of the community for the prestige we enjoy.

We wish you not only a Happy New Year but a full measure of happiness the whole year through.

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## Smith Drug Co.

Gertrude Perry, Manager



WELCOME 1945! We greet 1945 with fervor. For a new year, like a new day, unfolds infinite possibilities.

May your New Year bring the realization of all your aspirations and hopes, and your holiday be a day of



## Lemmons Dry Goods Co.

Home of Quality Merchandise

**HOLIDAY DANCE**

Parents of Ozona High School students entertained with a dance in the district courtroom Saturday evening honoring high school students, returning college students and service men home on leave. Harrison's Texans provided music

for the evening and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Glover and daughters, Joanne and Della, were here from Ballinger to spend Christmas with Mrs. Glover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham.

Dick Lee McDonald, a member of the 1944 champion Ozona High School football squad, now living with his parents in Canyon, arrived here yesterday to spend a few days visiting relatives and to accompany other members of the football squad on the trip to Dallas on New Year's Day to witness the T.C.U.-Oklahoma Aggie game in the Cotton Bowl.

Joe Tom Davidson and Samuel Franklin Luther left by bus Tuesday night for Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and examination and induction into the armed forces. Luther was accepted for service in the United States Navy and was shipped to San Diego for training, while Davidson was rejected on physical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Short of Vanderpool were here for the holidays to visit Mrs. Short's sisters, Mrs. Floyd Henderson and Mrs. Scott Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett had as holiday guests, their daughters, Miss Posey Baggett from San Angelo, and Mrs. Hiram Brown and daughter, Susan of Austin, and Lt. Bob Hedges of Ventura, Calif., and Lt. J. B. Harbor of Goose Creek, Texas.

**NOTICE OF REWARD**

I am offering  
**\$500 Reward**

for apprehension and conviction of guilty parties to every theft of livestock in Crockett County — except that no officer of Crockett County may claim the reward.

**FRANK JAMES**  
Sheriff, Crockett County

Ozona Chapter No. 287  
**ORDER OF EASTERN STAR**  
Regular meetings on third Tuesday night in each month.  
Next Meeting Jan. 16

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**THANK YOU**

Welcome to the year of grace, 1945, and may it bring you much more in the way of health and happiness than your most hopeful expectations.

Thank you a thousand times for past favors. We promise to do everything in our power to merit your continued friendship.

**Ozona Boot & Saddlery**  
"Cowboy Outfitters"  
Oscar Kost

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

Whereas our friends remained steadfast and true to us in 1944, and whereas we have a deep feeling of appreciation for this expression of loyalty, therefore be it proclaimed throughout this country that we have ordered the New Year, 1945, to be an especially happy and prosperous one for all.

**HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CO.**  
Buddy Moore, Agent



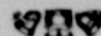
We take this opportunity to extend most cordial New Year greetings and best wishes to our many good friends and patrons. May 1945 bring joy and happiness to you and yours throughout the year.

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**HURST MEINECKE GROCERY**  
Everything Good to Eat



**Blow, Whistles, Blow!  
Ring, Bells, Ring!**



Full steam ahead! The past is behind us—opportunity lies ahead. Let's go, America!

In the midst of the gay clamor we pause to consider your part in the success we have enjoyed during 1944. Your support has meant everything to us.

In this spirit of appreciation it is a genuine joy for us to wish for you a very

*Happy New Year*

**Ozona National Bank**

A Good Bank In a Good Town  
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION  
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
Ozona, Texas

**TAX PAYERS**

Particularly Those Owing Delinquent Taxes, Your . . .

**County, State & School Taxes**

Either Current or Delinquent

if paid prior to December 31 are Deductible on your 1944

**Federal Income Tax Return**

YOU ALSO SAVE 1 PER CENT ON DECEMBER PAYMENTS

**Pay your County, State and School Delinquent Taxes Now! Deduct the amount paid for Taxes on your Federal Income Tax Return, and**

PUT THE AMOUNT YOU SAVE INTO . . .

**U. S. WAR STAMPS AND BONDS!**

**FRANK JAMES**

Crockett County Sheriff, Assessor & Collector of Taxes

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# THE LION'S ROAR

Published Weekly by the Student Body of Ozona High School

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## NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

I resolve to hold classes in love letter composition. After all, I'm not one to just keep my talent to myself. . . . Share and share alike I always say.

