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Dec. 31 Last Day To Earn Discount On Property Tax

Near 90 Per Cent of Tax Bill Already Paid, Collector Reports

Like the hang-over after the party, tax bills are likely to produce a headache for the head of the house at the year-end, just as he is beginning to taper off from Christmas gaieties.

There's this reminder from the office of the assessor and collector of county, state and school taxes—that the month of December is the last in which the taxpayer will be entitled to a discount on his current tax bill. December's discount on county, state and school taxes is 1 per cent, graduated from three per cent in October, and two per cent in November.

After January 1, there will be no discount inducement and the bill must be paid before February 1 or the taxpayer will be subject to penalties and interest charges.

Approximately 90 per cent of the current county, state and school taxes have been paid in Crockett county, Mrs. A. O. Fields office deputy, reported this week. A last-minute rush of payments this week may shove the percentage up as taxpayers seek to save the preferred one-percent on their tax bills.

But property taxes are not the only headache in store for the taxpayer along about this time of year. Many income taxpayers, especially ranchmen, will be making up their income tax returns and shelling out in payment to Uncle Sam along about January 15, if they did not make an estimate early in the year and pay on the installment plan or a preliminary estimate on December 15.

Ozona's Advantages For Honeymoon Probed By Prospective Bride

Ozona's climate, its fine schools and churches, its up-to-date business establishments, its friendly people, all are known factors combining to attract new residents to Ozona.

But what has Ozona to offer as an attraction to young married couples to come here to spend their honeymoon?

That was the question posed this editor during the past week. And, accustomed to parading Ozona's advantages wherever opportunity presents, the question was answered, with what degree of success must await a particular wedding ceremony.

A young lady living at Muenster, Texas, way up in Cooke county, near the Texas-Oklahoma border, brought up the question in a letter addressed to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, which was delivered to this newspaper.

"Several years ago a friend of mine stopped in your town on his way to California," the young lady, who signed herself "Miss" wrote. "He was so impressed by its location and climate that he promised himself he would some day spend more time there.

"Next month he is returning from two years' service in the Pacific theatre. I'm scouting around for a pleasant place for him to spend his honeymoon.

"Have you any literature on things to do and see in Ozona and surrounding areas? the population of the city? its scenery? hotel accommodations, etc.

"If possible please reply within a few days. Thank you so much."

A first look around might present some difficulty in uncovering any strong inducements to a young married couple to spend their honeymoon here, but sober reflection and a look back through the years will suggest the proper reply to the question—any excuse will be sufficient inducement to the said couple, because, after all, newly married couples ordinarily are not too much interested in scenery and "points of interest."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reynolds, Jr., of Dallas were here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Reynolds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bascomb

"Sonny" Brock, Winner Of Silver Star, Returns From Pacific Service

W. C. (Sonny) Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brock, after nearly two years of service in the South Pacific as a paratrooper with the famous 11th Airborne Division, winner of the Silver Star citation for gallantry in action in the invasion and subsequent fighting on Leyte island in the Philippines, arrived home in time to spend Christmas with his family here.

Brock, who held the rank of Staff Sergeant, saw action against the enemy in some of the fiercest fighting of the Philippines campaign, on Leyte, northern Luzon and in the ruins of the city of Manila. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on December 16, 1944, on Leyte. The citation recited Sgt. Brock's exploit in deploying his squadron over fire swept terrain during an enemy attack to make more secure the American position and his bravery in assisting in the evacuation of patients from a hospital in the line of enemy fire.

Sgt. Brock was among the first troops to land in Japan after the Nip surrender, the 11th Airborne landing with General MacArthur in full battle gear ready for any emergency.

For its exploits in northern Luzon and the march to Manila, the 1st Battalion, 187 Glider Infantry Regiment received the presidential unit citation "for outstanding heroism and conspicuous performance of duty in action against the enemy on Luzon from 31 January to 5 February, 1945. The presidential citation recites the exploits of the battalion in supporting the advance to Manila. The unit was thrown into action to join advance elements in the main effort toward Tagaytay Ridge, the citation said.

"A forced march was conducted over difficult terrain in the face of continuous enemy fire, with the troops hand-carrying all equipment, weapons and ammunition. The battalion joined with an advance infantry regiment . . . the next morning and attacked the center of a strong Jap line two hours later. When the first position was reduced, the battalion continued the attack to the east, surprising the strong enemy garrison at Aga and overrunning its defenses before they could properly be manned. Spearheading the third attack, the determined troops of this unit cracked the major Jap line on the high ground west of Tagaytay Ridge. Under withering artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, the battalion stormed the enemy held ridge and engaged in hand-to-hand combat, assaulting well camouflaged pill boxes with bayonets and flame throwers." The citation continued at length to recount the exploits of the battalion through the "gruelling offensive" which finally culminated in the capture of Manila.

Postoffices to Be Collection Centers In Clothing Drive

NEW YORK — Soon after post offices are cleared of the last Christmas packages, they will begin to receive clothing gifts from the American people to the suffering people in bombed-out lands, according to an order of Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan which was made public today.

Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection, declared that the order to all postmasters authorized and directed them to permit local committees of the nation-wide clothing drive to place boxes in post-office lobbies to receive clothing donations.

Hr. Kaiser announced that 9,607 communities throughout America are organized to conduct clothing drives under the local chairmanship of 4,313 men and women, many of whom will direct county-wide drives.

The Victory Clothing Collection scheduled for Jan. 7-31, seeks 100,000,000 used garments, in addition to shoes and bedding. Each contributor is invited to attach good-will messages to clothing gifts.

Rev. A. A. Carter is chairman of the Victory Clothing Drive in Crockett County.

Local Christmas Observance Quiet; Stores Are Denuded

With a beautiful sunshiny day in which to enjoy the traditional feasts and family gatherings on Christmas day, Ozona made a quiet observance of the holiday this week.

Local merchants reported a heavy run on slim merchandise shelves for Christmas giving. Store shelves were almost denuded of giftgoods when doors were closed Christmas eve night. The first peacetime Christmas in five years found Americans generally happy mood for celebrating since the outbreak of war. Although many Crockett county service men were back in time to enjoy Christmas at home, there still are many others who were unable to be with their families. But the pain of their absence was assuaged somewhat by the knowledge that the shooting has stopped and the hope that it will be but a matter of days or maybe months at most before they return to stay.

