

Matador Tribune

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MAIL DUST

By
DUGLAS MEADOR



...with a filigee of gold, the grey clouds flaming plumes suspended in the cold morning sky. It breathless moment, steeped in the wind and pomposity that to every horizon. Melancholy pressed against the ribs of the soul and the cold of the wind were soft, like prepared for marching. When the refulgent instant passed, the wind became cold and the sky a terrible where grey clouds in the rapids of a winter

...holds equal fascination to the sagas of success and women have written in struggles to attain position the drowsy mass of humanity many instances men have the cold steel of adversity into splendid achievement. Misfortune may be welded to create a structure of strength. Contentment is a dangerous thing.

...to the divided school regarding the value of feminine appearance, I must propose that other of the problem join me in conclusion; some women either because of or of them.

...is so precious we frequently don't know what to do

...possessions are like particles of star-dust that pass close for a brief interval speeding on into oblivion. The piece of clothing, a comb, brush, pen-knife or bill-fold have a designated mission when it is completed. Probable they function according to a law of creation which include life. Perhaps speed is important to the scheme of things, except to remove that fails to perform properly, it may be replaced quickly in the general tempo preserved.

...is the harness we created waiting for the future to put of the pastures of to-morrow.

...ing fire engines is like in circles with sound

...is a cheap standard by which to weigh the worth of a heart. A good deed and an inspiring word are known in

...ever eloquence that silence brings is brought to the temples of understanding. The horses stand motionless, to nose. A crust of snow had settled in the corral during the endless night and the slanting rays of fence-posts were white when the sun splashed across the sandy valley. A pair of sorrels stood with their heads together, tiny icicles on their fetlocks and heads of frozen sweat on their hips. The new owner of the horse entered the gate and a soft rope around the horse's neck. The gentle, blue horse watched him without emotion. There was a brief moment when he pulled against the rope. The two noses touched and the gentleness of lover's embrace, then the horse moved out of the corral. The remaining sorrel followed; little worlds filled with awe and bewilderment. After the other horse passed with the echo of hoof-beats drumming on frozen ground, then a plaintive whinny bore the audible pain of the horse, returned across the river of separation. The horse's gentle ears stiffened and a wave of hope passed across his face, and, although his throat was for a moment, he did not utter a sound. He closed his eyes and a man shutting light out of the chamber of despair.

Rationing Group To Receive Recognition

LONG-DELAYED recognition of the valuable services rendered by Motley county's volunteer War Price and Rationing Board members, will be made here the first week in January when the Matador Lions Club devotes its entire program to the group, at which time Lubbock officials will present special service awards to all volunteer members who have served one year or longer.

The Motley county board was organized approximately two years ago with D. I. W. Birnie as chairman and R. O. Ross, G. V. Hensarling and Sterling Price as members. The present board members are: Tire Panel: C. A. Pitts, general chairman, G. V. Hensarling and L. A. Carlisle. Gasoline panel: J. L. Woodruff, chairman, J. R. Emmons and David Guest. Food panel: D. E. Pitts, chairman, W. F. Jacobs, J. L. Speer and J. O. Meason. Price panel: C. W. Norrid, chairman, J. D. Mitchell and L. J. Barkley. Office personnel: Mrs. Gertrude Nelson, clerk and Mrs. Ina G. Price, chief clerk.

Eleven Awards
Eleven past and present members who have served one year or longer, are eligible for the service awards. They are D. I. W. Birnie, R. O. Ross, G. V. Hensarling, C. A. Pitts, J. L. Woodruff, J. R. Emmons, D. E. Pitts, W. F. Jacobs, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Price.

Mayor G. T. Edwards has issued a proclamation regarding the 2nd anniversary celebration and the special Lions program will further pay tribute to the extensive service rendered the county's citizenship. Former resident Farris Fish of Lubbock, now a member of the OPA legal department is expected to be here for the meeting and take part in presentation of the awards.

Officer Commends Raworth Tilson

Sgt. Raworth Tilson, instructor at the Las Vegas Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nevada, has been commended by Major W. H. Endicott, Director of Ground Training, for the excellent work he has been performing.

In a recent letter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Tilson, parents of Sgt. Tilson, Major Endicott, stressed the importance of instructors in the war effort, and praised Sgt. Tilson's ability in this connection as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Tilson
Route No. 1
Matador, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tilson:

On behalf of our Commanding Officer, Colonel George E. Henry, I would like to commend you on your son's ability as an instructor here at the Las Vegas Army Gunners School.

Sgt. Tilson has been instructing in the Training Department for approximately two years and has always done an exceptional job. You may rest assured that he is, even though not in combat, very important as far as winning the war is concerned. Very few people realize that an instructor's roll is one of the most important in the war effort due to the fact that they teach hundreds of men who go out to various theatres of war and apply what they have been taught by the instructors back in training. So actually and indirectly an instructor, regardless of what he is instructing if he is sincere and puts his subject across, is fighting on various fronts at the same time.

"Your son has demonstrated and put into effect the qualities of an instructor, and again you are to be commended on having such a fine son who we believe is one of the better ones that make up the American Youth of which we are so proud.

"If at any time there is any way in which you think we can help your son during his tour of duty at this field, please feel free to write.

Most sincerely,
(signed) W. H. Endicott,
Major, Air Corps,
Director of Ground Training.

Christmas is a drift fence across prairies of the past to keep friends from moving too far from our range.

Fire of the burning Yule log warms the cold corners of our souls.

THEY MAKE NICE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FRIENDS, TOO

Shreveport, Dec. 21.—Something was wrong, officials decided, when Christmas cards came through the Shreveport postoffice bearing 25-cent war stamps instead of the 1-cent postage stamps.

They investigated, learned that both types of stamps have the same hue of green, which contrasted nicely at the Christmas season with the color of a red-faced clerk at a postoffice substitution who had sold \$100 worth as 1-cent stamps.

Hurried patrons had stuck the stamps on cards without noticing the difference.

School To Have Health Safeguards

A far-reaching plan to safeguard student health was set in motion Tuesday at a meeting of the Matador Independent School District board when a resolution was approved to require immunity treatments for contagious diseases, effective Sept. 1, 1944.

All students under ten years of age will be required to produce physician's evidence of immunity treatment for whooping cough. Students of all ages will be required to produce physician's evidence of successful vaccination against small pox. All students under 12 years of age will be required to submit certified evidence that they have been successfully immunized against diphtheria.

Regarding the action of the board, Superintendent B. F. Tunnell, declared, "This is a highly important move to safeguard the health of all students and the board wishes to emphasize the urgency of immediate immunity, despite the length of time allowed. The peak season for whooping cough and diphtheria is in the immediate future and the board urges that immunization be done at once. Active cooperation will result in better health and better schools."

English Teacher Elected
Miss Elizabeth Williams of Paducah was elected to fill the vacancy of the local high school English position created by the recent resignation of Mrs. Deolce Parmalee, who is now at Canyon.

Miss Williams was salutatorian of her graduating class and received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Baylor University last spring. She majored in English and has an excellent record in all her college work. While at Baylor she received many honors, among which being the coveted membership in Pi Gamma Mu, a national honor fraternity for outstanding scholastic work. She will assume her position here immediately after the holidays.

Cafe In Operation Here For 14 Years

Within a few weeks the Wilson Cafe will celebrate its 14th year of continuous service in Matador. G. N. Wilson, manager of the cafe declared this week that his business during the past season has exceeded all previous years.

Mr. Wilson is serving turkey dinner (with all the trimmings) for 50¢ on Christmas eve day (Friday) but will remain closed Saturday.

HENRY FORD GRAND VISITOR 39th COUNCIL DISTRICT
Henry Ford, Matador business man, is District Deputy Grand High priest of the 39th Royal Arch Masonic district and Grand Visitor for the council.

His appointment was made following the recent sessions of the grand bodies of the lodge held in Waco.—Floydada Hesperian.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Close of Kirkland visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harp and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harp Sunday.

COLD WAVE HITS

Cold Christmas weather is in prospect for this area, the weather bureau said late yesterday, but prospects for snow are none too good. Very light snowfall was reported at Amarillo and Dalhart. Temperature dropped suddenly last night to read 28 degrees at dawn today. A strong, cold wind out of the north (slightly east) today and cloudy skies indicated that weather bureau predictions of increasing cold may be expected.

Reports from the Amarillo area declare that traces of snow from last week's storm still cover a large sector of the upper Panhandle.

Many local residents have expressed wishes for a white Christmas, but unless there is a change, there is little likelihood of snow, the weather bureau declares.

Service Men Spend Holidays At Home

Service men who were fortunate to draw the holidays for furlough time which they are spending visiting relatives and friends in this area included Cpl. Alfred Barton Jr., of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barton near Flomot; Pvt. Bill Landry who is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Landry of Flomot, and who has just returned from central America, where he was stationed for over a year at the same place with Sgt. Carl King, who is also visiting his family here.

Pvt. Troy Webb of Ft. Bliss is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Webb of Roaring Springs, this week, and Cpl. Fred C. Bourland arrived home from Kansas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bourland of near Whiteflat.

Pfc. Noble Dirickson, with his wife and son, James Stanley, accompanied by Cpl. Woodrow Kincanon and his wife, left Tuesday to return to San Luis Obispo, Cal. after several days visit here with Mr. Dirickson's mother, Mrs. W. R. Dirickson; and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Daffern. Cpl. and Mrs. Kincanon visited his mother, Mrs. M. M. Kincanon at Northfield, and her family here.

S-Sgt. Earl E. Vaughn of Lowry Field, Colorado, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vaughn of Roaring Springs, and also became the husband of Miss Wanda Nelson of Matador, Wednesday evening.

Pfc. Richard VanDyke of Camp Van Dorn, Miss., left Wednesday morning to return to camp after a visit here in the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. C. McBride. He was accompanied here from Amarillo by an aunt, Mrs. T. W. Sain, and his mother, Mrs. J. C. VanDyke of Phoenix, Arizona, both of whom also visited in the McBride home.

Brother Of Local Man Is Victim Of Heart Attack

Walter Pendergrass, 50, died suddenly at his home in Electra late Saturday. He was a brother of R. L. Pendergrass of Matador. Funeral services were held at Electra at 4 p. m. Sunday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Walter Pendergrass, one daughter, Mrs. Opal Segret, both of Electra and one son, J. W. Pendergrass, 20 with the U. S. Navy Air Force. He was home on leave from action in the south Pacific at the time of his father's death.

Mr. Pendergrass and family visited in Matador on Saturday one week before his sudden death.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pendergrass of Matador attended the funeral services.

FUR MARKET ANNOUNCED
W. B. Wason, manager of the Matador Produce announces that he is in the market for all kinds of furs and will pay the highest prices the market provides.

Christmas Spirit Offers Solace To Dreary World

SEEKING respite from the ills of a dreary, war-shrouded world, residents of this and adjoining communities turned churchward Sunday to receive solace offered by the spirit of Christmas in commemorating once again, the birthday of the Saviour.

Auditoriums of the churches were almost capacity-filled when enactment of the Nativity was begun at the Baptist church, and the opening hymn was sung at the Methodist church in prelude to the impressive Christmas program which included a pantomime and Christmas play, in addition to special choral numbers.

In keeping with the trend of the times was the theme of the story read by Rev. M. B. Carroll, as a background for a pageant which was presented at the Baptist church before a panoramic backdrop painting of the Holy Land. At the conclusion of services -130 was collected for mission work.

To Observe Holiday
Almost without exception, Matador business places will observe the Christmas holiday. The Magnolia Cafe will be closed Christmas day and Sunday. G. N. Wilson, manager of Wilson's Cafe said he would remain closed Christmas day. Several filling station managers said they would remain closed all day. Drug stores were not interviewed, but it is assumed that the two stores here will probably close.

Matador meets its third wartime Christmas with a definite trend to return of the true Christmas spirit. Attitude of businessmen and general citizenship is one of service, friendliness and good wishes. Back of the smile and cheery word, however, is the grim realization of war and the unspoken prayer for permanent peace. Hardly a home in the county is not affected by the absence of one or more members of the family circle in the armed services. Some homes have as many as three members overseas. While the morale of the people is high, the tension of increasing peril due to the advances of forces on many fronts, is frequently evident in conversations.

While the shelves of many stores are almost bare of merchandise, a conservative spirit has prevailed in Christmas present buying. No survey has been made of bond-selling agencies but it is believed that atop of all gifts on Santa's list is the "present with a future," the War Bond.

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Playing Wins Applause
The program was started by an enjoyable reading by Glenda Flippin, followed by an equally entertaining reading by Betty Ruth Smalley. Musical feature of the program began with a piano solo by Dorothy Traweck who was followed by Jolene Bloodworth, whose outstanding musical talent brought ringing applause from her listeners as she left the piano. Miss Carpenter suddenly produced her 15 carol singers from the basement stairway and accompanied them at the piano as they sang three selections, concluding with "Silent Night." Girls taking part in the carol singing were Julia Marie Sams, Oleta Simpson, Letress Simpson, Velma Briggs, Billy Frank Skaggs, Jaunita Green, Rosemary Bloodworth, Dorothy Traweck, Billy Ruth Young, Mary Lou Jackson, Patti Pipkin, Shirley Estes, Sarah Springer, Dorothy Stanfield and Winona Cartwright.

College Students Home For Holidays
College students who have arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives are the following: Miss Frances Carpenter of Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, to visit her father, W. W. Carpenter and sister, Miss Lela Carpenter; Miss Ruth Evelyn Keith of Tech, Lubbock to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Keith; Miss Marie Hunsucker, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Hunsucker, Miss June Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barton and Miss Paustena Fulfer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Fulfer, also Tech students; Miss Catherine Daffern, attending the School of Mines at El Paso, who arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Daffern.

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In the Armed Service

Pfc. Glen A. Clements, who has been stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., has been transferred to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. His army serial number is 38338475.

Pvt. Ralph E. Fletcher of Lubbock Air Field, visited relatives at Roaring Springs last week.

Cpl. Junior Wilson, stationed at Bryan, is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Wilson of Roaring Springs.

