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Hansford County

BANK DEPOSITS REACH ALL TIME HIGH \$4,518,512

HANSFORD COUNTY PRODUCED 6,910,610 BUSHELS OF WHEAT IN 1944 ACCORDING TO ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT

The 1944 wheat crop was the largest ever produced in Hansford County, and one of the largest ever achieved by any County. A total of 6,910,610 bushels of high quality grain was combined from about 269,000 acres of land. This is an average of 26.89 bushels per acre. This huge acreage was planted in response to the Governmental request to the farmers for an increase in wheat acreage. In 1943 only 179,538 acres had been planted, with a total of 1,611,738 bushels. There is a total of 288,347 acres of seeded and volunteer wheat for 1945. The County Quota for 1945 is 280,000 acres.

Chief credit for the tremendous 1944 yield must be given to the thick blanket of snow that covered the ground for about six weeks last winter. Up to the time the snow started falling in December, prospects were generally regarded as extremely poor, as the fall months had been abnormally dry.

This year, for the first time in a decade, yields up to 60 bushels per acre were made. All early wheat made excellent yields, but the late wheat in many instances did not fill too well.

Different Varieties Compared

For the past several years Tenmarq has been the highest yielding variety of wheat in the county. This year was no exception and most of the extremely high yields were made with this variety on summer fallowed land. Some of the better yields reported are as follows:

Sixty-six bushels per acre was the highest yield reported, and was made by Mearl Wallin, on 80 acres of Tenmarq north of Gruver.

J. R. Collard had a section of Tenmarq southwest of Spearman, that averaged 60 bushels.

Everett Vanderburg, who farms southwest of Spearman, claims that Roy Chase's certified Tenmarq is O. K. 76 acres planted with this seed produced a 50 bushel acre return.

Bill Etling on his section near Hitchland, made an average of 55 bushels of Tenmarq per acre. Bill believes that the summer fallowed part averaged around 80 bushels.

G. C. Brillhart, who produces more Comanche wheat than any other grower in the United States, had 640 acres of this variety on summer fallowed land that averaged 56 bushels per acre. Comanche is a new wheat, developed from crossing Tenmarq and Oro.

Tenmarq has led in production for the last four years. The following chart shows the yields for the various varieties for the past two years and the 1945 acreage.

Year	Wheat Bu. per acre	Blackhull Bu. per acre	Tenmarq Bu. per acre	Comanche Bu. per acre	Cheyenne Bu. per acre	All Others Bu. per acre
1938	7.5	21.99	1,442,046			
1939	7.2	22.26	1,535,193			
1940	6.7	20.53	1,342,618			
1941	8.3	36.27	1,717,876			
1942	23.79	34.27	4,282,379			
1943	9.5	19.52	1,611,738			
1944	26.69	23.66	6,910,610			

There were only two fields of Comanche wheat, and they were both on Summer fallowed land. This will account for the high yield for this variety.

About 7% of the 1945 acres is volunteer wheat.

New Varieties Tested

1944 marks the seventh consecutive year that Hansford County has led the state in the production of certified wheat. Four of those years show that the county produced more certified wheat than the balance of the counties in the state combined. This year all certified seed grown was either Tenmarq or Turkey Red. For 1945, however, growers are planning to expand to the production of other, newer varieties. Three growers have planted two bushels each of Westar—the newest wheat out recommended for this section of the county. It was developed by the Texas Experimental Stations. Registered Wichita and Comanche have also been seeded by growers. Wichita is an early wheat, developed by crossing Early Blackhull and Tenmarq. It is gaining prominence in competition with other varieties does not look encouraging at this time.

G. C. Brillhart and R. C. Chase

are developing plans for the production of registered seed in 1945 of Tenmarq, Comanche, Westar, and Wichita.

Brillhart is also developing a new variety of wheat which he calls "Early Danne." It is five or six days earlier than Tenmarq, is a high yielder, has good test weight, stiff straw, and is fair in baking quality.