Sgt. Martin Harvick Back From ETO After 22 Months Overseas

Christmas was almost perfect for Mr. and Mrs. Strick Harvick for along with Santa Claus on Christmas eve came their son, Sgt. Martin Harvick, back from 22 months in the European theatre.

Sgt. Harvick, wearing four battle stars, the Distinguished Unit Citation and the Allied Forces Ribbon, and the proud possessor of 77 discharge points, nevertheless is still in service, home only on 45-day leave. He is an X-Ray technician and has been declared essential, therefore must report to Camp Crowder, Mo., on Feb. 6.

Sgt. Harvick, attached to the 100th Evacuation Hospital, landed with his outfit on the Normandy beach on July 18, 1944. From there the hospital unit followed close behind the front lines to St. Lo, back to Brest, then into Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland, across the Rhine river into Germany and was on the Elbe river 60 miles from Berlin on VE Day. The hospital unit was from a mile to three miles back of the front lines through all the European fighting, and despite the prominently displayed red crosses atop its tents, was by no means immune from German attack. The 100th was bombed on two occasions and strafed once, the last bombing and strafing attack being simultaneous just two days before the war ended, when the outfit was deep in Germany. Not a single patient or member of the hospital personnel was injured or killed by such enemy attack, however. Sgt. Harvick recalled that one bomb landed square in the middle of the group of tents used as nurses quarters, but it happened that all nurses in that section were on duty at the time and none was injured.

The 100th Evacuation Hospital unit saw 206 days of actual operation and received and treated a total of 14,519 patients. Sgt. Harvick's personal records show more than 8,000 of the patients x-rayed with more than 16,000 x-ray films used on them.

Midland Man to Drill Two Tests in World Pool in Crockett Co.

Paul McHargue of Midland filed applications with the Railroad Commission in San Angelo Saturday for the drilling of one test and he and associates applied for permits to drill two, all in the World Field in Crockett county.

The operations will be on farm-ouths by Harris G. Eastham, Jr., of Midland. Each is projected to 2,700 feet, with rotary and cable McHargue No. 1 L. P. Powell will be 660 feet from the east line of a 60-acre lease in section 52; their No. 2 Powell will be 330 feet out of the southeast corner of the same lease.

Continental Oil Co. and others have started No. 22 J. S. Todd estate in the Todd Deep field, 660 feet out of the northeast corner of section 28-WX-GC&SF. Drilling 6,500 feet to test the Ellenburger is planned.

Flores Remanded To Jail Without Bond in Slaying

Cardenas Stabbing to Be Investigated by Grand Jury in April

Jose Flores, charged in justice court here with murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Rafael Cardenas, 57, early Monday morning of last week, was remanded to jail without bond when arraigned last week before Judge J. B. Randolph of the 112th district court.

The slaying will be investigated by the district court grand jury which will be convened at the next term of court opening in April.

Cardenas, who was buried Saturday following funeral services from the Catholic church, died within a few minutes after a long bladed butcher knife was plunged through his chest in the region of the heart, the blade emerging below the shoulder blade in the back.

Cardenas was engaged in skinning and dressing a goat carcass in the backyard of his home and market in the Latin-American section of Ozona. The knife which his assailant used in the fatal attack had been used by the victim in skinning the goat, laid aside temporarily.

Flores was captured a few minutes after the attack in a pasture south of the Latin-American settlement by Basilio Ramirez and Jose Leal, who turned him over to the sheriff's department.

Loffland Perner Wildcat Shut Down After Oil Show

T. W. Loffland and J. M. Loffland, Jr., of Fort Worth No. 1 Paul Perner, south central Crockett county wildcat, has shutdown at 1,362 feet, probably until after Jan. 1, after encountering a showing of oil in the San Andres section of the Permian lime amounting to a quarter bailer in one hour it was reported last week.

With elevation 2,003 feet, No. 1 Perner topped the San Andres at 1,345. Its first oil showing was logged from 1,354-54 feet. The hole was reduced and drilling continued, the oil increasing at 1,360 feet to a quarter bailer in an hour.

The wildcat is 660 feet from the south, 890 feet from the east line of section 43, block S-T, Texas Central Ry. Co. survey. It is nearly two miles west of Garrett M. Smith No. 1 L. E. Cox, Jr., which showed some oil in the fall of 1944 between 946 and 1,001 feet and was acidized. No. 1 Cox drilled to sulphur water at 1,170 feet, plugged back to 1,131 feet and shut down. A completion record never has been reported.

T. W. Loffland and J. M. Loffland, Jr., are sons of J. M. Loffland, of Loffland Bros. Drilling Co. of Tulsa and Fort Worth which has drilled many tests in West Texas, including some of the first Ellenburger producers in the Big Lake field.

Wayne West, Jr., is spending his Christmas furlough with his parents.

Wedding Plans Of Miss Ethel Mayes And Dick Henderson Announced At Tea Here Sat.

To announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Ethel Mayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Mayes, and Floyd R. Henderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henderson, Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. W. E. Friend, Jr., entertained with a tea Saturday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock in the Friend home. The wedding will be January 1.

The bride-elect was graduated from Ozona High School and is a senior at Southwestern University in Georgetown. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at Southwestern. Mr. Henderson was graduated from Ozona High School and attended A & M College. He was recently discharged from the Army Air Force.

Mrs. Friend greeted the guests at the door. In the receiving line were Mrs. Mayes, the bride-to-be,

Moore Crockett Wildcat Gets Sulphur Water in Ellenburger

Moore Exploration Co. and others' No. 1 Half-Bivins, western Crockett County wildcat between the Noelke field and the Pecos River, recovered 185 feet of sulphur water and drilling mud with no shows of oil or gas on a drill-stem test of the Ellenburger, with a packer set at 7,396 feet.

The test, lasting three hours and five minutes, was to the total depth, logged by the driller at 7,505 and shown by an electric log survey to be 7,512 feet. Testing of an Ellenburger section between 7,230-80 feet that yielded slight oil shows was planned by setting packers at the top and bottom of the zone.

No. 1 Half-Bivins entered the Ellenburger at 7,222 feet, 5,039 feet below sea level. It is 660 feet out of the southwest corner of section 65-1-N&GN.