Olan L. Rice, S 1-c, A.G.C. Pacific Treas. Island, San Francisco, California and **Cpl. Joe Rice** of New York, N.Y., write expressing thanks for the paper and wishing the homefolks good wishes. They are formerly of Roaring Springs.

Laughlin Field
Dec. 18, 1943

Dear Ben:

Will send these long over-due words of thanks to you and my other friends of Motley county to express my appreciation for the Matador Tribune since my enlistment to the A.A.F., and also for the perfect Christmas card that I have just received from the Matador Lions Club. I hope all of my soldier buddies from Motley county will value this Christmas card as highly as I do, and I am sure they will.

I have just returned to Laughlin Field, after spending a 14-day furlough there with my wife and kiddies and relatives, and was happy to see a great many of my friends. I regret that I could not see them all, and I regret that fourteen days is such a short length of time for a soldier-on-furlough.

I am looking forward to signing those "permanent" furlough papers from Uncle Sam; and there will be no thoughts of "getting ready to go back to camp."

Very sincerely,
Pfc. Wm. E. Briscoe, 18183613
62nd T.E.F. Sqd. L.A.A.F.
Del Rio, Texas

2803 West Street
Ames, Iowa
Dec. 15, 1943

Dear Ben:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the people who make it possible for me to receive the Matador Tribune. It helps a lot to get the news from home; naturally, we look forward to getting the Tribune each week. I especially enjoy your column, "Men in Service". That was a good one about the Fuller boy being able to find his wife in the Chicago depot. Recently, I went

through Chicago and I thought that I was doing pretty good to find the depot.

A short time ago I had a letter from a former Matador football player, Houston Wedeman. He is a lieutenant in the Marines. Again, let me express my gratitude for the Tribune.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully yours
Brady Thomas, Chief Athletic Instructor, U. S. Naval Training School,
Iowa State College.

Sheppard Field
Dec. 18, 1943

Dear Ben:

I thought I'd drop you a few lines to advise you of my new address. I've missed several editions of the home paper since I moved and when I don't receive it, well the week just isn't complete without it. When a fellow is away from home and his friends, he just isn't satisfied at all unless he has some means of knowing what is happening back home. You and the good people at Matador have made that possible by sending every Motley county boy in the armed forces a copy of the "Tribune" each and every week. I for one can speak for myself and the rest of the fellows in the armed forces in saying we appreciate and thank you.

I've been meaning to write you for quite a while, but since I've gotten into the Air Corps as a cadet I haven't had much time. I really like it though and it certainly gives a chance for advancement and career if it is wanted. I read in the paper where Paul Eubank is up for a medal. That is really something, isn't it.

Well I must close now but I'd sure appreciate your sending the paper to my new address. Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely,
Pvt. James R. Neblett
A.S.N. 28343707
609th Greg. Group,
Barracks 575, B.T.C. No 3
P.S. Here's hoping you and everyone at Matador a Merry Christmas

Camp Granite Cal.
Dec. 15, 1943

Dear Ben:

Just a few lines to thank the Lions Club for the Christmas card which I have just received. It would be impossible for me to write everyone in person, so I will take this means to thank you for thinking of the boys in the service. It really means a lot to get a card from the Home Town. Wishing all of you a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year
A friend,
Pvt. John T. Smelser, 38147523
Hq. & Hq. Co. 1 Bn. 359th Inf.
Cr. P.M., Los Angeles, Calif.

Lt. and Mrs. John Hamilton and sons, Tom, Dick and Harry, send Christmas Greetings from Melbourne, Fla. where he is in training in U. S. N. R. Among Christmas greetings received is one from (Miss) **Bobbie M. Muney**, SK 3-c, U. S. N. R., a former Floyd county girl who writes, "I receive the Tribune and appreciate your sending it so much. "Trail Dust" is one of my favorite columns and makes me remember I am a Texan."

Sgt. Henry E. Terry of North Camp Polk, La., sends greetings; also **Sgt. and Mrs. Curtis R. Taylor** and son of Washington, D. C.; "Keep the good work up by sending the boys the paper. We will win the war for you", was the personal message included in Christmas greetings from **Cpl. Buena V. Shirley** of Tarzana, Cal., and **Pvt. Travis V. McDonald**, U. S. Paratrooper, sends a greeting which appropriately says, "Dropping down to a Merry Christmas."

Address of **Sgt. Garlin Murphy** of Wright Field, Ohio, was recently changed to Flight H. Bks. 663, Hdq. Sqdn. Material Command, A.S.N. No. 38077898.

Address of **Pvt. John C. Adams** is: A.S.N. 38386096, Cannon Co. 382, Inf. Camp White, Oregon.



Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

Dr. J. G. Ketchersid



Best Wishes

TO OUR

Boys in Service



Holiday Cheer

★ White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Merry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours as 1943 draws to a close.

R. A. Seay

District and County Clerk



Holiday Cheer

It's about time for us to wake up and thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during 1943. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your kindness. May your Christmas be very, very happy.

Rosa's Cafe

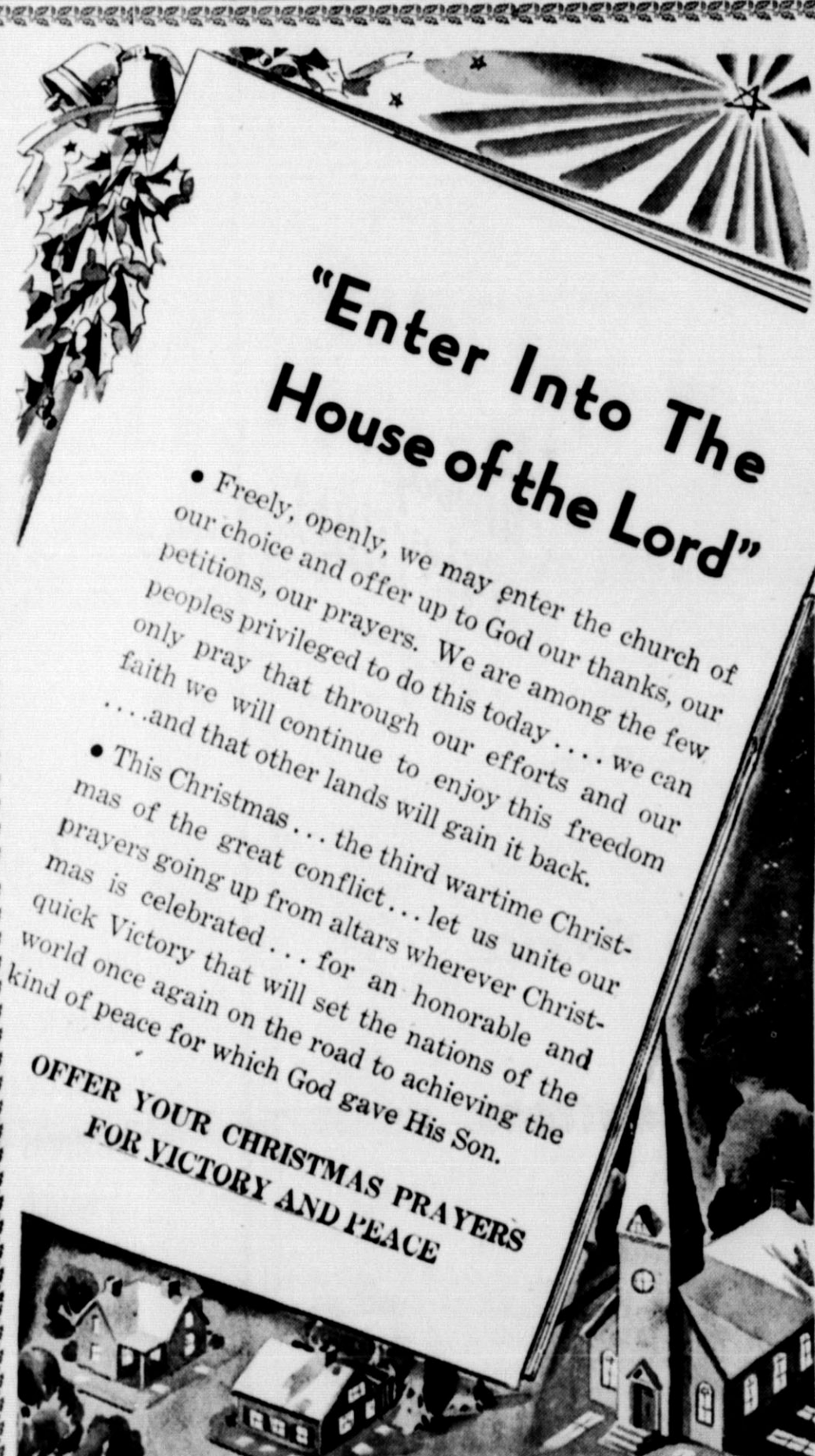
Rosa Stafford, Manager



GENTLE WORDS, OPEN HEARTS, WILLING HANDS, SOFT MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE... THIS IS CHRISTMAS! MAY IT BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY BEYOND EXPRESSION...

DeLuxe Beauty Shop

Mrs. A. E. Westmoreland, Mgr.



"Enter Into The House of the Lord"

• Freely, openly, we may enter the church of our choice and offer up to God our thanks, our petitions, our prayers. We are among the few peoples privileged to do this today... we can only pray that through our efforts and our faith we will continue to enjoy this freedom... and that other lands will gain it back.

• This Christmas... the third wartime Christmas of the great conflict... let us unite our prayers going up from altars wherever Christmas is celebrated... for an honorable and quick Victory that will set the nations of the world once again on the road to achieving the kind of peace for which God gave His Son.

OFFER YOUR CHRISTMAS PRAYERS FOR VICTORY AND PEACE



To Our Boys in Service

OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS AT HOME

WE WISH YOU ALL

Merry Christmas

AND A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

CAMPBELL'S FOOD MARKET

ONE PRICE — THE LOWEST



TO

Our Boys in Service

And Our

Friends and Patrons

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

SPEARS GIN

Matador, Texas

Spirit of Christmas



LEAK DECEMBER! ... passing strange that ... month which furnishes the least light of doors, should furnish the most light with the Spirit of Christmas and the Merriest Christmases to you!

Motley County AAA Office
H. Butler, Secretary



CHRISTMAS ... MAY IT BE A VERY HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

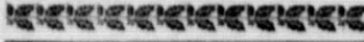
J. S. Stanley



BEST WISHES

TO OUR

Boys In Service



Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

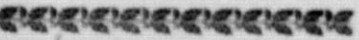
HOMER SHEATS



As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you... thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 and of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

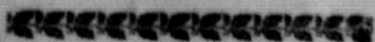
Memphis Production Credit Ass'n

H. E. Berry • Bobby Amick



It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.

MISSION Gas & Oil Co.



LT. FURMAN VINSON IS WED RECENTLY

Rites which united Miss Beverly Gray and Lt. Furman Vinson of Camp Cook, California, were performed on Saturday evening, November 27, in Santa Barbara, according to the following report of the wedding which appeared in the Brea Progress, of Brea, California:

"Miss Beverly Gray, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gray of the Shell Orange lease, became the bride of Lt. Roy F. Vinson of Camp Cooke on Saturday evening, November 27, in Santa Barbara where she is a student at State Teachers' college.

"The service, beautiful in its simplicity, was held at the Gamma Delta Chi sorority house where the bride made her home.

"On either side of the fireplace tall candelabra held rows of glowing white tapers, while masses of ferns and white chrysanthemums completed the setting before which the young couple took their vows.

"Given away by her father, the bride was strikingly lovely in her floor-length gown of white marquisette and taffeta. A finger-tip veil of halo type was caught to her dark hair with clusters of gardenias. Her wedding bouquet was fashioned of gardenias and bouvardia.

"Miss Geraldine Logan of Midway City, sorority sister and room-mate of Miss Gray, was her only attendant. Gowned in a formal of light blue brocade, the maid of honor carried Talisman roses.

"Lieutenant Vinson chose as his groomsmen, Lt. Frank K. Judy, also of Camp Cooke.

"Mrs. Irene Stewart of Santa

Pied 'Pinions BY MRS. M.

Mary Lei is the name bestowed upon the daughter born on December 8 at San Antonio, Texas to Lt. and Mrs. Dick Groves, birth announcements received here last week revealed. The clever folders were fashioned to resemble miniature wedding announcements.

Signs of winter: Beautiful brunette Dorothy Wason of the AAA office, bustling about town

Barbara at the piano played "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly," then broke into the Wedding March as the bride and bridegroom appeared to take their places before the officiating clergyman Rev. W. I. Orr, pastor of the Santa Barbara Congregational church.

Reception Is Held

A reception was held immediately following the rites when a lovely tiered wedding cake was cut and served by Miss Forestyn Hunter of Long Beach after the new Mrs. Vinson had cut the traditional first slice.

"Miss Betty Gray presided at the punch bowl.

"Mrs. C. W. Gray, the bride's mother, was dressed in a suit of olive green with which she wore black accessories. A corsage of gardenias completed her costume.

"During the reception the newly married pair slipped away to spend the ten-day leave granted the bridegroom, with his parents in Texas as they were unable to come for the wedding. Following their wedding trip, Lt. and Mrs. Vinson will be at home to their friends at Santa Maria.

"Mrs. Vinson is well known in Brea, having received her elementary and high school education here. She graduated from Brea-Olinda in 1940 and then entered Santa Barbara college. Now in her third year there, she plans to return soon to complete her course.

"Son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vinson of Flomot, Texas, Lieutenant Vinson is a member of the Second Filipino Infantry now stationed at Camp Cooke."

Lt. Vinson was reared in Motley county, and following graduation from Matador High School, he attended Texas Technological college, Lubbock, receiving his degree upon graduation prior to his entry into the armed forces.

in warm wraps which included a snow-white "fascinator" shawl over her dark curls, and wearing white snow-shoes. And Mrs. Givens Lawrence, the former Billie Jean Drickson, also brunette, enroute to school, wearing ear-muffs and eating pink ice-cream from a cone.