Undesirable varieties (from a milling and baking standpoint), are popular in areas adjacent to Hansford County, and educational work must be vigorously maintained to prevent their spreading. Chiefkan, Red Chief and Early Blackhull are the three most prevalent undesirable varieties that are grown in the Panhandle.

Due to high yields and high test obtained in neighboring counties these varieties have threatened to make some headway into Hansford County. Their being planted in this county has been vigorously campaigned against. It is reported that one Panhandle county still has a large amount of their 1943 crop on hand because of such large percentage of undesirable varieties that were produced there.

In Hansford County, Tenmarq is the leading variety, with almost two thirds of the county having been planted to Tenmarq for harvest this year. Turkey types (Turkey Red, Cheyenne, Kanred) account for the second largest acreage, and Standard Blackhull is grown on most of the remaining acreage. Over 87% of the wheat grown is one of the above mentioned, high quality varieties.

It is estimated that producers in this county get about 1 1/2 cents more per bushel because of this large percentage of high quality varieties.

Producers feel that their production in 1944 of record amounts of strictly quality wheat has been a major contribution to the nation's War Effort.

The rainfall for the year has been normal and prospects are favorable for a good crop next year.

For six years the production of wheat in the county has been very uniform with the exception of 1942.

A study of the records reveal the following data:

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For the second consecutive year the Extension Service was given the responsibility of handling the farm labor program. The biggest labor need occurs in Hansford County during wheat harvest each year.

A survey taken in May, indicated that producers would need additional equipment and labor to the tune of 1,200 men, 300 combines and 300 trucks to handle the record 295,000 acres of small grains that would be ready for harvest beginning about June 20.

To help handle this problem, a labor office was opened in Spearman, and a farm labor recruiter and clerk were hired.

Almost 300 farm laborers were placed during harvest, and in addition, combines and trucks were directed to needy farmers and areas.

These laborers began leaving the county early in August and were nearly all gone by the end of the month. As the year draws to a close there is a shortage of help on most every farm and ranch, which is continually made more acute by the drafting of all boys between 18 and 25 years of age.

Immediately before harvest an acute problem arose in obtaining feed shockers. This situation was partly alleviated by working out a plan with the Philrich division of the rubber plant at Borger, whereby some of their men with farm experience would shock feed on their day each week that they had off.

R. C. Chase used a total of 23

MASONS PLAN IMPROVEMENT OF TEMPLE

Odis Patterson, Howard Brillhart and Perry Hawkins were appointed by Worshipful Master Floyd Mitts of the Hansford Masonic lodge to canvas the membership of the lodge for pledges toward a fund to refurbish the local Masonic Temple. The appointment was made at a called meeting of the lodge Monday evening, December 18. At the close of the lodge more than a thousand dollars was pledged by members present at the meeting. Plans call for members to purchase bonds and earmark them for the program of repairs when the war is over and material can be secured.

Roughly, plans of improvements include a carpet for the floor, upholstered chairs, new desks, new heating units and air conditioner. It is estimated that \$3,500 will be needed to place the lodge property in first class condition.

Dan Shrader, Zack Jaggers and Bill Miller were appointed as the annual committee to deliver Christmas baskets to widows of deceased Masons in Hansford County. Secretary J. B. Cooke has instructed to mail letters of greetings to relatives of deceased Masons who now reside in Hansford county.

Work in the fellowcraft degree of Masonry was conferred, the candidates being Randolph McClellan and Elmo McClellan.

HENRY ROPER AND ROY NOLLNER GET HUNTING RATING

Henry Roper and Roy Nollner didn't even have to leave the state to earn the title of No. 1 deer hunters of Hansford county. These two country boys showed up their friends from Spearman who traveled all the way to Arizona hunting deer.

Roper bagged two bucks, one a 4 pointer and one a 7 pointer. Nollner got an eight point buck. The hunt was staged in Mason county, Texas, and the boys returned home Monday of this week. Incidentally the streaks are fine. This writer had one given him by Henry Roper.

ELLIN THEATRE PERRYTON, TEXAS

December 21-22
*Jane Withers, Paul Kelly, Lee Patrick, Little, Eric Sinclair, in "Faces in the Fog."