Court Cancels Old Leases on U. T. Land In Crockett County

AUSTIN, Dec. 22 — The 126th District Court has cancelled a 17-year-old oil and gas lease on University of Texas lands in Crockett County on finding that the leaseholders have failed to comply with terms of the lease.

The leaseholders were named as Vivian Elbert Powell, Nannie Mae Williams, the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company, the Skelley Oil Company.

The Court also directed the Tide Water Associated Oil Company and the Sunray Oil Company to begin explorations for oil or gas on other leases in Reagan, Irion and Crockett counties, within a year.

Gift Buying Adds \$1,000 to Victory Loan Drive Total

Crockett Went over on Quota Last Week; Total Now \$74,000

Christmas gift purchases of Victory Loan bonds added approximately \$1,000 to the total sales of Series E bonds in Crockett county during the Victory Loan drive, which comes to a close with the end of December.

Victory bonds in small denominations were used by many for Christmas gifts and such sales in the final days before Christmas added approximately \$1,000 to the totals announced last week by Scott Peters, county War Finance Committee chairman. Total E bond sales to date for the final Victory loan drive yesterday stood at a little over \$74,000, the chairman reported. The E bond quota was \$70,000.

This county nearly doubled its over-all quota of \$215,000, total sales of all classes of securities standing yesterday at approximately \$425,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Glover and daughters, Joanne and Della, were guests during the Christmas season of Mrs. Glover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham.

99-Year Sentence Given Athey in Rape Case Here

New Trial Motion to Be Heard by Court on January 5th

W. E. "Bill" Athey, six-foot McCamey oil field worker, drew a 99-year term in the state penitentiary at the hands of a Crockett county jury in 112th district court here Friday night after he was found guilty on a charge of assault and rape on a three-year-old McCamey girl.

The jury, which was given the case at about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, deliberated a little over four hours before reaching its verdict. Defense attorneys immediately asked for a new trial and District Judge J. B. Randolph set January 5 as the date for hearing the new trial motion.

Court observers declared the well-groomed Athey received the verdict without visible show of emotion and no discernible change of expression. Throughout the trial he took keen interest in the proceedings.

The case went to trial Thursday afternoon after the morning and part of the afternoon had been spent in selecting a jury. The regular jury panel, summoned for jury service in the case, was quickly exhausted and additional veniremen were summoned. About twenty of the number were disqualified when they declared that they did not favor the death penalty in a circumstantial evidence case.

To speed the trial to completion before the Christmas holidays, a night session was held Thursday night and the testimony completed Friday. District Attorney Hart Johnson for the state and Houston S. Smith of Ozona and Garland Casebier of Fort Stockton, appointed by the court to defend Athey, completed their arguments after noon Friday and the case went to the jury about 4 o'clock.

Mother of the child, Mrs. Eulee Littlejohn, whose husband is in Tokyo, State Ranger R. E. McWilliams who made the arrest, and doctors who treated the little girl, were the principal state witnesses heard Thursday. The mother told the jury that she and three friends went to town, leaving the little girl and her year-old-baby brother with Athey. When they returned three hours and 40 minutes later, she testified, they found Athey, partly disrobed, lying in bed with the bloodied little girl.

The child was taken to Cooper hospital in McCamey where she was examined by Dr. J. L. Cooper and later sent to San Angelo where she was treated by Dr. Aubrey Lewis. Both doctors were questioned at length by defense attorneys in an effort to establish that rape had not been committed on the child.

Only six witnesses were called by the defense, five of them character witnesses who testified to the defendant's good character. The other witness was Lefty Best of McCamey, brother-in-law of the defendant, who testified that he suggested to sheriff's deputies that they take Athey into custody and that it was the mother of the child who suggested that Athey remain with her children while she went to town.

The case was tried here on change of venue from Upton County. It was originally set for trial November 12 but was postponed on plea of the appointed defense attorneys for more time in which to study the case.

SON TO WIETS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiet, Jr., of San Angelo are the parents of a son, James Robert, born Saturday, December 22, in a San Angelo hospital. Mrs. Wiet is the former Noma V. Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Miller of Ozona. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiet, Sr., of Meeced, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elkins of Waurika, Okla., spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Elkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marley, of the Marley ranch.

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In justice to the military forces who served the nation so faithfully and efficiently through the worst crisis in the history of this country, their side of the story should be included in the record.

Though it may surprise some, the Army is discharging more than 40,000 men a day. Both the Army and Navy are ahead of schedule in demobilizing. The Army plans to release 54 per cent more men by Christmas than was thought possible a few weeks ago. In reality, demobilization is proceeding at a dangerously rapid pace. General Marshall, who believes in releasing men at the fastest possible rate, warns that: "For the moment in a widespread emotional crisis

of the American people, demobilization has become, in effect, disintegration, not only of the armed forces but apparently of all conception of world responsibility and what it demands of us." Admiral King has vehemently expressed a similar opinion. This is something to ponder.

Moreover, in spite of the tumult of criticism, it should not be forgotten that military leadership, American style, red tape and all, can on occasion be very human. There was the incident in San Francisco a short time ago when Rear Admiral Wright, commandant of that district, acting on his own initiative, removed more than a hundred men eligible for discharge from a Japan-bound transport minutes before sailing time.

Yes, there are two sides to every story—even in the case of demobilization. Have the American people forgotten Pearl Harbor; the long uphill pull from there to Midway, to Okinawa, to Japan? Have they forgotten the Normandy invasion, the miseries of the whole long European campaign? Have they forgotten that this victory came just a few short months ago, and that the Generals and Admirals have had to switch from invasion and attack to demobilization in an incredibly short time?

An injection of old-fashioned patriotism would be a good thing for all of us.

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Sheriff, Crockett County

Crowds & Spending Expected in Night Clubs!!! . . .

Thus the news from the cliff-dwellers' cities. You would think all the U. S. was going on a hilarious binge.

But the great part — let's say the greatest part — of America will do no such thing. From hun-

dreds of thousands of churches and homes there will rise quiet prayers at the midnight — solemn invocations that the new year be one of peace and bright promise, of brotherhood and of understanding.

Truly 1946 will be a year in which guidance Divine might well

be invoked — for the world, for our nation. It is comforting to know, therefore, that in a myriad of old time "watch parties" it will be sought, in humble consciousness of our human limitations.