Unique gifts were received last week by Mrs. Laila Duncan, from her son, Sgt. Clyde Duncan of the U. S. Marine Corps, a veteran of the Solomon Island combat last year, and now enroute to other war zones in the South Pacific. The gifts, sent from New Zealand, were three artistic vases made from gun shells, one large vase from a 27mm shell and two smaller ones made from 50 caliber shells. They each bore a crest formed with the British crown at the top, the initials N. Z. in the center, and the word "Onward" at the bottom, with olive branches at either side, completing the ornament.

Although she hasn't seen her young granddaughter yet, Mrs. Edna Patton has already heard her voice! In a telephone conversation a week or so ago with her daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Carpenter, who is residing at Los Angeles, some friends tried to make the baby laugh over the phone, but true to form, not an infant gurgle would she make, so the kind friend, in a helpful spirit, pinched the baby slightly, thereby causing her to cry for the benefit of her grandmother on the listening end. A lovely photo of Marguerite and daughter Sharon Jean arrived last week.

We haven't learned yet by what methods folks keep others interested in a discourse on their operations. The nearest thing we have had so far, in the nature of surgery, has been in the dentistry line which is practically the next worst thing we can think of. In fact, considering that the instruments used are similar (we drew hammer, wire pliers and a cold chisel for a tooth extraction the other day) we would almost say they were about the same thing. But so far we haven't been able to secure an audience to explain our re-actions to. Several whom we thought we had cornered, es-

METHODIST CLASS HAS DINNER PARTY

A Christmas dinner party was enjoyed the evening of December 18, by the Altrurian Sunday School class of the Methodist church, held in the basement of the church.

Christmas decorations were in evidence, and gifts of toys were brought and placed on a tree to be donated to the Cradle Roll and Beginners departments of the Sunday School.

Those present were the teacher, Mrs. J. R. Whitworth and Mr. Whitworth, the pastor, Rev. G. E. Turrentine and Mrs. Turrentine, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eudy, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. David Guest, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Stanley, Mrs. R. E. Donovan, Mrs. C. A. Pitts, Miss Ione Gideon and Henry Pipkin.

When Prince Albert, later Edward VII, visited America in 1860, he wore a double-breasted broad-cloth frock coat, which became a fashion and was called by his name.

Boston, Massachusetts, was named for Boston, England.

The seven-day week, the 12 divisions of the year, and the sun dial all originated in Chaldea.

caped by nodding assent while backing inconspicuously until they reached the door, and presto were gone! Just like that before we realized what had happened. We even took the offending molar back to the office to show the family, hoping thereby to excite some sympathy and perhaps escape some work, but everyone there managed to top our story with tales more ghastly (if possible) even than our own. A friend once pointed out that the surest cure for toothache is decapitation. So just you wait—maybe we'll show folks a thing or two yet some day.



"OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE"

sums up, in two words, the achievements of our armed forces. We, too, strive for outstanding performance in every item of service. We thank you most cordially for your good will and patronage and wish you the Season's Greetings.

Muse's Blacksmith Shop

V. MUSE, Owner

There'll always be a Christmas



BEST WISHES

TO OUR Boys in Service

And Our Friends At Home

AND she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them at the inn. Luke 2:7 WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



TRAWEEK HOSPITAL

DR. A. C. TRAWEEK, Sr.

DR. A. C. TRAWEEK, Jr.



Merry Christmas

To Our Boys In Service And Our Friends And Customers

War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that Christmas can bestow.

Skaggs' Grocery

MR. AND MRS. V. J. SKAGGS



BEST WISHES

TO OUR

Boys In Service



YULETIDE

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

TO ALL

AND

GOD BLESS

YOU

EVERY ONE

City and Sanitar Barber Shops



BEST WISHES

Santa may have new modes of transportation in his bag of tricks but our wish is that the 1943 pack include great big packages of old-time Christmas cheer, addressed to you, dear friend—YOU.

County Agent's Office

J. Rufus Emmons, County



Season's Greeting

We've been thinking folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you—thanks, everybody, for a very happy Christmas.

LEON ICE COMPANY

Earl Laughlin, Manager

The Armed Service

In Uniform
 Leave or Furlough
 Are Invited
 Luncheon Meetings
 for Lions Club
 Church Basement
 Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Greetings were re-
 ceived the past week from
 Max Jameson, Seaman
 assigned at Norfolk, Va.;
 (Joe) Jeffers of Camp
 Arkansas; A-S. Albert
 of San Antonio,
 Levi Wilkinson, who
 from Africa; Pfc. Arvil
 with a Medical Detach-
 ment; Lt. Bert Ezzell, in
 and S-Sgt. Boyd
 Perkins, also in England;
 Shirley stationed at
 Calif.; Sgt. Garlin Mur-
 wife, Jennie Lou, of
 field, Ohio; Sgt. W. T.
 wife, Marion, of Camp
 Obispo, Calif.; Pfc.
 Drickson, his wife, Julia
 son, James Stanley,
 San Luis Obispo, Calif.;
 Groves, S.K. 2-c, of
 R. I.; Pfc. Charles C.
 of Fort Worth, Texas
 Groves, who includes
 greeting from Italy;
 I am in Italy after so
 I still haven't receiv-
 ed copies of your paper since
 states but as far as that
 can't get any letters yet.
 I will. I came across
 stayed at Oran about two
 from there by train to
 near Constantine. There
 of days then by plane to
 Sicily where I join
 Bomb group. That was
 month ago. We operated
 until about two weeks
 we moved here. It isn't
 here, except plenty wet at
 I've seen lots of snow.
 to all your staff for me."

11-20-43
 Somewhere in England

line to let you know my
 and I would like for you
 me the Matador paper
 can probably keep up
 this time. England is a
 exciting country, but this
 year it is very cold.
 will take any part of Tex-
 as proud.

Always,
 Pvt. J. C. Titus.

Pfc. Harold F. Marler writes to
 advise that he has been moved
 from Oregon, to California and
 says, "I really do enjoy reading
 the paper with all the home news
 in it. Send it to me please."
 Sincerely,
 Pvt. Harold F. Marler,
 81st Gen Hosp.
 Cr. Torney Gen. Hosp.
 Palm Springs, Calif.

SF 3-c Cy F. Roane, husband of
 the former Miss L. V. New of this
 city, receives his mail in care of
 the Fleet Postoffice at San Fran-
 cisco, Calif. He is with the Navy
 Seabees.

Sgt. Clyde L. Duncan of the U.
 S. Marine Corps, on duty in the
 South Pacific, was recently placed
 in a Medical battalion, according to
 a change in address.

11-24-43
 (From Overseas)

Dear Ben:
 Well, I have changed my ad-
 dress a good bit and when I left
 Camp Howze in September I
 didn't know where I was going,
 so I didn't have the Tribune
 changed. I sure do miss it now. I
 am somewhere in the Southwest
 Pacific. I can't say just where but
 please send the Matador Tribune.
 I sure would like to see some of
 the boys that came in the army
 the time I did and would like to
 know all the news of Motley
 county.
 Yours truly,
 Pvt. Troy D. Kell

Pvt. Waldo M. Scott writes to
 advise that he is now stationed at
 Camp Adair, Oregon, instead of
 Camp White, his company having
 moved there the 4th of November
 after spending two months on
 maneuvers in the desert area
 around Bend. He says, "I deeply
 appreciate getting the Tribune,
 and haven't missed a copy in a
 long time. When we were away
 out in the desert away from all
 civilization, the Tribune would
 always find its way out there."
 His address is: A.S.N. 38338651,
 Co. C. 361st Inf. Regt. Camp Adair
 Oregon.

Overseas A. P. O. numbers
 changed recently for the follow-
 ing Motley County boys: Cpl. John
 D. Cates, Pvt. E. A. Day and Cpl.
 Loyd Kuykendall; While new ad-
 dresses with overseas numbers
 and A.P.O.'s were made for the
 following: Pvt. James Ed Russell,
 Pfc. Mat Wiley Fulfer, T-5 Joe A.
 Barton and Pvt. Charles M. Rus-
 sell.

Latest address of Cpl. Doc E.
 Williams is: 1853rd S.C.V. Vet.
 Det., Camp Bowie, Texas.

Cpl. Coyt Carlisle, who is in
 training in Louisville, Ky., re-
 ceives his mail as follows: 4527 S.
 6th., while his brother, Pvt. Gid
 Carlisle, stationed at Sheppard
 Field, has a home address as fol-
 lows: 1321 Britain.

T-5 Cecil B. Swim, who has
 been stationed at Camp Beale,
 California is now at Camp Bowie,
 Texas, Co. C. 135 Ord. Main. Bn,
 18th Armd. Div.

Included in the group in Co. L,
 321 Inf. on recent maneuvers in
 Arizona, now stationed at Camp
 San Luis Obispo, Calif., is S-Sgt.
 Earnest Howard Bishop.

OPENING FOR 40 BOYS IN MARINES

Enlistments are now open for
 40 seventeen year old boys. Those
 who are interested may make ap-
 plication and be sworn in now
 and await until January to be
 called to active duty in San Diego,
 Calif., for their "boot training".
 After this training furlough is
 given.

Papers necessary for enlistment
 are Birth Certificate and Parent's
 Consent papers signed by parents
 of applicant. Boys who wish to
 serve their country, are urged to
 enlist before reaching 18, as Ma-
 rine quota through Induction is
 very small and an inductee might
 have to take some other branch of
 service.

The Marine Corps celebrated
 its 168 Anniversary November 10,
 1943 of "faithful service" to our
 country. Marines are proud of our
 country, our flag and our officers,
 who precede us in battle.
 Young men who are 17 years of
 age and in good health and who
 wish to enlist, are urged to call or
 write U. S. Marine Corps Recruit-
 ing Station, 203 Post Office Bldg.,

instructors, rifle instructors, me-
 chanics, cleaners and pressers,
 electricians, gunsmith, boxing in-
 structors, judo instructors, signal
 corps, motion picture operators,
 linesmen, mechanics and many
 others.

Letters To Santa:

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please send me a doll and a
 house-coat.
 Maxine Bice.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me boxing gloves,
 machine gun, little football, army
 set, a typewriter and a Lone-
 Ranger set. Also some candy.
 W. E. Russell.

Abilene, Tex. Application blanks,
 literature and Parent's Consent
 papers will be sent immediately.



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 social security card, and proof of citizenship.

Men now employed full time at their highest skill in war
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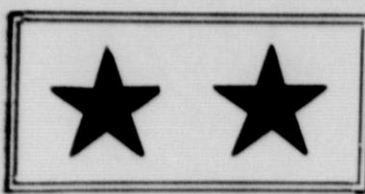
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 PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

Our Boys In The Armed Service Our Friends At Home WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

Soldier, sailor, marine, war nurse, civilian, homemaker, we are think-
 ing of you this Christmas Day, hoping that the good cheer of the holiday
 season reaches you wherever you are. We want to thank you for your
 patronage in past years, and we hope that we will be able soon again
 to serve those of you now in distant lands. The friendship of every one
 of our customers, here at home or far away, means much to us, and
 you may be sure we will strive continually to be worthy of it.

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Editor and Publisher

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WANT ADS

FOR SALE or TRADE—1938 Ford truck, long wheel-base, good bed. Fair rubber. See Lewis Eudy, Matador.

PERMANENT WAVE, 59¢! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied.—City Drug Store.
Dec. 2; Feb. 3.

FOR SALE—1 20 Farmall tractor and equipment. Good rubber and in good condition mechanically. 1 Belle City Peanut thresher in A1 condition. 1 side delivery rake also in good condition. Some new parts for rake and thresher goes with each. 1 12 Farmall tractor and equipment, fair condition. Chas. Long, Roaring Springs. pd3t.

WANTED—Furs of all fur-bearing animals. At Flomot each Friday between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Good prices paid for all pelts. Dick Titus. pd3t.

FOR SALE—A feed grinder in good condition and an up-right piano. See A. L. Calk. pd2t.

FOR SALE—Three head of horses cow and calf, two brood sows, 1-row farming equipment. See Jack Hall at Roaring Springs. Dec. 23, 30; Jan. 6, 13

FOR RENT—48-acre farm, 44-acres in pasture. Living quarters for man and wife in good home with owner. Milk cow furnished, chicken pens and half-interest in garden. Terms 3rd and 4th. See or write Mrs. Oma Walker, Matador.

Vanilla in its natural state is a green, elongated bean.

Roaring Springs NEWS

By Mrs. J. D. Mitchell

Mrs. J. D. Green returned last Thursday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Green in Stamford. Mrs. Joe Rice is recovering from an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim Sr. were Brownwood visitors Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Swim who remained in that city for the holidays.

Mrs. L. C. Angie Badgett, who has been visiting in Jacksboro returned home this week.

Ennis Moss Jr., medical student in Nashville, Tenn., arrived Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moss.

Albert Gerrells of Carlsbad, N. M., spent several days last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Godfrey, accompanied by Miss Thressia Godfrey of Matador, visited relatives in Paducah Sunday.

Earl Monteith of Wichita Falls, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Keahey this week.

The First Baptist Church congregation of Roaring Springs, enjoyed the Nativity program presented at the Baptist Church of Matador, Sunday evening.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The ladies of the Methodist church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Jno. Smith Saturday afternoon. Mrs. M. F. Carter was the honor guest and was very appreciative of the gifts she received.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Mesdames Jessie Freeman, Mary Merrill, W. A. Campbell, L. A. Trotter, J. W. Cooper, Joe Gibson, Bob Cooper, C. E. Marshall, Fred Simpson, Hulon Cargile, L. E. Cooper, Loyd Thomas, J. M. Carpenter, H. Jackson, Lambert Irwin, John Witcher, V. N. Davis,



We can't win the war without the navy; our soldier can't win unless our ships deliver; merchant ships can't deliver unless the home front provides. One important convoy job is flashing signals as this youth is doing in the Battle of the Atlantic. Your equally important job is to continue buying War Bonds until victory. U. S. Treasury Department

and Misses Fay and Dorris Hunter and Mary Marshall.

Miss Wanda Nelson Becomes Bride of Sgt. Earl Vaughn Wednesday Evening

Wedding vows were exchanged Wednesday evening, December 22, 1943, by Miss Wanda Nelson of Lubbock and S-Sgt. Earl Vaughn of Lowry Field, Colorado, in a double ring ceremony performed at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tunnell. Rev. Geo. Turrentine, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated.