Jimmy

I resolve to stay true to Joe (as long as it doesn't interfere with my other boy friends) and to write a book about butterflies, TWO butterflies.

Dot

I hereby resolve this first day of January 1945 to keep my reputation as a woman hater clean from here on out and to write "Babs" a letter.

Byrd

I resolve to increase my number of friendships—the more the merrier (heh-heh).

Bill Wilkins

We resolve to pay more attention to Ft. Stockton—MORE attention! Are we kiddin'?

Ann and Corinne

I resolve to work a little harder at keeping my affairs straight. I'm not sure they are entirely untangled yet from that last mess—Oh!

Nan

I resolve at least to notice the world below as I ride my pink clouds—those poor people down there; they don't know what they are missing.

Muggs

I resolve never to cut my hair again! Too many people bawl me out about it.

Dixie

I resolve to get \$56 by hook or crook—then I'll show the whole Air Corps up. Oh for a few lessons—

Joyce

I resolve to develop my line more fully and completely this year so it will be in tip-top condition when I go to S.M.U.

Bill Mc

I resolve to add more tomatoes to my diet. After all one must get one's vitamin-C mustn't one?

Baby

## SOOO, I SEZ TO MABEL—!!

Christmas is over and everything is back to normal again—almost. The dance given by the mothers Saturday night is said to have been the biggest success of the year. Lots of exes were there—Lorain Wyatt was there with Helen Mayes—first time he's been home since joining up. Roy Coates and Sug Owens were there. Also Roy's first time home since joining the Navy. A few of the others were: Tom Montgomery, Jim Harvick, Liz Gray, Ethel Mayes, Dick Henderson, Burl Sparks, Juana Gay, Bud Cox, Mary Perner and Jean Drake, Lib Childress, Mary Bess Harris, Pris and George Schultz. Then of course, most of the regular couples in High School. Byrd Phillips came with Joan Slaughter and Bill McWilliams with Mary Ann Butz—both from Ft. Stockton. Joyce West came with Jim Cauley from El Paso. The Odom twins from Iraan went with Dorbandt Barton from Fort Stockton and Elton Holland from Iraan. Dorothy Ann Odom went with Burl Duke of Iraan. Corinne went with Robie Haddon from Fort Stockton. Several more people came from Big Lake, Iraan, Barnhart and Sonora. Ronnie McWilliams brought Gloria Currie from San Angelo home as his guest. Lavinne Baker from San Angelo came down to spend a few days with Sue Beasley. Think the boys tried to show her a good time—She went with Byrd one night, Bill Mc the next, and Larry the next. Bernard took her to the dance. Sue went with Sammie Perner. Lowell gave Nan a beautiful set of earrings for her birthday and a matching bracelet for Christmas—lucky girl. Corinne is sportin' a new locket—Could be Chappo gave it to her. The dance Monday night was a success too, even if things were a little undecided about who gave it. Bill Wilkins took Susie Hokit to this one—They also dated Tuesday night. The number eight could mean something to Bill Mc or was it seven? Oh, yes, the last time he changed it, it was six. Somehow Jimmy Read was almost smothered Tuesday night. It was kinda stuffy that night, or was it? Bill Womaack and Bennie Gail haven't been getting along so well lately. They

didn't go together two nights in a row—Teh, teh!!—Just to show what smart "fish" they really are, Dot Bauer and Mary K. have started eating jars of mustard—straight. Joyce and Byrd, Ann and Bill Mc, double dated Sunday night. Confusin' but amusin'. There was a big basketball game on Tuesday night—Lions vs exes. The Lions won. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## THOUGHTS AHEAD OF TIME by Father Time

Shoo! Get out of here ol' man! Scat! Oouch!! My gosh it's that brat again—oh to have to go through this again! Come here son, your diapers need changing. Will you quit shooting me with that blankety-blank bow and arrow? Last year it was a bell banging me on the head! What's that? Don't tell me you brought your pigeons with you, you little Witche's Brew. Oh, a dove of peace, you say? Optimistic little twerp, aren't you? Quit that! I don't care if you do have to be bad now—I'll teach you to be a good boy! It may take months by the

looks of that pistol you're packing on your Western front, O. K. To bed with you now. You have to get some rest for that offensive you've planned for tomorrow.