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NEW YEAR 1946 will put on his show at the midnight hour, as always in the past. As the show-boat disappears round the bend in the river and we get back into the old routine we hope for you that there was more to it than the fleeting joys of the New Year holiday, that "something has been added"—something of permanent stature—and that 1946 will really make a big difference to you.



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Better days are ahead for all of us, we are reasonably sure, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your friendship.

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Texas Production Goals in 1946 Set

COLLEGE STATION. — Texas farmers have been given the green light for large scale production of field crops, livestock, milk, and poultry products in 1946. Suggested production goals for next year were accepted by a large group of farmers, and representatives of the Texas Extension Service, Production and Marketing Administration, teaching departments of the A. and M. College of Texas, and other agencies working with agriculture at a meeting at the College campus December 21. The goals will be carried to 10 counties in two-day educational meetings conducted by the A. and M. College Extension Service, with representatives of state and federal agricultural agencies participating, during January and February.

Among major products a goal of 10,740 pigs for spring farrowing was set; cotton, 7,000,000 acres; milk, 4,467,000,000 pounds; turkeys, 4,465,000; hens and pullets, 27,518,000; sheep, 10,091,000; eggs, 220,000,000 dozen; acreage of legumes and grasses (alfalfa and sudan), 1,000,000; cattle and calves (at year end), 7,600,000; milk cows, 1,396,000; chickens raised, 36,539,000.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey had

as their Christmas holiday guests in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roach and Mr. Bailey's brother, O. A. J. Roach, her brother and sister-in-law, H. Bailey, all of Eldorado.

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YOU MAY BE sure that it is with a great deal of regret that we face the prospect of stepping out of a relation that has been so pleasant for us, but for personal reasons we found it necessary to do so and we feel that we are passing to capable hands the job of continuing in your service.

AS WE RETIRE from the business life of Ozona, we would make some attempt to tell you how much we have enjoyed our business relations with you, the people of Crockett county. You have always been swell, the grandest people on earth to do business with and every minute of our thirty years has been pleasant. Of course, we have had our ups and downs the same as anybody else, but on the whole it has been pleasant for us because you have made it so. We have enjoyed your friendship and confidence, which we will always value above all things. We have tried to serve you always to the very best of our ability and you have been patient and understanding in our mistakes and shortcomings. You have been good to us in all things and we shall be forever grateful.

WE RECOMMEND to you our successors. We feel sure that you will continue to get the very best service in all departments of the business and we trust you will continue to patronize the business and will accord the new owners the same brand of friendly understanding as you have always given us.

AS FOR OUR future — we plan nothing further than to live in Ozona. Although we might sell our business we could not leave Ozona and you will have to continue to "put up with us" for the present and immediate future at least.

Sincerely,

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People of Ozona and
The Surrounding
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In succeeding Mr. Oberkampff in the many services he has rendered, we are conscious of the fact that much will be expected of us in the way of competent service and the best of merchandise. Therefore we pledge ourselves to the people of this trade territory that we will continue to maintain an organization and merchandise stocks of which they can be justly proud.

While the business will be under our own personal management, it is our ardent hope to retain the present personnel and organization which Mr. Oberkampff has organized, with other additional employees the business may demand from time to time. We are confident that we can continue to serve you to your complete satisfaction.

We will continue to offer all Oberkampff customers the same high class butane gas service. We will offer a complete line of appliances as soon and as rapidly as available. We will also continue the plumbing, tin shop, and other such services which have been rendered by the store. We will offer the same standard lines of merchandise such as furniture, hardware, sporting goods, gift goods, home appliances, etc.

We are experienced merchants and will do our best to offer you a merchandising service in all lines that will merit your continued patronage and confidence.

Having had more than 13 years experience in the funeral business, we feel that we can serve you in a competent and satisfactory manner. Our professional help in this department will be the best obtainable. The merchandise carried will be the best the market affords.

We look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the privilege of becoming a part of the community life of Ozona and Crockett county. We are casting our lot among you because we believe in your citizenship, your town and your future. It will be our constant aim to assume any and all responsibilities which good citizens should assume. It is our sincere hope that you will come in and give us a chance to get acquainted and to know you and your wants.

Sincerely yours,

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Though it may surprise some, the Army is discharging more than 40,000 men a day. Both the Army and Navy are ahead of schedule in demobilizing. The Army plans to release 54 per cent more men by Christmas than was thought possible a few weeks ago. In reality, demobilization is proceeding at a dangerously rapid pace. General Marshall, who believes in releasing men at the fastest possible rate, warns that: "For the moment in a widespread emotional crisis

of the American people, demobilization has become, in effect, disintegration, not only of the armed forces but apparently of all conception of world responsibility and what it demands of us." Admiral King has vehemently expressed a similar opinion. This is something to ponder.

Moreover, in spite of the tumult of criticism, it should not be forgotten that military leadership, American style, red tape and all, can on occasion be very human. There was the incident in San Francisco a short time ago when Rear Admiral Wright, commandant of that district, acting on his own initiative, removed more than a hundred men eligible for discharge from a Japan-bound transport minutes before sailing time.

Yes, there are two sides to every story, even in the case of demobilization. Have the American people forgotten Pearl Harbor; the long uphill pull from there to Midway, to Okinawa, to Japan? Have they forgotten the Normandy invasion, the miseries of the whole long European campaign? Have they forgotten that this victory came just a few short months ago, and that the Generals and Admirals have had to switch from invasion and attack to demobilization in an incredibly short time?

An injection of old-fashioned patriotism would be a good thing for all of us.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 1946

WE SALUTE YOU AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS

Now, when the hopeful New Year is about to take its place on the world stage, we salute the brave men and women who have so splendidly guarded America's precious heritage of freedom. We salute you, too, good friends and neighbors. Ours is a debt of gratitude we can hardly repay.

Better days are ahead for all of us, we are reasonably sure, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your friendship.

DeWitt's Cafe

Successors to Hancock's Cafe



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!



Exit 1945... enter 1946! It's but a short trip across that stage—365 days—some long days and some short days, but whether short or long we hope that all will be happy days for you.

Among the happy memories of the past year is that of our pleasant relations with the people of this community. And as we say "Happy New Year" we add a word of sincere thanks for this friendship that has meant so much to us

Joe Oberkampff

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Crowds & Spending Expected in Night Clubs!!!