The bride wore a white wool jersey dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of red roses Miss Dorothy Wason, maid of honor, wore a black alpaca dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Jack Davis of Roaring Springs, was the bridegroom's attendant.

Preceding the ceremony, little Miss Glenda Flippin, escorted by Master Jerry Swearingen, sang "I Love You Truly", with accordion accompaniment by Miss Rachel Patton, who also played the wedding march as the party took their places before the fireplace, improvised as an altar, with yuletide decorations and lighted candles arranged on the mantle.

Reared In County

Both Sgt. and Mrs. Vaughn are well-known in the younger circles of this vicinity, having been reared in the county. Mrs. Vaughn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nelson of Matador, and received her education in the Matador school, graduating from high school in 1942. She was voted school favorite in 1942 and was also pep-squad leader during that year. For the past year she has been employed as receptionist at Lubbock General hospital, Lubbock, Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vaughn of Roaring Springs, Texas, where he was reared and educated. He is a graduate of Roaring Springs high school. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, August 5, 1940.

Reception Is Held

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held. A three tiered wedding cake, decorated with a miniature bride and groom, was served by Mrs.

Hub Swearingen, after had cut the first piece, was poured by Mrs. Nelson. Miss Glenda Nelson, the bride, presided at the table in which the following were registered: Mr. Vernon Gregory and Sharon Spur; Mrs. P. O. Dickens; Mrs. Hubert Miss Mary Lee and Ray Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn and Jack Davis; Mrs. Ruby Taylor and Mrs. R. E. Campbell; Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. and daughter, Glenda; Mrs. Pat Sheridan, Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Douglas, Misses Rachel Patton, Seigler, Bobbie Amick, Nelson, Frances Carper, Dorothy Wason all of and the host and hostess, Mrs. B. F. Tunnell.

The couple will remain week-end visit with their parents until Monday. They will leave for Denver where they will be at December 23, at 12:45 P. M.

Merry Christmas



To You and You and You

You are giving more this Christmas than ever before. You are contributing toward lasting peace for the entire world by working longer hours, by doing without to buy War Bonds, by offering even your lives. Christmas this year has deep meaning for you, because the joy of giving which means sacrificing is yours. May your Christmas season be filled with gladness, and may the coming years of peace bring you lasting happiness.

Best Wishes For

A Victorious New Year



QUANAH, ACME & PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY



A Merry CHRISTMAS to You

Our Boys in Service TO OUR Friends and Patrons

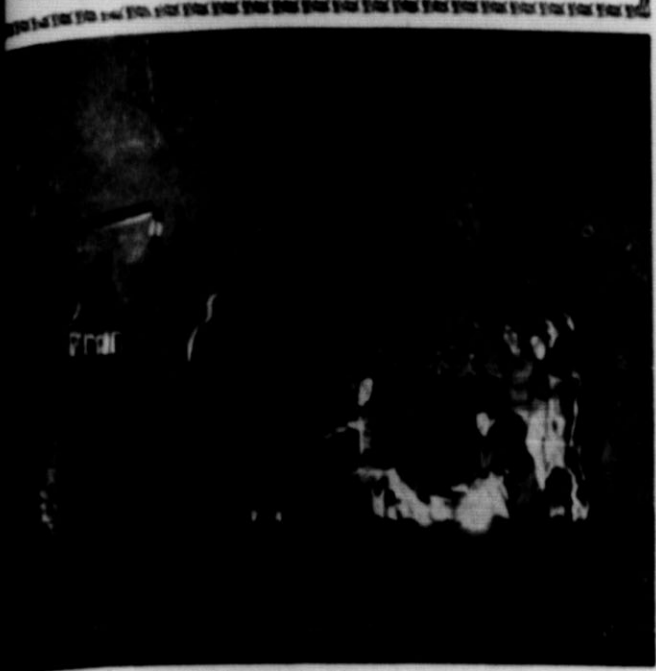
AS one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a . . . Merry Christmas.



Matador Variety

W. F. JACOBS AND PERSONNEL

Tommies Hold Vigil in the Desert



These are not shepherds but British Tommies assembled around the glow of a bonfire in the Libyan desert. The Tommies are holding vigil for Christmas eve far from home under a bright North African sky. An accordionist accompanies them in the singing of their hymns.

Wives Find Chinese

Pay Bills at Christmas through their usually elaborate gifts are somewhat simple these days. In fact, the soldiers' wives found gift-giving is a real weakness. And every Chinese wife to pay all his bills at Christmas time, so he may begin New Year debtless, if penniless. Christmas celebrations are particularly widespread in Chungking, the capital for Gen' Chiang Kai-shek. Methodist and a large percentage of the Chinese are Christians. Soldiers in India will have an English Christmas in semi-tropical surroundings. Most of the Christian population is English and there are Christmas trees, church services, pageants and huge Christmas dinners—just like home.

Mince Pies for Luck—

That's British Tradition One of England's gay Christmas traditions centers around its delectable mince pies. It seems that each mince pie eaten between Christmas Eve and Twelfth Night will ensure a whole month of good luck in the coming year. That works out to just about a pie a day for 12 days, to cover the calendar year — a stunt that would seem more likely to cause chronic dyspepsia than good fortune. But these aren't the pies we Americans are accustomed to—the English mince pie is about the size of a doughnut. To eat a dozen in as many days is no trick at all, when two or three of them can be gobbled with a cup of tea.

Caesar Practical; First to Hint of Gifts He Wanted

As soon as man became sufficiently civilized to devise himself some sort of a calendar, the festival of the New Year assumed importance and was designated as the proper time for gaiety, hospitality, and gift-giving.

This spirit of gift-giving presumably continued upon a haphazard path until Julius Caesar hit upon the brilliant idea of "hinting" as to the amount of money or specific "gift" he expected to receive from such and such a person.

The conquering Romans carried the custom of "ordering" precise gifts with them when they invaded the British Isles. Centuries later, the kings and queens of England, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom of Caesar's day. On one New Year's day, the money and value of presents received by Henry VIII amounted to nearly 800 pounds—or about \$4,000. Queen Elizabeth used the same method upon her favorites and courtiers, thereby replenishing her wardrobe with petticoats, mantles, gowns, and silk stockings, to say nothing of the bracelets, necklaces, and caskets of precious stones commandeered in like manner.

In modern America, Christmas is the gift-givingest day of all, but every child who writes a letter to Santa Claus and every fair lady who conspicuously mentions the name of her favorite perfume is perpetuating a New Year's custom invented by Julius Caesar and effectively used by medieval royalty.

Need Little to Keep Faith With Children at Yule

Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. Madame Schumann-Heink remembered one Christmas all her life. She was perhaps seven or eight when times were very hard and it did not seem as if very much was going to be left for her. But on Christmas morning, the little girl found she had been remembered. Her treasure? It was an orange, round and yellow, and her very own. Just one orange saved that Christmas day for all eternity. Years later, a famous lady realized the love and sacrifice and ideals that orange represented.

'Pin Money'

Until quite recently, pins were made of wire and were very expensive—and highly prized. So, it became customary for men in ordinary circumstances to give their wives and daughters "pin money" on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wollery of Amarillo, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To Mault M. Franklin: GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A. D., 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Motley County, at the Court House in

Matador, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 11th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 1155.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Lizzie Franklin, as Plaintiff, and Mault M. Franklin, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

A suit for divorce, charging that plaintiff and defendant were married in Fannin county, Texas, on the 7th day of March, 1924, and that on or about the 16th day of

July, 1926, while they were living in Fannin county, Texas, the defendant, without any just cause or grounds on the part of plaintiff, did, on said last named date, abandon plaintiff, and leave her and her small child, and that they have never lived or cohabited together since as husband and wife, and that plaintiff has not seen or heard from defendant in about 17 years. That one child, a girl, Mary Franklin, now more than 17 years of age, was born of such marriage and now resides with plaintiff, and is old enough to choose her own guardian.

That there are no property rights to be adjusted between plaintiff and defendant. Plaintiff prays for citation to issue and be served by publication and for divorce. Issued this the 11th day of December, 1943. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Matador, Texas, this the 11th day of December, A. D., 1943. R. A. Seay, Clerk District Court, Motley County, Texas Pub. Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6.

Good Health More Vital Because Of Doctor Shortage

With the tremendous drain on the medical profession in response to the needs of the armed forces, there is a greater necessity now than ever before for maintaining good health and avoiding any risks which might result in needless calls on the services of doctors.

The shortage in medical attention which is now available to the public will be even greater before the end of the coming year, since more and more doctors are being taken into the service and many of those remaining are not in active practice due to advanced age, teaching, or public health activities, or full-time employment in industry. This situation develops a problem for the practicing physicians who will remain at home, the solution of which to some extent will be in the hands of the general public, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"There is no desire to imply that the family physician, now or later, not be summoned except in dire need," Dr. Cox said. "In fact, there is a greater reason than ever before to seek his advice on living habits, to have him give a thorough periodic check-up, and to have him treat conditions promptly, which, if disregarded, are apt to cause more serious trouble later on. The only point being emphasized is that one should not attempt thoughtlessly to consume the doctor's valuable time and energy by insisting that he make a home call when an office visit or suggestions over the telephone might suffice.

"While in cities, lack of medical service has not as yet reached an acute state, there are already rural sections feeling the pinch. It follows that everyone, both for his own and his country's sake should live sensibly to the end that maximum health may be attained, and avoidable home medical service be eliminated.

"In this connection, the following rules, among others, may be suggested. Eat nutritious foods. Obtain sufficient rest at night. Shun debilitating and exhausting habits. Keep the use of stimulants of all kinds within sensible bounds exercise daily. Detour worry as much as possible."

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

CORDIAL WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS



During the year now drawing to a close you have been good friends and loyal customers, and at this season we wish to take this means of extending to you our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and prosperity.



OUR BEST WISHES TO THE SERVICEMEN

MATADOR DRUG

KENNETH JEFFERS, Manager



TO

Our Boys in Service

And To Our

Friends and Patrons

May you celebrate a Joyous Christmas which will leave pleasant memories of yesterday and give hope for a bright tomorrow.

We are wishing the best of everything for you and yours.

We Appreciate Your Kindness and Patronage



City Bakery

E. L. BRANDON, Manager



"PEACE ON EARTH" was the song heard on the Judean hillside long ago. May its echo resound in these trying days until the whole world vibrates with the desire. Then will our Sacred Christmas Season be in perfect harmony with the ideal for which it was founded so long ago.

For those around your fireside this Christmas and for those who are absent we extend our greetings and best wishes.

May Your New Year Be Victorious We Appreciate Your Patronage

SPOT CASH GROCERY

MATADOR

ROARING SPRINGS

Greeting Cards First Used in Victorian Era

The custom of sending greeting cards is perhaps the youngest member in the family of Christmas traditions, although the ideal was expressed by the Eccelesias Deo of the angels.

Until authorities at the British museum recently discovered a drawing depicting four scenes of holiday celebration—early Victorian style—dated 1842, J. C. Horsley was accredited with having created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

The 1842 creation was an elaborate affair. Drawn by W. M. Edgley, it includes scenes of a dinner party—featuring the plum pudding, a group of carol singers, a crowd watching a Punch and Judy show, a panel of silk-hatted and cane-toting ice skaters, dancers doing a Roger de Coverly—the Victorian Conga—and evidence that the poor must not be forgotten.

It is impossible to say whether or not Mr. Horsley was aware of Edgley's masterpiece, but Horsley had a friend, and thereby hangs the tale. Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends, was confronted by the task of sending them a cheery holiday greeting. The quill pens in use a century ago sputtered and were irritating, so Sir Henry spoke to Horsley about the matter. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy in London, was agreeably impressed and turned out an appropriate design inscribed simply, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

Edgley and Horsley made beginnings. According to research authorities the custom was taken up in America about 30 years later during the 1870s when Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer, printed a catalogue of Christmas cards.

No matter whether the greeting is the elaborate descendant of Edgley's drawing, or a simple good wish offered in friendship as worked out by Sir Henry and Horsley, or the glorious echo of the angels' enunciation, send that Christmas card to the boy in the service—and to his loved ones keeping faith at home.

Woman's World



This is no place for a man—take Bobby's word for it. But his doesn't care. She knows exactly what she wants for Christmas. In fact, she already has her hands on it. And that smile on her face comes as close as anything could in denoting complete satisfaction with conditions in general.

A civilized individual has tolerance for all people, but he selects his friends.

FIRST TIME - IN 34 YEARS

We have been unable to accept new subscriptions during the

ANNUAL BARGAIN DAYS of the STAR-TELEGRAM

This year on account of the news print shortage we can not print as many copies as needed to supply the demand. We feel that our old subscribers must be served first.

Present readers have all been sent a Renewal Certificate with instructions on how to use it.

We pledge a newspaper which will supply ALL the NEWS. As the size shrinks, advertising will be cut. Thanks for past patronage.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Largest Circulation in Texas

Bring your Renewal Certificate to this office, and we will send your renewal. If Certificate is lost apply direct to THE STAR TELEGRAM for a duplicate.

Make the Most of Your Cards—Here Are Some Possibilities



DO YOU have a hankering to make your home bright for the holidays? Then gather up the Christmas cards you've been finding in your mail box these December mornings, for those colorful bits of "Season's Greetings" have no end of Christmas decor possibilities.

Especially during the holidays, "home is where the hearth is." So here are some suggestions for "dressing up" your fireplace in an eye-catching mantle of Christmas cards. In less time than it takes to read this, you can line up your Christmas cards, in not too precise rows, or hang them in festoons from the mantel, as illustrated above.

This simple trick could just as successfully be applied to the top of your bookcase, or to a tiered table.

But if you're looking for the ingenious, here are some other ideas. Is it a touch of patriotism that you want to add to your Christmas scene? With the assistance of some scotch tape you can easily arrange your Christmas cards in a "V" formation over your fireplace. Or perhaps you feel in the old-fashioned and traditional mood. Then attach wide red or green ribbons (or both) festoon fashion around the mantel and secure the cards to the ribbon with paper clips. Or frame your fireplace by pasting Christmas cards in a scattered design.