December 23
Roy Rogers, Gabby Hayes, Dale Evans, Bob Nolan and Sons of the Pioneers, in "Lights of Old Santa Fe."

December 24-25
Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Marilyn Maxwell, Jimmy Dorsey and Orchestra, John Cante, Douglas Dunbrille in "Lost in a Harlem."

December 26
Jeanne Crain, Frank Latimore, Eugene Pallette, Mary Nash, in "In the Meantime, Darling."

Preview, Saturday
Dec. 23, 11:45 p. m.
Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Berry, Jr., in "Hi, Beautiful."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 21
Robert Dahl

December 23
P. A. Lyon

December 24
Mrs. Susan Wilbanks
Mrs. Will Decker
Cpl. Jerry Jacobs

December 25
M-Sgt. Wayne Hutchison
B. F. Coley
Mrs. M. B. Wright

December 27
Howard Dean Kelly

December 28
Verma Jean Thomas
Otis Dry

Lieut. Henry Horne and wife of Victoria, Kans., are visiting relatives in Spearman.

men for one day each. These men shocked 182 acres of oats and barley, and Chase claims that they were very good workers, and that without them his crop might have been lost.

REV. SAM MALONE IS PASTOR OF SPEARMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church announces that they have called Rev. Sam Malone of near Breckenridge, Texas, as their pastor to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Rev. Matthew Doyel, and that Rev. Malone, wife and son, will move to Spearman and take charge of the work here the first Sunday in January.

Rev. Doyel has consented to be in Spearman each of the remaining two Sundays in this year and preach. The Baptist folk invite all to worship with them.

MOST BUSINESS FIRMS WILL CLOSE ALL DAY MONDAY, DEC. 25th

Hansford county is getting ready for the observance of Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25.

Merchants report they have had a landslide business with the demand far beyond their ability to provide Christmas gifts.

People are getting reconciled to the merchants' not having their first choice and they are buying what the stores offer.

They tell the merchants that World War II will be won some of these days—and they hope not too long—and they will be able to get the things they have been doing without for sometime.

Business slowed down a little last week on account of the roads, but there were many people in Spearman Monday. Most persons say there were more Monday than Saturday.

Many of the farmers are transacting their business as rapidly as possible and getting home by night as they have been afraid of the roads.

Spearman will take a holiday Monday, most business and public places closing.

HANSFORD RED CROSS COMPLETES 288 KIT BAGS FOR NAVY DEPT.

The production department of the Hansford County Red Cross has just completed a second quota of 144 navy kit bags. This shipment brings the total to 288 for the year, according to Mrs. P. A. Lyon, chairman of the department.

In addition to the navy kit bags the production department is completing a quota of 132 pair of knitted socks. These socks when completed, will be sent to Navy hospitals for convalescent patients.

PLEASANT WEATHER FEATURED BY FRED BRANDT FOR WEEK

Pleasant weather has featured the report for the past week according to U. S. Weather Observer Fred Brandt. The high for the week was 57 and the low 16 degrees. However, the low for all but the one day was above the 20 degree mark.

The report was as follows:

Date	hi	low	rain
Dec. 12	47	16	
Dec. 13	47	25	
Dec. 14	55	29	
Dec. 15	52	26	
Dec. 16	55	22	
Dec. 17	41	23	
Dec. 18	55	25	
Dec. 19	—	25	

No moisture was recorded for the week.

CHRISTMAS STAR HERALDED OMEN OF COMING PEACE

"Did you see the Christmas Star Monday evening?" was the question asked this office by Mrs. Virgil Wilbanks.

Many people of Spearman saw the beautiful bright star just above the moon as if it was painted by an artist in the sky. It was unusual and most certainly beautiful and inspiring. Many people believe that this is a sign of peace and the end of the war. Commentators on the news broadcasts report this same arrangement has occurred in the past, but it was in the day time. It will not happen again during the lifetime of the present generation, according to the comments of scientists.

Don't Name It



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This week you see the "Don't Name It" column all dressed up with a new heading.