Thus the news from the cliff-dwellers' cities. You would think all the U. S. was going on a hilarious binge.

But the great part — let's say the greatest part — of America will do no such thing. From hun-

dreds of thousands of churches and homes there will rise quiet prayers at the midnight — solemn invocations that the new year be one of peace and bright promise, of brotherhood and of understanding.

Truly 1946 will be a year in which guidance Divine might well

be invoked — for the world, for our nation. It is comforting to know, therefore, that in a year of old time "watch parties" it will be sought, in humble consciousness, of our human limitations.

FOR SALE — Gasoline powered Maytag washing machine. Good as new. See Mrs. Jack Holt. 1-47



NEW YEAR 1946 will put on his show at the midnight hour, as always in the past. As the show-boat disappears round the bend in the river and we get back into the old routine we hope for you that there was more to it than the fleeting joys of the New Year holiday, that "something has been added"—something of permanent stature—and that 1946 will really make a big difference to you.



J. H. Williams & ons

"YOUR GROCERS"



OUR HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES TO YOU ...

and every member of your family this New Year of 1946. Everything you want most dearly is our New Year wish for you

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Ozona

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Texas

Gas Production Goals in 1946 Set

COLLEGE STATION. — Texas farmers have been given the green light for large scale production of crops, livestock, milk, and other products in 1946. Accepted production goals for next year were accepted by a group of farmers, and representatives of the Texas Extension Service, Production and Marketing Administration, teaching departments of the A. and M. College of Texas, and other agencies working with agriculture at a meeting on the college campus December 20. The goals will be carried out in two-day education meetings conducted by the A. and M. College Extension Service, representatives of state and federal agricultural agencies participating, during January and February.

Among major products a goal of 40 pigs for spring farrowing set; cotton, 7,000,000 acres; 4,467,000,000 pounds; turkeys, 4,465,000; hens and pullets, 27,518,000; sheep, 10,091,000; eggs, 220,000 dozen; acreage of legumes, grasses (alfalfa and sudan), 100,000; cattle and calves (at year end), 7,600,000; milk cows, 1,396,000; chickens raised, 36,539,000.

and Mrs. T. J. Bailey had

as their Christmas holiday guests in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tom Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roach and Mr. Bailey's brother, O. A. J. Roach, her brother and sister-in-law, H. Bailey, all of Eldorado.

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THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Thanks, Folks!

ON JANUARY 1 we will bring to a close thirty years of business relations with the people of Crockett and surrounding counties. On that date we will turn over all stock and equipment and operation of our store to Mr. J. L. Ratliff, the new owner.

YOU MAY BE sure that it is with a great deal of regret that we face the prospect of stepping out of a relation that has been so pleasant for us, but for personal reasons we found it necessary to do so and we feel that we are passing to capable hands the job of continuing in your service.

AS WE RETIRE from the business life of Ozona, we would make some attempt to tell you how much we have enjoyed our business relations with you, the people of Crockett county. You have always been swell, the grandest people on earth to do business with and every minute of our thirty years has been pleasant. Of course, we have had our ups and downs the same as anybody else, but on the whole it has been pleasant for us because you have made it so. We have enjoyed your friendship and confidence, which we will always value above all things. We have tried to serve you always to the very best of our ability and you have been patient and understanding in our mistakes and shortcomings. You have been good to us in all things and we shall be forever grateful.

WE RECOMMEND to you our successors. We feel sure that you will continue to get the very best service in all departments of the business and we trust you will continue to patronize the business and will accord the new owners the same brand of friendly understanding as you have always given us.

AS FOR OUR future — we plan nothing further than to live in Ozona. Although we might sell our business we could not leave Ozona and you will have to continue to "put up with us" for the present and immediate future at least.

Sincerely,
ALMA AND JOE

JOE OBERKAMPF
FURNITURE - HARDWARE - PLUMBING - BUTANE GAS

**TO THE
People of Ozona and
The Surrounding
Trade Territory**

As has been previously announced, we will assume ownership and management of the Joe Oberkampff business in Ozona on January 1. In view of this fact, we wish to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and our plans for operating the business.

In succeeding Mr. Oberkampff in the many services he has rendered, we are conscious of the fact that much will be expected of us in the way of competent service and the best of merchandise. Therefore we pledge ourselves to the people of this trade territory that we will continue to maintain an organization and merchandise stocks of which they can be justly proud.

While the business will be under our own personal management, it is our ardent hope to retain the present personnel and organization which Mr. Oberkampff has organized, with other additional employees the business may demand from time to time. We are confident that we can continue to serve you to your complete satisfaction.

We will continue to offer all Oberkampff customers the same high class butane gas service. We will offer a complete line of appliances as soon and as rapidly as available. We will also continue the plumbing, tin shop, and other such services which have been rendered by the store. We will offer the same standard lines of merchandise such as furniture, hardware, sporting goods, gift goods, home appliances, etc.

We are experienced merchants and will do our best to offer you a merchandising service in all lines that will merit your continued patronage and confidence.

Having had more than 13 years experience in the funeral business, we feel that we can serve you in a competent and satisfactory manner. Our professional help in this department will be the best obtainable. The merchandise carried will be the best the market affords.

We look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the privilege of becoming a part of the community life of Ozona and Crockett county. We are casting our lot among you because we believe in your citizenship, your town and your future. It will be our constant aim to assume any and all responsibilities which good citizens should assume. It is our sincere hope that you will come in and give us a chance to get acquainted and to know you and your wants.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Ratliff & Sons

More Acres But Fewer Farms Shown In Farm Census

COLLEGE STATION — Texas has gained 5,538,128 acres of farmland since 1940, but lost 19,819 farms in the same period. This startling transformation in the Texas farm picture during the war years is indicated in preliminary figures gathered in the 1945 census of agriculture by the Bureau of Census Department of Commerce, Washington.

A brief analysis of these figures shows that the number of farms in the 254 Texas counties decreased from 418,002 in 1940 to

398,183 in 1945, equivalent to a loss of 4.7 per cent. At the same time farm acreage increased from 137,683,372 to 143,226,610 or four per cent, in the five year period.