Why not try decorating your spruce or pine with Christmas cards? (See the sketch in the upper left hand corner.) You'll find this novel idea quite as gay as the usual adornments, and twice as refreshing!

Incidentally, should the thoughtful people who sent you the cards stop in for a holiday visit, you'll be pleasantly surprised to see how flattered they'll be at finding their remembrances so charmingly displayed.

If you're really a conscientious conserver, here's another item to add to your list. Have you always hesitated to destroy your Christmas cards because of sentimentality or

the obvious beauty of the cards? Then you should be pleased to hear that there are any number of different uses to which they can be put—from adding a decorator's touch to an old wastepaper basket to making place cards for a kiddie party. Here are some suggestions for enlisting your holiday greetings in a good cause.

Why not have your club pool their receipt of Christmas cards? Delightful scrapbooks could be made for the children of servicemen in your neighborhood. Or send the cards to the children's wards in hospitals. The young patients enjoy handling the colorful cards, and making their own scrapbooks helps them pass the weary hours swiftly.

Army and navy hospitals look forward to receiving tray favors made from used Christmas cards. And the servicemen appreciate the thought behind the token.

If your club is planning to participate in a war-relief bazaar, inexpensive and distinctive novelties can be made from Christmas cards. Bookends, vases, bookmarks, hand blotters, match books can all look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out of Christmas cards.

year's marketing season.

FIBER CASES TO MOVE 1944 EGGS

Fiber cases will have the job of moving to market at least 80 per cent of the expected 1944 egg production.

On that account the War Food Administration and War Production Board urge egg handlers and dealers to report without delay the approximate number of fiber cases they will require for next

According to information to the A. and M. College Extension Service from WFA, reports of egg case requirements should specify the number needed at least for the period February 1 through June 30, and should list the names of the expected suppliers. Report forms are available at field offices of the War Production Board and when completed should be sent to the Containers Branch of WPB at Washington.

The importance of ordering

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GREETINGS

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, but Christmas remains unchanged—the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

SOUTHWESTERN SEWER CO.

"GUARDIAN OF COMMUNITY HEALTH"

Cooperation



Complete co-operation is very much in evidence as a WAVE and sailor work together in decorating a Christmas tree. The feminine touch is guaranteed to improve on the appearance of the finished product.

Forgotten Herb

Rosemary with its aromatic lavender flowers, after a Christmas association of many centuries, fell into disuse during Victorian days. Its traditional coupling with the Holy Family was long and imaginative. The swaddling dress of the infant was hung to dry on the rosemary, imparting a sweet scent to the hitherto odorless flower.

REINDEER GOOD MEAT

Reindeer are hard to get, even in normal times. But it's good to think that they make sizzling, brown roasts.

Reindeer meat has a flavor of its own, but it tastes a lot like beef or veal. Usually, the round is preferred for roasting or steaks. The lower end of the round, being less tender, can serve as a pot roast. Being thinner than beef, the loin and rib cuts make satisfactory small steaks. These cuts also may be used as chops.

Double loin may be prepared either boned or unboned and then roasted as a saddle. The shoulder also makes a fine roast.

The big problem, of course, is getting the reindeer.

cases from suppliers at once is emphasized. There will be less chance of repeating the shortage of 1943 if requirements for next year are known and orders for egg cases are placed early. The



We salute YOU, American servicemen and civilians, for your part in helping to bring happiness to the entire world. We salute you with a holiday wish heartier than ever before.



And A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE COMPANY

Farmers Urged To Keep Best Peanuts For 1944 Planting

Farmers who produced good quality peanuts this year will be wise to hold back an adequate supply for planting next spring. This advice from the A. and M. College Extension Service is based on the probability of light storage and heavy demand for meal, oil, and edible peanuts this fall and winter.

E. A. Miller, agronomist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, points out that it might not

shortage at the peak of the 1943 marketing season forced many producers, handlers and others to transport eggs in pails, fruit crates and other makeshift containers. That experience makes it imperative to obtain a close approximation of actual needs now so that materials and equipment may be allocated to manufacturers as soon as possible.



PROTECT Your Home!

Don't forget that fire strikes without warning! Be prepared. Practice safe methods—but be sure you are insured.

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Motley County Insurance Co.

J. R. Whitworth—Elmer Stearns

choosing seed. Miller suggests that the farmer buy only peanuts which are sound and not shriveled and which grade well on the market. A germination test before planting also is advisable.

Peanuts should be stored unshelled, because they will germinate better than shelled seed, the agronomist says. only be difficult to obtain seed

next spring, but farmers have to run the risk of seed of inferior quality would greatly handicap efforts to help reach production goals for 1944. Severe drought and favorable weather conditions year to reduce the quality grade seed available in

GO TO CHURCH



All Good Wishes for A Joyous Yuletide

Let's swing into action on the home front and do our part by spreading as much Christmas Cheer as possible to those about us. As our part we would like to wish each of you reward in the fulfillment of ambitions and plans that have been yours. This added to a happy Holiday Season and a New Year of Success will make life more complete.

We thank you again and again for your kind patronage and promise you the best service available under existing conditions.



MERRY CHRISTMAS To All Our Boys In The Armed Forces

Burton-Lingo Co. CHARLIE KEITH, Manager

Security Disability ss Clause

The Armed Service

Dear Ben:
 I guess you are surprised to hear from me, as this is my first time to write to you.
 I have been here at Fort Knox nearly two years, and I guess I haven't missed one of your papers yet.
 Ben, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for the paper. I have spent many a pleasant moment reading it. I read every one from the front page to the back page, and especially about my fellow comrades in the service. Some of them really write some interesting letters. I enjoy reading them, and keep hoping that I will have a chance to go across to help them; not for the

fun or the scenery, altho I guess there would be plenty of that too, but I simply would like to get this war over with.
 Ben I have just received another Christmas Greeting card from the Lions Club there. I liked the picture on it of the chuck-wagon. Somehow, it made my heart feel warm and closer to home to get a card like that, with all of those swell fellows' names on it. I have the one I got last year, in my album and will put this one in there too. I am very proud to have them. And Ben, I wish you would thank the gentlemen for me.
 Thanks again for the paper. Please keep the good work up. I am sure all of the boys, as well as myself, appreciate it a lot. Here's wishing you and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
 Yours truly,
 T-5 Elvin E. Markham
 Ren. Co. Dem. Regt.

Matador & Tribune

Outdoor Yule Tree First Made Bow in Capital in 1923

In 1923 a beautiful evergreen tree, cut in the woods of Vermont, was sent to Washington and set up in Sherman square.
 This tree was a gift from Middlebury college to the President of the United States. It was decorated and wired with hundreds of tiny electric lights, and on Christmas Eve President Coolidge switched on the lights of the First National Christmas tree.
 The following year a beautiful living tree was planted in Sherman plaza behind the White House and a permanent underground electric service installed so that each year the same living tree can be decorated and illuminated.
 The national example was quickly followed by many states and communities. Now every year brilliantly illuminated trees grace state capitol grounds, city squares and village greens.

Matador, Motley County, Texas Thursday, December 23, 1943

A letter from **Master Sergeant Ben Houston Clements** advises that he is now stationed at Fort Myers, Florida, A.S.N. 18025174; 713 F.G.T. Sq. Buckingham A.A.F. He says... "sure am missing the paper. I have been east and west and north and must say the people are nice."
 "This country in some parts is beautiful but nothing so far can compare with Texas. Maybe the fuss will be over and we'll all be home before many more months."
 "Wishing all a Merry Christmas"
 Sincerely,
 Ben H. Clements.

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a sewing bag.
 Bettie Lu Gatewood
 Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a typewriter and a football set.
 Stanley McDonough.
 Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me boots, gun and a scabbard.
 Robert Smith.
 Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Santa:
 Please bring me boxing gloves, a "22" and shells and typewriter.
 Cecil Irwin.
 Dec. 13, 1943

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Parents of **Cpl. A. A. Alsop, U. S. M. C.** have received word that he is overseas again. Messages from him arrive regularly each week. Cpl. Alsop was in Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7, 1941.
 Stillwater, Oklahoma
 Dec. 16, 1943

Dear Ben:
 I finally left Sheppard Field. "The worst place in the world," the Yanks say. I am now at Okla. A. & M. It seems like it is going to be a wonderful place. There are only about one thousand soldiers here, good food, good barracks and lot of studies.
 Ben, I am writing this to notify you of my change in address, and to tell you and the people of Matador that I really appreciate the Tribune. It is really a swell paper and so far as any of the home-town boys know, it is more news than if it had forty pages and a big war headline.
 Our motto is: "Keep 'em rolling cause it keeps our morale up."
 A-s. Norris W. Fulfer, 38346384
 90th C.T.D. (Air Crew)
 Sqd. 4, Ft. 41, C-14.

Merry Christmas

To Our Boys In Service
Our Friends and Customers



★From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

"HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL;
 BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL,
 WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!"



MATADOR HARDWARE
and FURNITURE COMPANY
 L. C. (Hack) HARP and PERSONNEL

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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
 —REDDY KILOWATT.

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

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

Give U.S. WAR BONDS
 The Present with a Future.

West Texas Utilities Company

"We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Part of Sgt. Edward Straube's left foot was shot away at Ferryville, near Bizerte, North Africa. At Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., they are building up his foot again. Sgt. Straube, from Perth Amboy, N. J., buys War Bonds regularly.



Sgt. Bernard Helle, 22, of New York, was wounded by snipers during the Sicilian campaign. His grandparents live in Naples, and he has a brother in the army. Both buy War Bonds regularly. Do you do as much?



Communicant 5th Grade John A. Wisniewski, 25, of Door, Mich., lost his right eye, three fingers and suffered chest wounds from shrapnel in the fight to capture Tunis. He is now recovering at Halloran and is a regular War Bond purchaser.



Pvt. Bernard Heidemann's left leg will be two inches shorter when he is discharged from Halloran. He was wounded by a German bullet during the operations in Sicily last August. His home is Chicago. He has been in traction since Sept. He's buying bonds.



The nickname of Pvt. Milton Lieberman, 27, of Brooklyn, is "Clark Gable." He was wounded in Sicily last August and has been at Halloran since October. Every payday \$12.50 is taken out for War Bonds Lieberman is buying. How many do you buy?

**Winter Solstice
Period of Many
Ancient Rituals**

Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Saviour's nativity, and while there are no records to prove that December 25th is the precise date, historians, astronomers, and research authorities have substantiated the fact that the event must have occurred during the time of the Winter Solstice.

The Winter Solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more, has been celebrated as a festival of some sort by the various peoples of the earth since, and even prior to, the recording of history.

Symbolic Palm Tree.

In ancient Egypt, the palm tree, known to put forth one shoot each month, completed its cycle of twelve during this period and was symbolic of the year's fruitful harvests and accomplishments.

The mystic rites of the Druids centered around the cutting of the mistletoe whose branches, when cut and distributed by the Arch-Druid, traditionally bestowed blessings of nature and divine favor upon the receiver.

In the Scandinavian countries, fires were kindled in defiance of the Frost King, and families, gathered about the warmth, spent the long evenings telling weird tales involving Valkyrie and Werewolves—as well as anticipating to what distant ports their ships would sail when no longer ice-bound. The time was also sacred to Thor, and the Yule logs, great chunks of the Thunder Oak, blazed upon the hearths amid feasting and fellowship.

Honoring Saturnus.

Two Roman holidays—Brumalia and Juvenalia—were combined into one great festival in honor of Saturnus—Saturnalia. It was a period of general celebration lasting from what would correspond to our December 18th on through the Calends of January. Processions and gift-giving were in order, the courts were adjourned and no criminals were convicted, while convention was abandoned, equality reigning among slaves and free men.

The earliest Christians solemnized the Mass of Christ, whence the word "Christmas," during Saturnalia, many of the faithful suffering persecution and martyrdom as a result. After Constantine recognized Christianity in the Fourth century, the celebration of Christmas became an established custom.

The girl in the next block says there's a lot of food value in dates—if you're dating the right fellow.

Solving the Great Problem.

"I'm not sending any Christmas or New Year gifties to ma relations this Christmas," said the artful Andrew.

"But why not?" asked his friend. "Surely they'll be expecting something."

Andrew shook his head. "No, I've seen to that," he replied. "They'll not be expecting anything. I wrote 'an' told them I was suffering from loss of memory—an' to make sure they'd believe it I forgot to put any stamps on the letters."

'God Rest You Merrie'

Exception is taken to the accustomed punctuation of a familiar Christmas carol by a correspondent. He says:

"Why do not people give the original meaning to the Christmas carol, 'God Rest You Merrie, Gentlemen'?" In the time when this carol was composed, to be 'merrie' meant a wholesome state of mind, which was 'wished' by the carolers on all people, 'gentlemen.'"

Indeed, Christmas is celebrated in honor of the Babe born in Bethlehem. And the Lord, in His Wisdom, understands that the traditions preserved from ancient customs and peoples are in keeping with the angelic enunciation of His Birth:

"Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Motley County H.D. Club Has Meeting

The Motley County Home Demonstration Club met Saturday, December 11, in the office of Miss Lois Jo Bentley, Home Demonstration agent, with 5 clubs represented as follows, Darden Canyon, Teepee Flat, Roaring Springs, Matador and Whiteflat.

Chairmen of the following committees were appointed: Education and Expansion, Mrs. Fred Simpson; Recreation, Mrs. Delmont Hays; Finance, Mrs. Alvin Stearns; Exhibit, Mrs. D. E. Pitts; and Program, Mrs. Ben Keltz.

Mrs. Alfred Dye, secretary of the council, gave a talk on keeping a good secretary's book.

Announcement was made that the year books for 1944 will be ready for distribution by the first of the year. All programs are based on the Victory Demonstrator's Pledge, which is as follows:

"As a Victory Demonstrator doing my best to help win the war,

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means of expressing our most sincere appreciation to our friends, and especially those who tendered us the farewell party and gifts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith.

I will produce food, feed and fiber to assure good health for myself, my family and others.

"I will take good care of everything I use—food, clothes, furnishing, equipment, machinery, buildings, livestock and the soil as well as scarce articles such as rubber and metals.