In explanation of the heading, the country editor would call your attention to the outside cover of the Saturday Evening Post of several weeks past. If you remember this picture appeared on the cover page of the Post, immediately following the publication, this country editor received several copies mailed in to the Reporter, calling the editor an arm chair general, and arm chair captain, etc. To tell the truth, it does look a lot like your country editor. Fred Brandt says I am not as ugly as this picture, but Eddie Payne says it's a compliment so far as looks are concerned. The scene does typify the country editor most any evening after seven p.m. It's true I do keep a chart of the progress of the war, and have maps on the wall. So I asked permission of the Saturday Evening Post to use this lay-out for my column. Just received the copyright permission past week and for a time at least will use the above heading for this column.

It's the time of the year to express thanks to the people of this county for enduring my feeble efforts for another year. Course you did not have to put up with me quite a year, since I was still in the army until Spring of this year. Nevertheless, I do appreciate the splendid business that has come to the Spearman Reporter. It has been an inspiration, and your country editor has really put in some time trying to present a representative newspaper. I do thank one and all for their liberal patronage, and hope that I will be able to continue publishing a representative newspaper.

While we are writing about the newspaper, your country editor has rather an unusual request to make of some 200 of the 1,100 subscribers to this newspaper. Some dozen or so friends of the country editor have asked why we do not purchase the Reporter. For one reason we do not have enough money to buy the paper and building at this time. For another reason this editor is a member of the United States army. Right now I have orders from the Adjutant General of the army to appear before a retirement board in January of next year. This, because it has developed that I am not physically able to assume the duties in the army if called back into the service. Should the army retirement board retire me from the armed service, I plan to purchase the Spearman Reporter.

I want 200 subscribers to the Reporter to take 5 year subscriptions at \$1.00 per subscription, so that I will be able to make some needed improvements in the publishing of the Reporter. It may be that you think I have lots of nerve to make such a request. But I have lived with the people of this county for eight onto 15 years, and if I have not developed any confidence in my ability and honesty, then I sure ought to move into other fields. Of course it will be a matter that will be entirely optional. It would represent a saving of one dollar to each subscriber, and would place me in financial condition to

DEPOSITS MAY INCREASE TO FIVE MILLION

According to information from C. A. Gihner, president of the First State Bank, deposits at the bank on Tuesday, December 19, hit an all time high. Records of the bank show deposits of \$4,518,512.46. There is a possibility that the deposits may reach five million dollars in January. It is known that some two or three million bushels of 1944 wheat has not been marketed. It is expected that this wheat will either be sold on the market or loans secured during the month of January.

HANSFORD BUYS \$588,212.50 WAR LOAN BONDS

Monday noon of this week the recapitulation of bond sales for Hansford county showed: E Bond Sales \$273,462.50. Overall sales of bonds \$588,212.00.

This represents nearly double the quota for E bonds which was set at \$165,000, and \$123,212.50 above the overall quota.

The following telegram was received from Regional Director C. M. Smith of Plainview: "Plainview, Texas, Dec. 16, 1944. D. D. Moore, county chairman U. S. Treasury war finance committee.

Hansford county citizens have done a magnificent job in greatly oversubscribing their E and overall quota. The record is very unusual. Wish to thank you for your fine work and hope the county will continue buying throughout the month. C. M. Smith, Regional Director.

LION GOVERNOR JOHNSON VISITS SPEARMAN CLUB

Lion District Governor Lee Johnson of Wink, Texas, made one of the most inspiring and interesting addresses ever heard by local Lion members, when he made his official visit to the club Tuesday evening, December 19. Governor Johnson gave the membership of the local club a word picture of the Lion organization—its functions, responsibilities, and prospects for worthwhile service during the coming year.

Prior to the principal address of the evening, Lion Sweetheart Betty Jean Hill and Miss Barbara Jean Daily gave the popular violin number, "White Christmas." Mrs. F. J. Daily accompanied at the piano.