Further breakdown shows that the greatest gain in farmland in any county was more than 700,000 in Hudspeth. The largest loss, or more than 382,000 acres, was in Webb County, which also lost 165 farms. The greatest gain in number of farms, 1,979, was in Hidalgo County, and Harris led in the number of farms lost with 1,866.

The full tabulation by counties of gains and losses in farms and farm acreage, shows some interesting trends. Sections of the state where agriculture has been prac-

ticed longest see-sawed between loss of farms and increased acreage and the other way 'round. Bexar County, for example, lost 54 farms but gained 18,187 acres of farmland, while Dallas gained at both ends — 1,505 farms and 30,319 acres. Moving over to Dallas' neighbor, Tarrant, a gain of 470 farms is shown with a loss of 17,781 farms acres in the five years.

Among counties having substantial urban populations, Galveston gained 343 farms and lost 13,858 acres of farmland; Jefferson gained 1,791 farms and 13,476 acres; McLennon gained 84 farms and 9,017 acres; Smith gained eight farms and 22,776 acres; Nueces

lost 285 farms and 19,255 acres, while Grayson gained 262 farms and lost 49,277 farm acres.

Random selection from agricultural counties in different areas of the state, especially the older settled sections, shows Jasper in the deep piney woods, gained 251 farms and 5,810 farm acres; Hill in the blacklands declined 368 farms and 3,125 in farm acres; Harrison in deep east Texas lost 1,340 farms and 20,740 farm acres; while Brazos gained 92 farms and 19,965 in acres.

Kerry Tandy, son of Dr. and

Mrs. H. B. Tandy, who suffered serious injuries when a Christmas firecracker exploded in his hands, was returned to his home here Sunday. The lad underwent surgery in a San Angelo hospital to repair badly mangled hands and facial cuts.

Nan Tandy, a student at North Texas State College at Denton, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tandy. Louise Arledge, another NTSC student from Ozona, spent a few day here before going on to the Arledge ranch near Pump-

ville to spend Christmas.

Organization of a World War II American Legion Post at the University of Texas has recently been completed with receipt of a national charter. The University is one of the first schools to have a World War II Legion Post. More than 1,000 students are members.

The only woman student ever to become a member of an honorary mechanical engineering organization at the University of Texas is Miss Marilyn Broom of Austin. She was elected to Pi Tau Sigma.



As another year comes to a close and a New Year dawns we pause for a moment to look backward as well as forward. We are happy in the thought that we have made so many new friends in 1945 and retained so many old ones.

Looking forward to 1946, we pledge anew our determination to give you the best in value and service possible.

WE SAY NOW, AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Baker's Food Store
AND FROZEN FOODS LOCKER

'Proclaim liberty throughout the world, unto all the inhabitants thereof.'

In this land of free men the merry tumult of New Year's is a traditional part of our national life. It does us all good to give the New Year a rousing welcome.

More power to New Year's and the principles of freedom upon which it rests. And more power to you, dear friends, every day of 1946! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you, and we stand pledged to serve you still better in the year to come.

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**INTRODUCING
A New Dry Goods
Business In Ozona**

This will introduce THE RATLIFF STORE in Ozona. Although our stocks are not as complete as we had hoped they would be, we have opened for business in the Perner Building and invite you to come in and visit our place of business. Just as rapidly as merchandise becomes available, we will stock and carry a good assortment of dry goods, notions, shoes, hats, furnishings, womens and childrens wear, men and boys clothing, shoes, and many other items. We will handle well advertised and standard lines of merchandise. We have built our business upon sound business principles, honest values, fair dealings, and lowest possible prices for dependable merchandise.

Ratliff Stores are operated in three other West Texas towns, and with the combined buying power of the organization we are in the position to offer you the best lines of merchandise at money saving prices. All we ask is an opportunity to serve you.

THE RATLIFF STORE



AT THE STROKE OF 12 -

• The midnight hour strikes — and, presto! We shed our worried old selves and enter a new world of light, merriment, good cheer and hope.

With firm faith in the future, we enter the year 1946 heartened by your constant consideration for us, and hoping that the New Year will be rich in good cheer and blessings for you.

Ozona Drug Store
Gordon G. Aikman, Prop.
Phone 256

ELDER RETURNS

PEARL HARBOR, T. H. — Pfc. Willie B. Fielder, husband of Mrs. Anna E. Fielder, of Ozona, Texas, on his way home.

Fielder is one of the 2,000 high-point Army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the U. S. S., SAN SABA.



To one and all
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



SYMBOL OF STRENGTH IS THE OAK, WHICH EXTENDS ITS LIMBS HORIZONTALLY IN DEFIANCE OF GRAVITY.

MAY SUCH STRENGTH AND STURDINESS BE YOURS IN 1946 AND IN THE YEARS TO COME—STRENGTH TO WEATHER EVERY STORM AND CROSS-CURRENT THAT LIFE MAY BRING.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, GOOD FRIENDS, AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

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During 1946, we resolve:

To raise our standard of service higher than ever before.

To do our best to bring telephone service to all who have waited so long and so patiently.

San Angelo Telephone Co.

To My Friends and Loved Ones:

My eyesight has become so deficient that I can hardly see to read or write much more.

Therefore, I take this method to return to you my heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude for your kindest remembrance of me during the Christmas sea-

son.
God bless you and keep you in his tender care.
Sincerely,
Elam Dudley

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey and Mrs. Johnny Green, Jr., and Johnny III, spent Christmas in Ozona with Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kersey, and Mr. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bailey.

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**HAPPY
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**CORDIAL GOOD WISHES
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Time waits for no man, and 1946 is no exception. That is why we hasten to send our New Year's wishes to you good folks in town and all around town.

IT'S GOING TO BE A
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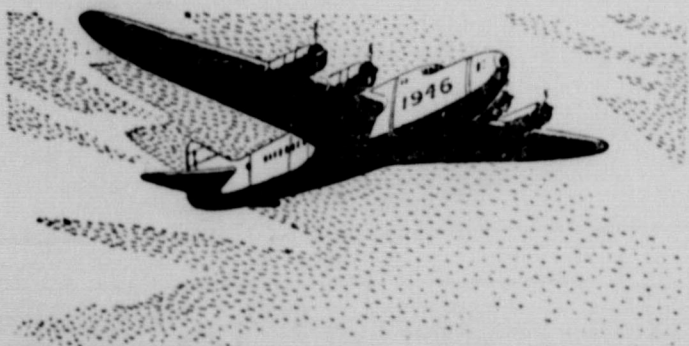
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When Grandpa Was a Boy

he spent most of a Saturday going to town and back in a buggy. We can pretty nearly span the continent in that time now.