"I will buy carefully anything I must have and I will buy U. S. War Stamps or Bonds with all the money I can.

"I will work hard with my family and neighbors and help people to be cheerful, to have courage and to take part in all war activities."

The year-book was planned by a committee composed of Mrs. D. E. Pitts, Mrs. Fred Bourland and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Given Farewell Gift At Party Fri.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith of Whiteflat, who left Sunday for Amarillo, where they will reside, were honored Friday night with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McWilliams. A farewell gift was given Mr. and Mrs. Smith by their friends.

The evening was spent playing "42" and in group singing.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keltz, Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Welton Bailey, Mrs. Coy Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Slover, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, Mrs. E. P. Humphries, Mrs. Maud Dean and Mrs. Jess Perkins, the honorees and the hosts.

Social Security Has No Disability Or Illness Clause

The old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act do not provide disability in case of sickness, according to Ernest Tate, manager of the Lubbock office of the Social Security Board.

"Recently a number of people have contacted this office, seeking information as to whether they could receive social security benefits during periods of illness or disability," Tate said.

Monthly benefits are paid eligible workers who have reached the age of 65 and retired. Benefits are also provided for survivors of "insured" workers who die. But under the present law there is no provision for payments on account of sickness or disability. Tate said the board had probably come about as a result of the Social Security Board recommendation in its semi-annual report that provisions be made for disability insurance amending the law.

An ex-cowhand says he can remember back in the days of horses in western movies the cowboys instead of tenors.

a Christmas tree, and dairy freshments of hot punch, wafers were served.

Cookies, canned goods and other items which were brought to Buckner's Orphans Home sorted and packed for shipping.

Christmas Party Is Well Attended

Annual Christmas party of the Baptist W. M. U. was well attended Monday evening by approximately fifty women and girls.

A program consisting of special music and readings, was given, with Mrs. J. L. Woodruff as leader. In addition to the previously announced program, Cora Ann Craven also gave a musical reading. At the conclusion of the program, gifts were distributed from



Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a

Victorious New Year
TO OUR
Boys in Service
And Our
Friends and Customers

Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.



A Very Happy CHRISTMAS
Harry Willett & Co.
Matador, Texas



Greetings To Our Boys In Service

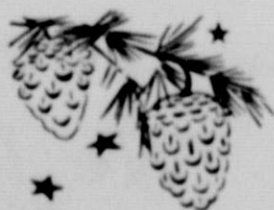
A WREATH IN THE WINDOW

a star in the sky, and happiness in the heart. That the Christmas season of 1943 may be truly memorable for you and yours is the earnest wish of

Western Dry Goods Co.
T. B. Edmondson Miss Maggie Bryan



AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.



City Drug Store
MATADOR, TEXAS

Norse Legend: Sign of Reconciliation
 Norse mythology, Balder, the personified sun, was by Lok, who planned to do him. Balder's mother obtained a promise from all living things, except the mistletoe, that would not harm Balder. Lok threw an arrow from the mistletoe to Balder's blind brother, explaining how he would kill him. The arrow struck Balder, but he was not hurt because the mistletoe was not included in the promise. The custom of giving a gift of love or peace under the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be an instrument of war.

Boxing Day' Observance
 "Boxing day" is in reality St. Stephen's day and is observed in England and other Old World countries in commemoration of the martyr in recognition of his having been the first to seal with his blood the testimony of fidelity to his faith. The year in which he was put to death, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, is supposed to have been 33 A. D. Due to the custom established many years ago, of giving Christmas boxes or gifts to employees and public servants, such as postmen, lampmen, and others, on the day after Christmas, it became popularly known as "Boxing day," and observed as a general holiday by the British people.

English Celebrated
Log Burnt at Christmas
 Among the many old English Christmas festivities was the ceremony attached to bringing a great log, sometimes the root of a tree, to the household on Christmas. The log was placed in the fireplace and burning it with a branch of the previous year's log. While it burned through the night there was great celebration but if it went out it was considered ill luck for the coming year.

LETTERS TO SANTA:
 Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a watch, dump truck, lumber-truck, boxing gloves and a "22" (rifle).
 Ronald Eudy.

Happy Memories

Here's what went into a 12 pound Christmas cake in the happy days before rationing and scarcities, in case you've forgotten:
Christmas Fruit Cake
 1 pound of butter or other fat
 1 1/4 pounds of brown sugar
 10 egg yolks
 2 oranges, juice and grated rind
 1 lemon, juice and grated rind
 1 teaspoon of soda
 1 cup of molasses
 1 cup of black coffee
 1 pound of flour
 1 teaspoon of salt
 1 teaspoon of cloves
 2 teaspoons of cinnamon
 2 teaspoons of mace
 2 teaspoons of nutmeg
 1 glass of tart jelly
 3 pounds of raisins
 2 pounds of currants
 1 pound of citron
 2 cups of flour for the fruit
 10 egg whites

THANK YOU— For Your Card

The English, compelled to make the most of every scrap of paper, have learned how to put their Christmas cards to good use. They send back to their friends the cards they received from them the year before, just scratching out the friend's name and adding their own.

Yule Card History
 Although the first Christmas cards were printed in England in 1842, it was not until about 20 years later that they were commonly sold. At first they were simply handwritten sentiments with the sender's name appended. However, as their commercial possibilities were unfolded, they were developed to their present form.

Yule Decorations
 Smart Christmas decorations may be made from white larch twigs combined with white pine cones and sprays. One unusual piece consists of a basket made from white birch and filled with pine sprays, red berries and dried grasses.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a flag, gun scabbard and a French-harp.
 Ray Johnson.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a typewriter, and a farm set.
 Donald Martin.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me boxing gloves.
 David Keith.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a little football.
 Jimmy Calk.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a wagon and a gun.
 J. W. Edwards.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a doll and Nurse Set.
 Elwanda Green.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a doll and a typewriter.
 Cora Sue Latham.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a Lane-Ranger set and a dump-truck.
 Winfred Whitaker.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a Nurse Set and typewriter.
 Mary Lee Grant.

Farm Machinery Outlook Shows Much Improvement

Manufacture of repair parts for farm machinery in 1944 will not be restricted, and production of needed types of equipment will be about double the output of '43. This outlook is based upon the total overall materials authorized by the War Production Board for making planting, tillage and harvesting equipment during the year. Comparably, it is about 80 per cent of the 1940 production, a year in which manufacture was relatively large.

According to information from the War Food Administration to the A. and M. College Extension Service, sufficient tonnage of carbon steel has been authorized to manufacturers to meet the entire machinery and repair parts schedule for domestic use.

The WFA explains that the improved outlook for 1944 permits a reduction in the number of types of machinery which it will be necessary to ration compared with the rationing schedules of this year. And, incidentally, neither attachments nor repair parts for next year are subject to rationing and distribution. Distribution control will be necessary on only 46 types of machines and rationing control on only three. As a consequence more nearly normal trade relationships will exist between farmers, dealers and manufacturers, the agency forecasts.

Dec. 13, 1943
 Dear Santa:
 Please bring me a telephone, a typewriter and a sewing bag.
 June Dirickson.

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SEASONS Greetings.

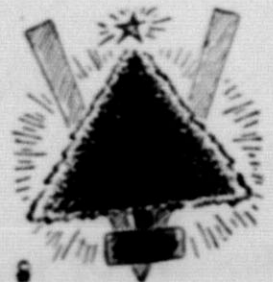
TO OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES... TO OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

"Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth"

This year CHRISTMAS GREETINGS mean more to us — and are given with a Deeper thought behind the traditional words.

Our third Wartime Christmas brings out with greater force the true meaning of the word "CHRISTMAS" and the principles of peace for which it stands.

"The Everlasting Light" that guided the Shepherds... is a Symbol of the Power that is guiding us today toward VICTORY and PEACE.



Hall-Scruggs & Co.

Paducah, Texas



THE ANGELS SING

They sing glad Christmas tidings, they sing of a peaceful world, of a happy world. We put our trust in God, and we know that peace is soon to be ours.

To Our Boys In Service
 And Our
 Friends And Customers



[CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY]

Magnolia Cafe

MR. and MRS. MARVIN VAUGHN

TO AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCaghren accompanied Mrs. Paul Fulfer to Amarillo Saturday, where she joined her husband for a leave-visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fulfer, in Albany, Calif. Mrs. J. A. Groves, who is spending the winter in Amarillo, returned home with Mr. and Mrs. McCaghren to spend the holidays at home here.

Miss Beulah Sheridan of Amarillo, accompanied by her nephew Pvt. Pat Sheridan Jr., visited here in the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sheridan, over the week-end.

Mrs. Melvin Meason, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Newman left Friday for Dallas, where they are spending the Christmas holidays.

Once Upon a Time

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, in the heyday of their once great empire, the Romans used apples, oranges and nuts to decorate their houses. They celebrated the beginning of their spring, called the Saturnalia, on December 22, and the symbolic use of fruits was their way of heralding the world's rebirth.

Oranges, to these early Romans, represented the sun; apples, the moon; and nuts, the stars.

And, according to legend, the origin of another food customarily found on our tables at Christmas is surrounded by symbolism. It was the now-familiar mince pie, and it was once baked in the shape of a pig (the "Christmas Boar").

The little pieces of meat in these pies symbolized the ancient sacrifice of flesh upon the altar. But the spices and fruits, truly Christian in meaning, represented the gifts of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child.

The plum pudding, too, once had a symbolic significance. To King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, the flaming pudding represented, according to legend, the "light of the world" made visible.

St. Francis Recreates Scene of Holy Manger

When Caesar tried to blot out the Christian church, awful days followed, as the lovers of Jesus were put to death. Christmas seemed lost, until St. Nicholas, the boy-bishop, rediscovered it in the Fourth century.

St. Nicholas—who became Santa Claus—did good on the sly—slipping into homes and leaving toys for the children, without being caught. For a brief time he made Christmas "merry" again; then the darkness came.

Still later, in 1223, Francis of Assisi recaptured the spirit of Christmas. He asked the pastor of the village church to let him use the church on Christmas Eve, and the pastor let him have his way.

First, he filled the chancel with hay. Then he found an ox and an ass and pushed them up the aisle into the chancel. He got a young mother to sit beside them with her baby; he made a picture of Christmas.

It was Francis who wrote the first Christmas carols—simple songs, honey, cheery, playful, and taught the people to sing them. They spread from land to land. The clergy said he was crazy; the people said he was a saint.

Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends. Forget present difficulties and live again the Christmas of innocent and better days. Let it renew hope for the future, with a resolve that the best impulses of our nature shall assist the character building of the real lesson of the Christmas season.

Mrs. Beuna Hodges of Plainview, formerly of Matador, visited friends and relatives here and at Roaring Springs over the week-end.



Best Wishes

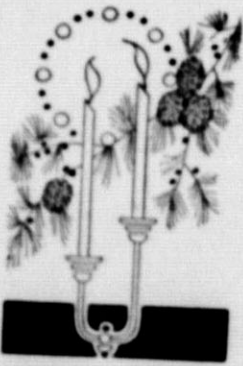
To Our Boys in Service
And Our

Friends and Customers

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men

Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



City Tailor Shop

H. M. SOLOMON, Mgr.



BEST WISHES

TO OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED SERVICE

To All Our Friends and Customers

Merry Christmas

And Victorious New Year

L. R. Bishop Feed Store

L. R. BISHOP, Manager

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 1944 BAPTIST HOUR

The program and plans for the 1944 Baptist Hour are being perfected. The Radio Committee again presents outstanding preachers and laymen, who will deliver the best sort of messages.

Again, the subjects are vitally important for the experiences of our day.

Again, every effort is being made to cover the convention territory as completely as is physically possible.

Again, the hour for the program is 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock on Sunday mornings. Every reasonable effort was made to provide a better hour but due to the war

conditions the Radio Committee was unable to improve this. Undoubtedly following the war such improvement can be made.

The theme for the entire series is: "Religious Foundations for Tomorrow's World."

For the month of January the following programs are announced: 2—"The Shaking of the Nations," Dr. W. R. White, Editorial Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

9—"The Primacy of the Spiritual," Dr. Ralph A. Herring, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

16—"A Free Church in a Free State," Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, Editor, Richmond News-Leader, Richmond, Va.

23—"The Individuals Competency in Religion," Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Professor of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Syrena Johnson:

GREETING:—You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 7th day of February, A.D. 1944 at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Motley County, at the Court House in Matador, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of December 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 1158.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Jesse Johnson as Plaintiff, and Syrena Johnson as Defendant.

30—"Faith in God and Man," Dr. C. C. Warren, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

defendant. The nature of being substantially as follows:

For divorce, said petitioning that plaintiff and defendant were married in Matador, Texas on the 1st day of 1925, and that on or about day of July, 1929, defendant out any just cause, and plaintiff and has refused with him as his wife and that since that time never lived or cohabited as man and wife, and abandonment of plaintiff defendant, was not caused wrongful conduct on with prayer for divorce.

Issued this the 18th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand of said Court, at Matador, Texas, this the 18th day of December A. D. 1943.

R. A. Seay, Clerk Court, Motley County



Back The Attack
by

Making Christmas Merry

We Extend Our Greetings For Christmas
And The New Year.

Of course we believe that spreading Christmas cheer and good will has a definite part in winning the war so let's back the attack by helping our good St. Nicholas distribute as much as possible that everyone, everywhere, may have their share of the good things of the Christmas holidays and life through the New Year.

We take pleasure in wishing you much Happiness and Joy.

Thank You For Past Favors and Your Patronage



GREETINGS TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Farmer's Co-op Gin

H. C. DUNCAN, Manager

MATADOR, TEXAS

Northfield News

By Mrs. C. B. Kincaid

MEETS

Northfield Thursday Work met in special session Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. McCoy. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. May Berry, mother of Mrs. McCoy, who is visiting from California. Each lady brought a gift to the hostess.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Newell Timmons, Tom Boone Simpson, Pete Timmons, B. J. Boyd, Elbert Hardin, F. Timmons, M. A. Tate.

Roy Burleson
INSURANCE
BANK BUILDING
Matador, Texas

Nolen Thomas, G. A. Ashford, Allen Thomas and Vinson Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hardison spent Wednesday night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hunter.