A Christmas tree loaded with novel gifts for Lion members created a lot of wholesome fun. District Governor Johnson received a deluxe model, first aid equipment for Chick Sales special, as his gift from the tree. A stirring poem done in brown on the bark of an oak tree declared the sentiment of dogs regarding trees. This novel gift was awarded Lion Freeman Barkley. Boss Lion D. D. Moore received a glass enclosed corn cob with hammer and instructions. Judge Barkley was related with a negro doll; Roy Jones rather sheepishly played with a jumping jack, and other Lions jealously displayed toys that would gladden the hearts of two year olds.

Visitors included Cpl. Jerry Jacobs, Seaman third Class Newell Allen, Ensign Curly Parsons and Seaman Third Class Eugene Smith.

One of the outstanding features of the Lion Club meeting was the Turkey and all the fixings dinner served by the Methodist ladies. District Governor Johnson stated that the meal was the best he had tasted after visiting some 48 clubs of the Panhandle. He placed a bid for regular meals such as the one served Tuesday, and indicated he would move his family to Spearman if such care could be provided.

own the Reporter free of indebtedness, and with needed improvements to present a representative newspaper.

Just as a feeler, I would appreciate a letter or word from any of the subscribers to indicate they would be willing to purchase me in financial condition to



WHAT THE BOYS IN SERVICE ARE DOING

Lieut James Hodges AAF, who has been stationed in Ohio for the past three months, was in Spearman the past week end, and Mrs. Hodges and little son accompanied him to San Antonio where he has been transferred.

Pvt. Buck Purdue, who is stationed at Fort Washington, is visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Roy Thomas.

Lieut. (jg) Joel Stavlo, who is a naval flier has been on a short visit to see his mother, Mrs. Betty Stavlo. Lieut Stavlo has been on patrol service in the Pacific for a long time.

PhM 2e Don Gross, and his wife, the former Cleo Leverton, has returned to his base at the Navy Air Depot at Salton Sea, Calif.

Radarman 2e Marvin Shapley has returned to his base in California, waiting until his ship is ready for duty again. Both of these boys enjoyed the furlough with their families.

John Philip Salder, RV 1-c, phoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Snider, on Dec. 17, that his ship was in a Seattle, Wash., navy yard for minor repairs, but he would be unable to come home as no leaves were being issued. He said they had been in a little action in the Kuril Islands above Japan, but it didn't amount to anything. Philip is a Radio Technician on a destroyer.

Dr. J. E. Gower received word from his son, Pfc. Carl Gower, Monday morning, from a west coast evacuation port. Carl is expecting to see India some of these days.

Pvt. Paul Hazelwood, now a member of the mechanics school at the aviation post, Amarillo, Texas, is here this week for the holiday season.

Radar Petty Officer, Eugene Buchner is here for the holidays, after spending more than 15 months in the Pacific navy war zone. We have not had a chance to talk with Gene, but his mother says he won't tell anything to us civilians. Gene is all tied up in navy regulations, and we do not want him to break any of them.

... we do know that he has had some thrilling experiences and some narrow escapes from subs during the time he had been on sea duty in the Northwest Pacific. A little bird told us that much.

Pvt. E. L. Lathan, wife and daughter, Sandy, of Delhart, visited with relatives in Spearman the first of the week.

Dickie Kiker, C. N., from Northwest Hospital, Amarillo, spent the week end with her mother and sister in Spearman.

Tech Sgt. Lee M. Buchanan, C.W.S., of Camp Detrich, Md., is home on ten days' furlough visiting relatives and friends. This is his third furlough after nearly three years in the service.

Sgt. Litch Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Litch Sparks of Stinnett, returned to Camp Coffee, Ark., Monday, after 15 days' furlough. While in this section he visited relatives in Stinnett, Spearman and Perryton.

John P. Vernon, S 1-c, serving on the crew of a submarine somewhere near the Philippine Islands, sent his mother a beautiful 24 caret submarine service pin as a Christmas present and she is proudly wearing the pin this week.