The horse and buggy are gone; the rail fence is gone, but human nature is still much the same. In these days, as in those, friendships count in business.

We are proud of our long list of friends on this New Year of 1946 — a list that has been growing steadily with the years — and want to express this word of thanks as we send you our New Year Greetings.

**OZONA LAUNDRY
And Dry Cleaning**



The spirit of 1946 is Progress. So let us all determine right now to do everything a little bit better than last year, to take advantage of every available opportunity for improvement, and in this way assure for ourselves a happier community of happier homes.

As for ourselves, we will leave no stone unturned to give you still better values and a still higher grade of service in the year to come.

And so, wishing you all a very Happy New Year, we join with you in giving a royal welcome to 1946.

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Trail Dust

By Douglas Meador

Night had unloaded its shadows along the cold slab of concrete where the whining wheels of hurrying automobiles sliced away thin pieces of space. A crimson cloud, hanging like a blazing curtain, was all that remained of the day. A brown tumbleweed, with the north wind's weight in its dry sails, rolled slowly toward the patient wharf of a barbed wire fence. The little grey dog, near the edge of the pavement, did not look up. The animal's eyes were fastened on the red cloud in the west. Prone

on the gravel before its paws, lay the motionless body of another dog. There was a dark stain on the up-turned side of the crushed head and a thin trail leading to the flagging. Wheels continued to slap the concrete, and life moved its strange freight past the mountain of time while the dog kept a hopeless vigil. Devotion is not measured with the passing of a day.

With the light of camp-fires on their faces, old cowboys used to tell of the ride which the hard, lean rider made in the fury of a blizzard. Death breathed in the wind and left cattle rigid in graves of sudden snow, but he spurred his

horse through the storm and returned to the line-camp with a doctor who saved his companion's life. The story is a part of the cattle country's dramatic saga. Snow continues to fall on the same rolling prairie when winter moves in on the range, but old men who once wore spurs on their heels, now the weather is milder. Life is milder, too. Not long ago the son of the cowboy who risked his life with a blizzard, crossed the course his father had taken. He rode behind the wheel of a heated automobile which pulled a trailer bearing his horse. Streamlined steel protected the animal from the freezing torch of winter wind.

It is a straight and lonely road at night but always there is a small blue star which hangs in a corner of my windshield. Shining from its high shelf on the far wall of space it has become symbolic of life's constant treasures: beauty, truth and the laughter of a child. Some nights the star is hidden by clouds but there is comfort in the knowledge that it will reappear when they are gone away.

We should not weigh another's faults without first weighing the worth of his acquaintances who have sufficient time in which to record them.

Love is a laughing river that flows across life's otherwise barren plain. On its shores are the flowers of sacrifice which send

perfume through the gates of paradise.

Drive Made Against Registration of Cars In Other States

AUSTIN. — It was announced today by the Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department that the state of Louisiana has issued instruction to its Motor Vehicle Registration Offices not to sell 1946 license plates to anyone other than residents of the state of Louisiana. This action was taken as a result of repeated requests by Texas and other states which border on Louisiana, since these states had been seriously affected by the issuance of Louisiana plates to residents of other

states. At the present time in various parts of the state, enforcement officers are conducting extensive campaigns directed against motor vehicle owners operating illegally with out-of-state license plates. The Texas Highway Department has notified such motor vehicle owners operating with Louisiana plates that the state of Louisiana will not issue 1946 plates to them, and that it is intended to continue the campaign until the end of the present Texas registration period, which is March 31. It was again emphasized that persons operating illegally with out-of-state license plates may save themselves the expense of a fine by voluntarily registering at this time.

January 31 THE LAST DAY FOR MEN NOW IN THE ARMY TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT GRADES BY REENLISTING...

Men now in the Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in their present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in the grade they held at the time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

There's a long list of attractive reenlistment privileges in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Reenlistment Act of 1945. The ability to keep your present grade is only one of them, but this privilege expires on January 31.

There are plenty of other reasons why many thousands of men have enlisted, and more thousands are enlisting every day. You'll certainly want to know all of the opportunities open to you. If you'll read them carefully, you'll know why a job in the new peacetime Regular Army is being regarded today as "The Best Job in the World."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

1. Enlistments for 1½, 2 or 3 years.
2. 11-year enlistments permitted for men now in Army with 5 months' service.
3. Enlistment age from 17 to 34 years inclusive, except for men now in Army, who may reenlist at any age.
4. Men reenlisting retain present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before February 1, 1946.
5. The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in Army history.
6. An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$35 for each year of service since each bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
7. Up to 90 days' paid furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and 7 days for next tour in Army who enlist.
8. A 30-day furlough every year of full pay.
9. Mustering-out pay based on length of service to all men who are discharged as Reserves.
10. Option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
11. Benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.
12. Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946.
13. Opportunity to learn one or more of 290 skills and trades.
14. Choice of branch of service and overseas transfer in the Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

PAY PER MONTH—ENLISTED MEN

In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothes and Medical Care	Starting Rate Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE	
		20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	\$138.70	\$89.70	\$155.25
Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	128.25
Staff Sergeant	75.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
Corporal	66.00	42.00	74.25
Private First Class	54.00	35.10	60.75
Private	50.00	32.50	56.25

SEE THE JOB THROUGH U.S. ARMY BE A "GUARDIAN OF VICTORY" AIR, GROUND, SERVICE FORCES

REENLIST NOW AT YOUR NEAREST U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION P. O. Building San Angelo Texas

When ambition loses its heart to work, Cupid replaces an arrow in his quiver and seeks a hunting refuge in which idleness is better protected.

Ghosts of childhood haunted the streets, unchanged since I walked them in-tight, mail-order shoes and wearing a thin, cheap suit which produced no satisfaction for my vain nature. I remembered summer days I had walked the same sidewalks in my bare feet, wearing overalls, a blue shirt and straw hat. Old hopes were there and fragments of my heart. My memory walked on crushed shells from which a boy's dreams had been emptied.