Two new pupils were enrolled in school here this week, Loyce Cox who is in high school, and her brother, Clarence, who is in junior high. They live at Turtle Hole Camp.

Students who are attending school elsewhere and have arrived home for the holidays are: Cortez Dobbins, Ethelline Elliott, Tommy Moore, Dale Ashford, June Pope, Wayne Timmons, Jack and Yvonne Simpson, Jerry and Jacquin Hays, Charles and LaJuana Payne Lee Thomas and Rowena Fulgham.

Cpl. R. C. Elliott Jr., who is stationed at Camp Hood, is home on furlough.

Mrs. W. E. Thomas who has been sick for several days, is now in the hospital at Childress.

Childress visitors from Northfield Friday were: Mr. and Mrs.

N. W. Timmons, Fay Tipton, Mrs. Jim Fulgham, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, Jim Dobbins, Elert Hardison and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timmons.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nimmo has been sick for several days.

Mrs. J. A. Tipton returned home Sunday evening from Matador, where she has been a hospital patient and later recuperated at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Tipton. Her family, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Tipton and daughter Gaynell and Mr. J. A. Tipton, visited in Matador Sunday.

Cpl. and Mrs. Woodrow Kincaid arrived home Saturday morning from California where he is stationed, for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Kincaid and other members of his family. They also visited her relatives in Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thomas and Jo Allen visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bethany during the week-end.

Rev. Carter of Childress, preached here Sunday evening.

PARTY GIVEN SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Timmons entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. Those present included Lee Thomas, C. W. Hunter, Calvin Nimmo, Nova Jim Tate, Charles and LaJuana Payne J. D. and Ethelline Elliott, June Pope, Rush and Wayne Timmons, Dale Ashford and Cpl. R. C. Elliott Jr.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

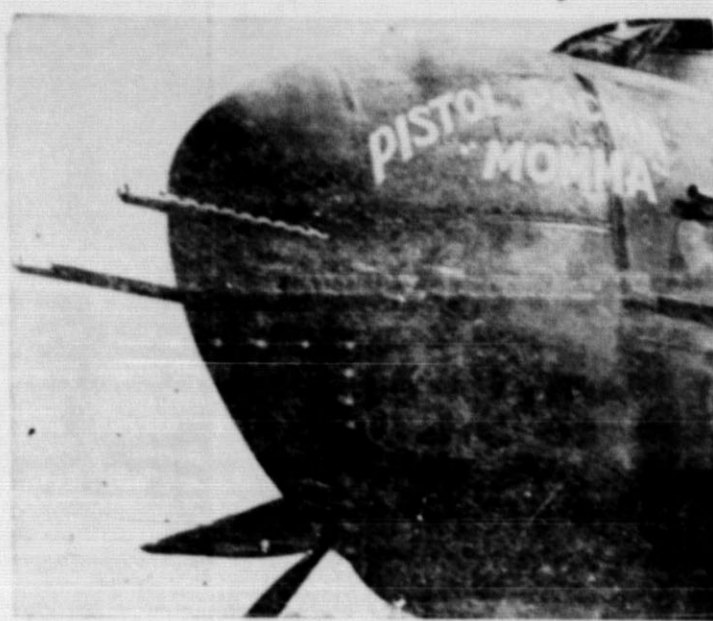
The following new officers have been elected by the 4-H club girls: President, Virginia Moore; vice-president, Anna Gene Quattlebaum; secretary, Marlene Dobbins; treasurer, Margie Timmons; reporter, Loyce Cox; sponsor, Mrs. Hmer McCoy.

The Congo eel is not from the Congo and is not an eel, but a salamander.

Largest irrigation canal in the U. S. is the 82-mile All-American from the Colorado river.

More than half of the rented office space in Manhattan is less than 20 years old.

Flying Artillery



"Pistol Packin' Momma," in the form of a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber equipped with a 75 millimeter cannon, is a smash hit in the Southwest Pacific, where this plane and others like it have recently been hitting the enemy with the "flying artillery." A War Department announcement has revealed that the North American Mitchell is the first plane to be equipped with heavy artillery and has been a great success in smashing Japanese shipping and supply centers.

DOSS IS CHOSEN BY BROTHERHOOD AS '44 PRESIDENT

Vernon Doss will lead the Baptist Brotherhood in 1944, having been selected as successor to Elbert Reeves, the charter president of the year-old organization. In the regular meeting of the Brotherhood on December 16. Other officers were named to include, Marvin Patton as Membership vice-president; Elbert Reeves as Program vice-president; D. P. Keith as Benevolence vice-president; Hoyt Burnham as Evangelistic vice-president, and Elmer Stearns as Secretary-treasurer. To complete the organization the incoming president will name the standing committees at the January meeting. The program was centered around the Christmas theme featuring Rev. El Badgett, Baptist pastor at Roaring Springs. Bill McCaghren also spoke bringing a report of the State Brotherhood Convention held in Dallas early in November. The December meeting marked the close of the first year's work of this men's organization of the church. The year has been one of great success under the splendid leadership of the officers and the splendid cooperation of the individual members. There has been an average attendance of nearly 30 for the 11 regular meetings with more than 200 present for the family night program in November. The organization has taken the lead in promoting several activities of the church during its first year of activity. The most troublesome hayfever period lasts from the middle of August until the first killing frost. Softening of the bones is a common malady in India and China.



To the far corners of the globe go the Christmas wishes and packages to our boys in the service. With the new world of the future in the making we look forward hopefully to the Christmas of tomorrow, while wishing you the happiest of Christmases today.

BEST WISHES TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT COMPANY
JOHN MEASON, Manager
ROARING SPRINGS

... a candle in the window
... the gleam of a star on a tree
... the light in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning

But Christmas is more than these ... how much more we cannot put into words, but you do know that we are wishing for you all that Christmas at its very best implies, and all that Christmas can bring

H. H. (Cy) COURTNEY

Motley County Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector

Merry Christmas
Our Boys in Service
Friends and Patrons



We are grateful for the sacrifices of every boy in uniform and we appreciate the friendships and favors of the Homefolks to all we extend this most sincere wish: A Victorious New Year

Thacker Supply Company
ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS



Merry Christmas
TO OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Jameson Machinery & Trucking Company
ED JAMESON, Manager



There'll Always Be
CHRISTMAS

BECAUSE we open our hearts at CHRISTMASTIME, to express our Joy, our Faith and our Love of Fellowman It is a holiday more Beloved, more Sacred than any other on the calendar Because it is a part of our way of life that we cherish and regard It is an Institution that will remain . . through War . . through Peace . . . A part of the freedom we are fighting for . . . A part of the Victory We Shall WIN.

To Our Boys In Service . . .
 and our
 Friends and Patrons
 at Home



A Merry Christmas
 and a
VICTORIOUS
 NEW YEAR

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- ELMER STEARNS,
Vice-President and Cashier
- W. N. PIPKIN, Asst. Cashier
- J. R. WHITWORTH, Asst. Cashier

Something you learn you are too old for it to do good.

The fellow who pulls on the oars doesn't have time to rock the boat.

Girls have changed. They still don't trust a man too far, but in the old days they didn't trust him too near.

A girl who knows all the answers learned them from going around with fellows who ask all the questions.

Seabees Grow Garden in South Pacific



This picture of four Seabees in their Victory garden on "Island X," somewhere in the South Pacific, was entered in a garden photo contest sponsored by the Santa Fe Railway for its employees and promptly won a special award. All four men are furloughed employees of the railroad. They are, left to right, R. E. Hart, Fresno, Cal., E. S. Hill, Miami, Tex., Roy D. West, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Elmer Russell, Galveston, Tex.

EXTEND YOUR WARDROBE WITH AN EASY-TO-MAKE CROCHETED HAT



Here's a perky hat for those of you who are handy with a crochet hook. Smart and youthful, it is "right" for all occasions. You might make it in a soft, deep color, topped with glossy beads for a festive appearance. Or crochet it in several other combinations as gifts for your friends. Directions for making the hat may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper, enclosing design PC-1534.

The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after.

They are happily married if the one who finally goes to answer the phone does not glare at the other.

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

OPA will double-check truck tire inspection to see that every tire in service gives its last possible mile of wear to essential commercial transportation before replaced by a new tire.

Persons returning to civilian life from military service will be provided with shoe ration stamps OPA said.

Scrap dealers will no longer be required to absorb inbound rail transportation charges on heavy breakable cast iron scrap which has been allocated or which they have purchased in behalf of foundry.

Ready-to-serve soups listed on point chart 10 as ration-free are those requiring no water, milk or other liquid to be added to them to produce soups but none have been packed since middle of 1942 and there are few existing stocks OPA has announced.

Many customers and salespeople are confused by shoe ration stamps in Book 3 because book has four pages of pictures including guns, tanks, ships and airplanes. Shoes are bought with the stamp picture of a miniature airplane in light labeled "Ration Stamp No. 1."

Sharp rollbacks in retail prices of some whiskey brands are expected with the establishment at the processor level of flat prices for all new brands of domestic whiskey which have been introduced since March, 1942.

Women residents of New York are allowed by law to fish without a license.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Barkley and Miss Rachel Patton visited in Lubbock Friday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Haynes Baumgardner, who spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell made a trip to Lubbock and Plainview Friday. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Mrs. John Richardson, who spent the week-end with them here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jenkins left Wednesday for El Paso, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Kitty Jeanette.

Mrs. Wynona Gilbreath and her mother, Mrs. A. W. Ford, left Saturday for Florida, to spend the holiday with the former's husband, Lt. Vance H. Gilbreath, who is stationed at Buckingham A.A.F.

Mrs. Haynes Baumgardner left Wednesday morning for Ft. Worth to spend the holidays with her husband, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Bill Conroe of Mobile, Ala. arrived Tuesday night to visit her mother, Mrs. L. B. Archer over the holidays.

Mrs. Bess Patton returned Tuesday from Kerrville, where she has been visiting her son, Lewis and family.

Charles Payne and Bobby Harp went to Paducah to visit relatives and friends Wednesday and Thursday.

L. A. Stearns visited relatives in Amarillo this week.

Wilson Gunn of Sherman, was a week-end visitor here in the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. P. Waybourn.

Mrs. J. R. Holden of Childress, arrived today to remain over the holidays as guests of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Waybourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodie Brown of Amarillo, visited here Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edmondson.

Miss Maurine Hall of Amarillo spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Leona Hall.

Former resident Morris Gates of Plainview, was a business visitor here Friday.

Miss Jimmie Jean Hamilton left Saturday for Pampa, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamilton.

Mrs. L. D. Witcher of Quitaque is visiting here in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fulkerson.

Miss Ione Gideon, teacher in the Matador schools, is spending the holidays at her home in Terrell, Texas.

Miss Zona Beth Faulkner, Home Ec teacher, is visiting her parents at Childress over the holidays.

Miss Thressia Godfrey, member of the Matador school faculty, is spending the Christmas holidays at her former home, Paducah.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Mrs. Carl Tardy of Roaring Springs, entertained a group of friends with a lovely Christmas dinner Sunday evening. Those present were Mrs. Pat Sheridan, Mrs. Ethel Payne, Mrs. Jim Ford, Mrs. Edna Patton and daughter Bernice Ruth, all of Matador, and Mrs. Beuna Hodges of Plainview. Gifts were exchanged from a tree.

Manufacture of 2,000,000,000 ration tokens, smaller in size and more than twice number called for in original plan, was started this week by Osborne Register Co. of Cincinnati.

Paper is organic matter, having been produced from pulp of living trees.

The southern tip of South America is farther south than the southern tip of Africa.

The fashion of tailor made suits for women originated in England.

The nautical pronunciation of "leeward" is "loo-ward."



When you buy War Bonds your money goes into action at once. Where, we may never know. Maybe, as shown above, to equip a company of American Rangers marching up a railroad somewhere on the Mediterranean. Whether they come back depends upon the equipment we send. Give your dollars action: Buy More War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

OUR ANNUAL LETTER TO SANTA

December 25

Dear Santa:

Again we write to remind you of our boys in service and good friends at home, who have been so loyal to this firm. We ask that you remember them in a very special way. If you will see that these friends have their every wish fulfilled and that they enjoy the happiest Christmas of all, then our Christmas will be supremely happy. Too, Santa, as we are unable to see each of our friends personally will you carry our load of good wishes for a Merry Christmas to every individual and express our appreciation for their fine friendship.

Sincerely,

Matador Auto Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS To Everyone!

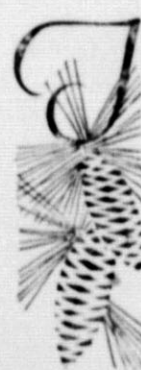
GIVE WAR BONDS The Present With A Future



Matador Produce

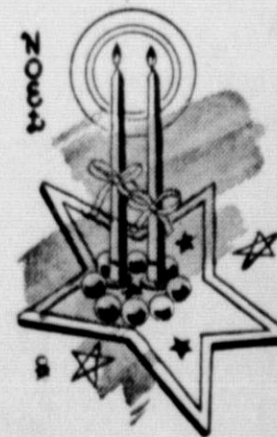
We Pay Best Prices For All Kinds of Furs

W. B. WASON, Mgr.



THE STAGE COACH has given place to the streamliner. The electric light has snuffed out the soft-beamed candle. Tinkling sleigh bells are drowned in the roar of motor horns. But who will say that Christmas has lost its charm? With Christmas at hand we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest dealing, and express our appreciation of your friendship for us during 1943.

TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE And Our Friends At Home WE WISH A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR



MILLER and MILLER MOTOR FREIGHT FLOYD WEBB, Local Agent

Flomot Trustees Entertained By Homemaking Class

Trustees of the Flomot school system, their wives and the faculty members were entertained Thursday night, December 16,

with a dinner prepared and served by members of the Homemaking III class of Flomot High school. The room was attractively decorated and lighted with green candles. The program was opened with the song "White Christmas," sung by Misses Mary Yvonne Martin, Letha Faye Waters, Inez Gilbert, Pauline Stephens and Juanita

Brogdon, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Frances Reynolds. A reading, "Christmas On The Farm" was given by Pauline Stephens, and a musical reading of "We Thank Thee O Father" was given by Inez Gilbert as Mrs. Reynolds played softly. "Silent Night," with Mary Yvonne Martin and Letha Faye Waters joining in to sing the carol at the conclusion of the reading.