PORTION OF LETTER TO MRS. GRANT BECKER FROM HUSBAND, Pfc. BECKER

Saipan, Dec. 6, 1944
Hello again:
How are you today? Fine, I hope. Things are still normal, except for the Jap raid the other day. I guess my nerves are still just a little on edge. You should have seen it, honey, but I'm glad that you weren't here. I can tell you a little about it. It happened at a quarter until twelve, I'd just finished eating, and was on my way back to my tent. We usually have a warning about fifteen to

twenty minutes before they get here, but on that day there was no warning. I heard shooting at my left and I looked that way just in time. There were five Jap Zeroes coming, and they were coming fast. I don't need to tell you how fast I moved but I saw them come directly over. I was flat on the ground, and if I could have dug a hole with my hands I would have. When they were over our area, all of hell seemed to break loose on the hill, and the bullets were flying everywhere. They went out of sight for a few minutes and then suddenly one came back over. This plane was on fire and he was so low, that you could almost see the rat. Then he crashed near the ocean. In the meantime, guns were still blazing up on the hill and they got a few more. I have been in quite a few air raids, but that was the worst. At least, I thought it was. I never have heard so many bullets fly so close before. It gives you a strange feeling to look up and see them coming straight at you. I never saw people scatter so fast in my life, but it's not very funny. It's a lot different than being back there. I could tell you a lot about some of the others we've had, but I don't think you'd be interested. I'm not. It's strange how fast you move and of the things you think of during that short time. That's why things have changed, because you never had anyone shoot at you to kill you before, and it gives you an odd feeling, but on top of it all, it really isn't so bad, and everything is alright.

So maybe you won't feel too badly about not getting letters from me so often. You see you can't sit down and write letters every time you feel like it. I hope that you'll get some of these letters soon. Maybe this one won't go through. If it doesn't, then I'll write something else. That's about all there is to talk about.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Andrews, J. D. Andrews and Claude Sheets attended the funeral of Martin Sheets of Erick, Okla., the past Saturday. Mr. Sheets was a brother of Mrs. Andrews and Claude Sheets. He died suddenly with a heart attack.

Letters to Santa Clause

Dear Santa Clause
Bring me a nurse set and nuts and candy and bring mother a cook stove — so she can bake good biscuits.

Good bye
Beverly

MODERN HOME for sale. One block west of school. Wesley Garnett. Phone 34.

CITY OF SPEARMAN, TEXAS REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 1938

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 14th, day of December, 1944, BOND No.'s: 21, 62, 66, 71, 72, 73, 76, 83, 85, 94, 109, 117, 137, 138, 139, 166, 176, of the City of Spearman 1938 Refunding Bonds, were drawn according to Section 11, and Section 14, of City of Spearman Refunding Bond Ordinance, passed by the City Commission on the 5th, day of July, 1939, and the money covering principal and interest of these Bonds will be in the First National Bank in Dallas, Dallas, Texas, on the 1st, day of February, 1945, and that these Bonds will be paid including principal and interest to date, being the 1st, day of February, 1945, and according to the provisions of Sections 11, and 14, of the City of Spearman Refunding Bond Ordinance, past by the City Commission of the City of Spearman, Spearman, Texas, on the 5th, day of July, 1939, these Bonds will be paid in full and no further claim can be made for interest on these Bonds.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DONE AT SPEARMAN,
TEXAS, This 6th, day of December, 1944.

LEO DACUS
City Clerk
City of Spearman
Texas



★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

HANSFORD COUNTY

A. F. Barkely, County Judge; H. L. Wilbanks, Sheriff; F. J. Hoskins, District & County Clerk; May Jones, Treasurer; T. D. Sansing, County Attorney; Commissioners Fred Linn, Coy Holt, Vic Ogle, Gus Olsen.

OUR GREETINGS TO YOU



GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

We Wish One and All
a Happy and Prosperous

1945

McCLELLAN CHEVROLET CO.

Greyhound News

Protein Value
The nutritive value of a protein depends primarily on its amino acid composition. Most proteins are composed of about two dozen different amino acids combined in a variety of ways. When we eat proteins we are eating amino acids. Eight of these amino acids are nutritionally essential factors.