It is pleasant to see clean washing swaying in the wind, like the tranquil sails of little boats which may have sufficient happiness in their cargoes.

There is a long stretch of highway that follows a high divide, over which I drive at regular intervals.



Hello, Everybody!

This is your old friend and neighbor

M. E. CORBELL

wishing everyone of you a Happy and Prosperous 1946.

"I'll Be Seeing You!"

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VICTORY does not only apply to nations at war. We can win victories over ourselves, too, and over the problems which lay in our path.

As 1946 sweeps in upon us we wish for each of you an unbroken series of victories over any and all circumstances that may tend to retard your progress towards every individual's cherished goals—health and happiness. Good luck to you every step of the way!



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NEW HOPE

Sincere Good Wishes 1946



TEMPUS FUGIT

How time does fly! Here we are at the beginning of another new year. It was but yesterday, it seems, that we sent you our last New Year greetings, and now here we are again wishing you so much more and so much better of everything than you have ever had before.

As time does have wings, we hope that 1946 loses no time in bringing you all these good things we have in mind for you. And many thanks for past favors.

OZONA THEATRE The Best in Motion Pictures

GOSH, ONLY A PENNY!

Once a penny was a fortune to a six-year-old. It could buy yards of licorice shoestrings, an all-day sucker, or a syrup-smothered scoop of shaved ice. A penny would pay for marbles, a tin whistle, or even a little lead soldier. It was the ceiling price for a new top-string.

Nowadays, a penny won't buy much for a little boy. But it purchases a lot of labor-saving electricity.

Sonny many sniff at a penny for running an errand—yet that same penny will (at average household rates) do any of these jobs—

- Run a sewing machine all afternoon
- Keep a refrigerator cold for 4 hours
- Vacuum clean 10 large rugs
- Light a 50-watt bulb for 6 hours
- Run the washer for 6 tubs of clothes
- Give you the correct time for 7 days
- Keep a radio playing for 3 hours

Yes, a penny is still big money—electrically. Actually, the average family gets just about twice as much electricity for its money as it did 15 years ago. Keeping electric service cheap, friendly and dependable—even all through the war—is a tribute to the careful business management of your electric company, and to the hard work and experience of all the men and women in it.

West Texas Utilities Company



1946 WELCOME

NEW YEAR'S IS MORE THAN A DAY!

It is the spirit of men and women who throw off the impediments of yesterday and determine to make a better start for today.

As we enter the year 1946 we raise a toast to our many good friends, with the hope that each succeeding day may bring you nearer to coveted goals.

Happy New Year to you!

W. B. GRANNIS Del Rio, Texas

C. B. GUTHRIE Ozona, Texas

Representing C. J. Martin & Sons Livestock Medicines

Large Ordnance Plant Bought by A&M for Agricultural Research

COLLEGE STATION — Acquisition of the Bluebonnet Ordnance plant of approximately 18,000 acres at McGregor by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for agricultural and livestock research and investigations on a scale comparable to the needs of the State of Texas is being urged by college officials. The project has the enthusiastic support of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce and many other local organizations in the area. Formal application for assignment of the ordnance works, its buildings and equipment is in process of being submitted to governmental agencies responsible for disposal of the properties according to announcement of President Gibb Gilchrist. The A. & M. Board of Directors has approved the undertaking and has authorized

President Gilchrist to take necessary steps to acquire the plant.

College specialists in soils, agronomy, livestock and farm and ranch management have surveyed the 18,000-acre development, and have pronounced it ideal for establishment of one of the nation's largest experimental projects in all phases of agricultural enter-

prise. The many buildings formerly used for ammunition storage and other functions of the ordnance works can be utilized to great advantage in the plans of the college for operation of all types of agricultural research and production of foundation seed stock on a large scale. In addition there is an ammonium nitrate plant on the

ground suitable for the manufacture of fertilizer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Keeton enjoyed a family reunion of their children, grand children and in-laws for the Christmas season. Vis-

itors included Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Keeton and children from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keeton of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wyatt of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner have

as holiday guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Anja Wilson and two daughters from Alpine, and their daughter, Mrs. C. D. Allen of Rockdale. Mr. Allen was here also for a Christmas visit but has returned to Rockdale.

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As we enter upon the New Year 1946 we wish for all our friends the manifold blessings which can only be enjoyed by free men. May this little greeting form another link in our friendship—a friendship upon which we have so firmly relied in the past and to which we look forward so hopefully now.

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May your mind be brighter, your heart be lighter, and the road ahead easier! This is our wish for you this New Year of 1946.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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AUSTIN. — Did your son or husband write a particularly vivid description of his experiences

at Guadalcanal, Salerno Beach, or flying the Hump? Or were his letters from camp a graphic story of life in the armed forces? The University of Texas is asking for letters, diaries, travel experiences, and photographs which tell the part Texans played in

World War II, to keep in permanent Archives for the use of future historians and students. Through the Texas State Historical Association these records are now being collected for the Archives, Dr. H. Bailey Carroll, acting director, has announced.

Dr. Carroll suggests that personal letters and diaries be copied, in order that the originals may be kept in the Archives of the University.

All contributions should be addressed to the Texas State Historical Association at the University of Texas, Austin 12.

Harlan C. Townley, former Ozonan, has been discharged from the Navy and has arrived at his home in San Angelo. Townley, formerly employed by the Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Co. here, had been stationed on Saipan for a year. He was a motor machinist

mate second class. Mrs. Townley and their daughter, Teresa, have been making their home in San Angelo since he went into the service two years ago.

Jimmy Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Madden Read of Ozona, who recently withdrew from the Uni-

versity of Texas where he was a freshman student to enlist in the U. S. Navy, has been sent to San Diego, Calif., to begin his boot training. His address is M. J. Read, Jr., AS — USN 360-76-83, N.T.S., San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Boothe of Sweetwater, Paul Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce King of Houston

were holiday guests of Mrs. R. Ingham and Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrell of Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Odum and daughters, Dorothy, Jean and Helen, were here from Fort Stockton to spend Christmas with Mrs. Odum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bailey.

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As we are about to turn over a new, and—we hope—much brighter page for 1946, we thank you for your generous support during the past year, with the hope that Divine Providence will bless your home in many unexpected ways. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

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