## WHAT IF—

Baby and Jimmy, Nan and Lowell, Be and Lefty, Bill W. and Susie hadn't quadrupled dated Tuesday night?

Louise didn't attract a certain Ft. Stockton boy so easily? Sue hadn't gone to Sonora with James Monday night?

Everyone hadn't had such a wonderful time at the dance Saturday night?

Ronnie McWilliams hadn't had such a wonderful time at the dance Saturday night?

Ronnie McWilliams wasn't such a "lady killer." Larry hadn't given Barbara and Nan the same perfume for Christmas?

Bill W. and Susie hadn't been seen together so much lately?

Bill Mc and Byrd didn't have such a sudden interest in Fort Stockton?

Benny Gail wasn't so interested

in Ronnie's line?

Nat wasn't coming out of the bashful stage so fast?

Dot and Kerry weren't so "chummy" in the show?

Jane and Mike weren't such a "steady" couple?

Byrd hadn't danced so much with ex-Mary Perner Saturday night?

It hasn't been so well to have all the exes home?

## DANCING IN THE DARK

Joyce was sporting a new man at the dance the 23rd. Yep, that's right! He wears an Allan Academy uniform.

Another Allen lad was really swinging out with Juana Gay at the exes' dance Monday night. Glad to see ya—Jim Ad.

Ann stepped out with two freshmen when her Ballinger date didn't show up—on time!

The jitterbugs were swingin' on a star this week. Muggs was dividin' her dancin' between Bud and Bob—that is a good deal of it!—Kerry and Dot are just learning but they show prospects.

The Big Lake boys have brought in something new. We don't know what but it's fun to do if you don't mind getting your head shaken off! Albert Boggress says what he does is a "very different interpretation of the Lindy." Thanks guy—we just won More "Lion's Roar" on Last Page



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*Henry Morgenthau Jr.*  
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**LION'S ROAR—**  
(Continued from Page 7)

dered.  
Roy really looks good on the dance floor—and anywhere!  
Perry and Joy have a system of their own. What is it? Ft. Worth special!

Dilly and Tom Ed pulled the relative stuff on us Saturday night. They looked swell together—but but what are we to do?

The servicemen nearly swamped the joint Saturday! Were we glad to see them—mmmm!!

Wyandott looks bee-u-tiful in that outfit!

After the dance Saturday, the exes got together and had a gay ol' time! They went to Sonora and stayed up all night. Reunion is swell, isn't it boys?

Bill and Byrd were with two cute dishes Saturday night. Three guesses where they were from!  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**"SONGS OF THE AGES"**

"Oh, You Beautiful Doll."—Nan  
"Dance with a Dolly."—Baby

"Haunted Town."—Ozona  
"Prince Charming."—Ronnie McWilliams.

"Easy to Love."—Louise  
"Furlough Fling."—Roy Coates  
"The Sunshine of Your Smile."—Bill Wilkins.

"Sweet and Lovely."—Barbara  
"Irresistible You."—Lillian  
"My Ideal."—Nat Read  
"The Mooche."—Bill Mc

Stareyes.—Lowell  
"That Old Black Magic."—Dilly  
"You're Dangerous."—Bob Bissett

"Moonlight Becomes You."—Larry

"Hard Hearted Woman."—Miss Craven

**THE GAL THAT DANCED**

She tied her hair in ten rag curls. She went by the looks of the other girls. She smeared her face with goopy cream.

Then she climbed in bed and a-board a dream.

The alarm sang out, she jumped

up quick  
And shook the thing til she broke its tick!

She took the dress from the big brown bag. And fixed the place that made it sag.

She fixed her nails and combed her hair  
So excited she couldn't get a breath of air.

She's all done now except for dressing,  
Watch out now, oh what a blessing!

The phone rings out—it's 10 'til nine.

It's just the preacher, she chucks

the line,  
Sing in the choir on Sunday night?

(Oh why aren't I rescued from this plight?)

The doorbell rings, her heart is gone.  
She tries to go but somethin' wrong—

Her feet won't budge, she's panic stricken,  
Her mouth goes dry, her pulses quicken.

Her mother goes, and the door swings in,

What girls won't go through for the men.



**MAY IT BE**

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