Invocation was given by Van Martin.

The dinner menu consisted of fruit cocktail, chicken and dressing with giblet gravy, baked potatoes, cranberries, hot rolls, fruit cocktail pie topped with whipped cream, coffee and cocoa.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, Miss Irene Marler, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Van Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Amonett, Mrs. Howard Standefer and the hostesses, Evelyn Martin and Bonnie Crowell.

Group singing of "God Bless America" was followed by adjournment, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in games of "Forty-Two."

Our Friendly Greetings

A Most Joyous Christmas To Each of You and A New Year Of Health, Wealth and Happiness.

We would like to contact personally each of our friends but since we cannot do this we take this means to say "Thank you" for your patronage, and ask for the pleasure of serving you during the coming year.



Hoyle Grocery

ROARING SPRINGS



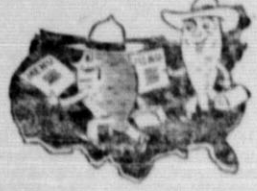
PHILLIPS "66"

LEWIS EUDY, Agent

VERNON LATIMER, Retail



By JEAN MERRITT
Home Institute



Presenting Sweet Potatoes

Surplus of supply will re-write this winter's menus, will promote to national importance many local foods. The sweet potato is a case in point. Hitherto known mainly in the Southland (where no day's eating is replete without a dish of yams), and along the Eastern coastal plain (where the Jersey flourish), the sweet potato is destined now to travel and win country-wide acclaim.

Our farmers grew a bumper crop last summer, so there will be enough for all. The sweet potato is nutritionally important, being rich in vitamins, easily digested sugars, and heat-stoking calories—all vital factors that will increase the value of meager wartime meals. Sweet potatoes are both flavorful and filling, too, no minor item these days when other foods are scarce.

Two main varieties will appear in many of your markets: the dry, firm, yellow-meated Jersey sweet, and the Deep-South yam, with its soft, moist-textured orange flesh. Best buy in Jersey sweets is a smooth, spindle-shaped tuber of medium size, tapering towards the ends. Select yams that are full-bodied and plump, plumper than Jerseys, with similar pointed ends.

Avoid odd shapes and off sizes. Stick to bright clean sweets without blemishes or scars. Buy in quantities and store, if you have a cool dry place to keep them. Otherwise shop as needed, for sweet potatoes are perishable unless correctly cured.

Both kinds may be boiled, baked, mashed, scalloped, candied, glazed, used in pie. Here are some suggestions for a starter:

Sweet Potato Balls

Combine, then mix thoroughly—
1 cup cold cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1 egg yolk

of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Standefer.

Hobert (Bodie) Brown of Amarillo, came Tuesday to accompany his father, R. L. Brown, who is ill back to Amarillo for treatment.

L. M. Gunn is spending Christmas with his son, Mel at Friona.

George Gearhart is on the sick list this week. We hope Santa brings him a cure.

Several new wells have been drilled here recently. Among those who have new wells are John Jones, Frank Garrett and W. D. Graves.

W. M. (Babe) Holstenback of Camp Coffee, Ark., arrived home Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife, Mrs. Inez Holstenback. They are visiting relatives at Sunray at the present.

Pvt. and Mrs. Raymond Kendall went to Oklahoma and spent the week-end with his parents and from there Pvt. Kendall returned to Austin, where he is stationed, and Mrs. Kendall returned here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Martin made a business trip to Muleshoe Monday.

The Flomot Cemetery Association is to meet at the school house Monday night, December 27, for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1944. Membership fees are due this month, and members are responding nicely. Let's make it 100% by January first.

The whippet, fastest dog in the world, is a cross between the greyhound and the terrier.

"Army Strikes Again" says a headline. But that's different from a strike here at home.

One third of all accidents occur in the kitchen, says a safety statistician. And they're placed on the table just as if they hadn't happened.

The best way to tell how a girl will turn out is to wait until the old folks turn in.

Nothing can make a man honest like plenty to eat and plenty to wear.

A great advantage of silent contempt is that it often prevents a black eye.

It used to be that when the starter on a man's car wouldn't work, he got out and cranked. Nowadays, he just sits and waits until somebody comes along to give him a push.

The low death rate on roads before the time of the automobile was largely because the driver had the help of a little "horse sense."

The only way to protect yourself against a fast-talker is calm thinking and slow action.

Cooperation: the disposition of a person to conduct himself in

2 tablespoons butter or shortening, melted.

Divide into six portions. Flatten each portion, then place a—

Marshmallow

in center of each.

Pull potato up around marshmallow leaving small opening in top.

Crush very finely—

2 cups rice flakes.

Combine rice flakes with—

4 tablespoons butter or shortening, melted.

Roll sweet potato balls in buttered rice flakes, then place on a greased

cookie sheet. Bake in a hot oven (400° F.) 10 to 15 minutes. Arrange on platter. Serve at once. (Serves 6).

Note:—Leftover cooked sweet potatoes may be used.

Orange Honeyed Sweets

Peel, then cut in halves—

8 medium sweet potatoes.

Arrange in greased baking dish.

Combine, then mix well—

1 cup orange juice

1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind

1/2 cup honey

1/4 cup butter or margarine.

Pour sauce over uncooked potatoes. Cover and bake in a hot

oven (400° F.) 1 hour or until soft. Baste occasionally. Remove cover the last 10 minutes of baking (Serves 8).

Sweet Potatoes, Pennsylvania Style

Cook in boiling salted water until tender—

6 medium sweet potatoes.

Crush—

1 cup rice flakes.

Combine rice flakes with—

2 tablespoons butter or shortening, melted.

Peel potatoes, cut lengthwise in halves, then dip in—

Maple syrup.

Place potatoes in a large flat pan. If not salty enough sprinkle with salt. Pour just enough syrup into

pan to cover the bottom. Place under broiler, basting frequently until glazed, then sprinkle with buttered rice flakes. Continue broiling until rice flakes are golden brown.

such a manner that the other fellow can work with him.

Fallacy: The idea that accidents are unavoidable.

A Nebraska draft board found subtle humor in one of its cards. Under the listing, "serious physical defects," was this classic: "None, except one arm missing."

A psychologist says women are

better liars than men. Oh well, they don't have to tell so many.

Wouldn't it be nice if some animal trainer could teach moths to eat holes like lace?

Being an air raid warden has advantages. You can stay out late and it's a military secret.

The Constitution of the United States gives you the right to the pursuit of happiness, but of course you have to use your own legs.

Love thy neighbor—especially if he has Victory Garden tools that you don't have.

Yesterday is dead—forget it. Tomorrow has not come—don't worry about it. Today is here—use it.

There is nothing that contributes so much to a lousy and happy life as looking both ways before crossing the street.

About the easiest way to training for the latest dance fashions is to turn over a leaf.

Few men are as lucky as they seem or as unlucky as they are.

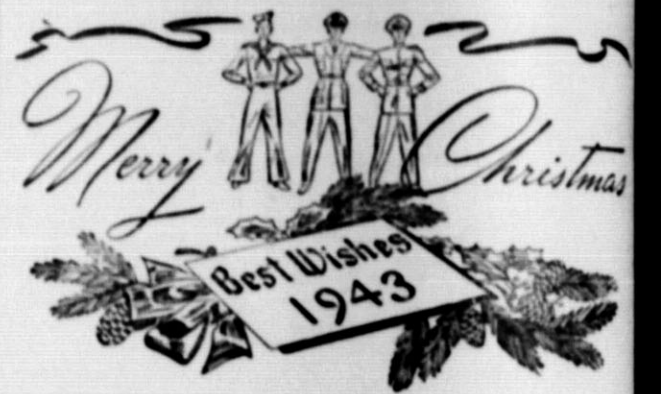
One thing the matter with country is that we have no Democratic Senators and no Republican Senators and so few States Senators.

You have reason to feel plimmented when someone tells you—no one ever tried to tell a penny.

"I suttinly hopes I've groaned Rastus. 'I'd sho' be feel like this when I've well."

Before putting on her hat, modern young lady looks very closely to make sure her hat. It it has money in her purse.

Definition of a peacock: He in full bloom.



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers, like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

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MRS. TOM BERRYMAN, Manager



The tree is up, garlanded in wreaths of tinsel, aflame with lights that glow like fireflies. There it stands in the window, sparkling with all the borrowed glamour of elfland.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AS the bells peal forth in the joyous Christmas refrains may they awaken in your heart new notes of joy and happiness, and may this happiness, plus a share of prosperity, be yours through the coming year.

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Boys In The Service

Other greetings have been received from: Cpl. Woodrow Kincaid of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Cpl. and Mrs. John Briscoe of Camp Wallace, Texas, saying, "Thanks a lot for the Tribune"; T-Sgt. Charlie L. Meador of Peterson Field, Colorado; Pfc. John O. Jameson of Fort Ord, Calif.; Pvt. W. C. Eggleston and wife Modena, of San Marcos, Texas, with a "Thanks a million for the paper." Lt. Dick Groves, now in Italy; Lt. and Mrs. E. M. Rice of Camp Swift, Texas; Cpl. J. R. Ratcliff, stationed on the west coast includes this message in a Christmas greeting:

appreciate getting the paper and enjoy it very much out here on the desert. The paper is one gift that only Home Town Boys are sure proud of and I think your paper gets more praise than any other paper I know regardless of its size. So keep up the good work and it will be remembered when all the boys return from war."

Pvt. E. A. Day sends V-Mail illustrated greetings from "Somewhere in Britain"; Pfc. Wm. Keith Patton of Chicago, Illinois sent this greeting, "Saluting you at Christmas"; Pvt. W. G. Kimbell and wife Bennie Wayne sent greetings from Pampa, Texas, where he is stationed, and from Ontario, California come greet-

The End of the Play

By William M. Chackery

The play is done; the curtain drops,
Slow falling, to the prompter's
bell;

A moment yet the actor stops
And looks around to say farewell.
It is an irksome word and task,
And when he's laughed and said
his say,
He shows as he removes the mask,
A face that's anything but gay.

One word, ere yet the evening ends,
Let's close it with a parting
rhyme,
And pledge a hand to all young
friends,
As fits the merry Christmas time.
On Life's wide scene you, too, have
parts,
That Fate ere long shall bid you
play;
Goodnight! with honest, gentle
hearts
A kindly greeting go away.

Come wealth or want, come good
or ill,
Let young and old accept their
part,
And bow before the Awful Will.
And bear it with an honest heart,
Who missees, or who wins the prize,
Go, lose or conquer, if you can;
But if you fail or if you rise,
Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman or old or young!
(Bear kindly with my humble
lays).
The sacred chorus first was sung
Upon the first of Christmas days,
The shepherds heard it overhead—
The joyful angels raised it then:
Glory to heaven on high, it said,
And peace on earth to gentle men.

My song, same this, it little worth;
I lay the weary pen aside,
And wish you health and love and
mirth,
As fits the holy Christmas-tide
As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends, our carol
still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on
earth,
To men of gentle will.

"As I am mailing greetings, I
thought of you and how much
you have done for me. I certainly
ings from Sgt. and Mrs. Tom A.
Newman with the following personal
message: "Dear Lila and
Ben. I have thought of you so
much since I have been out here.
I know now why all the boys in
the service appreciate the "Home-
Town Paper." Tom and I nearly
fight over who is going to read it
first. Best wishes to you both—
Tommy."

A.P.O. number for S-Sgt. Phil-
lip R. Sims, who receives his mail
in care of the New York Post-
master, was recently changed.

A-c. Albert K. Schweitzer, who
is in training in San Antonio, now
receives his mail as follows: A.S.N.
N. 38343715; Grp. D. Sqdn. 38;
Wing 1. A.A.F.P.S. (P) A.A.C.C.

Cpl. Oran V. Parks who has
been stationed at Camp McQuaide
Calif., has been transferred to Ft.
Worden, Washington. His A.S.N. is

TOYS AROUSED BOYS' GENIUS



Robert Louis Stevenson's preoccu-
pation with toy theaters in his youth,
much of which was spent in illness,
led to the flowering of his dramatic
prose in adulthood. The Wright
brothers' first interest in flying is
traced to youthful experiments with
kites and toy airships.

The Teddy bear is the most popu-
lar doll of all time. The first Ted-
dy bear was designed by Margarette
Steiff from a cartoonist's version of
the late President Theodore ("Ted-
dy") Roosevelt's bear hunt in the
Rockies, and thus the toy was
named.

Year in and year out the Teddy
bear and his stuffed cousins, from
Uncle Remus in 1909 to the Panda
in 1937, have topped all others in
popularity, the authors say. They
estimate that there are some 10 mil-
lion Teddy bears in American homes
today.

The ball is one of the closest rivals
of the doll among children and its
antiquity can be traced to ancient
Egypt. Pottery, wood, and papyrus
balls were common in the land of
Cleopatra and a manuscript of the
15th century mentions "the yellow
glass used for the little balls with
which school boys play, and which
are very cheap."

A scientist claims to have dis-
covered why the stags rotate. Now
if he'd just do something about
those pink elephants.

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A-c. Maurice R. Reilly, (A.S.N.
17088805), who has been training
at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is now
located at Independence Army Air
Field, Kansas, 44-D; Bks. T-236.
I.A.A.F.B.F.S.

Pvt. Clifford A. Jones is in
training at Ft. Riley, Kansas, with
the following address: A.S.N.
38346386; Troop B. 1st. Sqd. 1st
Train. Reg. C.R.T.C. Bar. 2022.



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consideration next year.



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AND TO OUR
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ENNIS MOSS, Manager
Roaring Springs, Texas

NOEL

"At Christmas play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year"

GLITTERING more fantastically than the jew-
els of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas
trees in the windows of this town and adjoining
farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christ-
mas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

We love this town and its environs. We have
grown up here and have come to regard our-
selves as "a fixture." We have a great many
friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this
time we want to thank them, one and all.

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BE-
HOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON
THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT
PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST
MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.



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