Scorch Pan
When you scorch a pan, try sprinkling dry baking soda over the scorch, letting it stand for a while. You will be surprised at how much more easily it can be removed.

Substitute for Fats
Nuts can be substituted for part of the fat in a recipe, since pecans are over 70 per cent fat and walnuts, hickory, filberts and butter-nuts over 60 per cent fat.

Clean Furs
Furs are cleaned professionally with sawdust that has been mixed with a cleaning fluid. This is worked into the fur by various methods—sometimes in a revolving drum, sometimes by beating with little sticks. When the treated sawdust is brushed and combed out it takes with it the dust and grime and oil that has collected on the hair of the fur.

Hotter Than Sun
Most people are apt to think that the sun is the hottest thing in the universe, but it isn't, according to some scientists. Although the sun is estimated to have a temperature of approximately 9,000 degrees Fahrenheit, ordinary carbon arcs are appreciably hotter and tungsten arcs have a temperature of 11,000 degrees. Moreover, some welding arcs have momentary temperatures as high as 13,000 degrees.

Wash Water
The temperature of the wash water depends on the kind of material being washed and the color fastness. Clothes may shrink and colors may fade if the water is too hot. Hot water does not damage white cottons and linens, but silks may turn yellow and wools may shrink or mat. The first rinse water should be the same temperature as the wash water; the second rinse may be cooler.

Brush Turkey
The young of the brush turkey are fully feathered when hatched and can fly almost immediately. They never know their parents, as the mother bird lays her eggs in hillocks of sandy soil containing decomposing vegetable matter and allows heat from this source to incubate the eggs. The chicks must shift for themselves immediately when they come into the world.

Deficient Color Vision
About five million persons in the United States have deficient color vision.

Metal Process
A new process for joining pure aluminum and steel is expected to result in greatly increased efficiency of air-cooled airplane engines.

Adder's Eyes
Female European adders have brown eyes, but the male adders have red eyes.

THE CLASS NEWS

Freshman News
We are looking forward to the Christmas party which is to be given Dec. 22. We have also been planning a Home Ec. party.

Sophomore News
We are glad the six weeks test are over. We all had a good time at Knutson's party Tuesday night given by the room mothers. We ate supper then played games.

Junior News
The Juniors have had a very small attendance the past week. It has hampered our play practice so we have put off our play indefinitely.

We have been having our six weeks test. Our class has been

well satisfied with our grades.

Senior News
The Seniors have ordered their invitations and visiting cards for their graduation exercises. We are hoping to get them in plenty of time. We are also looking forward to getting our Senior pictures by the time our Christmas holidays roll around.

Last week we had our six weeks tests which were anything but easy, however, we all made fairly good grades. Monday and Tuesday of last week we had only four Seniors in school on account of the snow. Wednesday we had a full class except for one who is still stranded. We are hoping she will soon be back with us.

SPORTS

The Basketball boys who have suits are:
Arnold Bayless
Doyle Barkley

Gordon Gross
Billy Lee McClellan
James Allen Ayres
H. M. Frazier
Billy Ed Vernon
Raymond Wallin
Orson Cline
Donny Fletcher

The boys are to match Perryton at Gruver Dec. 8.

The boys had a game scheduled with Stratford, Dec. 9, but was called off on account of bad weather.

The girls that received basketball suits are:

Ola Florence Dozier
Billie Jean Lowe
Lou McClellan
Elizabeth Holt
Rosemary Holt
Comfort Holt
Illa Jo Ogle
Essie Bell Tomlinson
Gwendolyn Cator
Jean Ralston

Evelyn Lyle
Ora Mae Chesser
Doris Green

Clara Florence Dozier was elected Captain and Elizabeth Holt Co-Captain. Miss Fleck and the girls went to Spearman Dec. 1. The girls got off to a good start but were defeated. Ola Florence Dozier was high point girl.

The girls are to match Stratford town team Dec. 8. The game with Stratford has been called off because of bad weather, but will be matched at a later date.

Homemaking Club

We met Tuesday, Nov. 30, and discussed the date to have our night meeting. We plan to have it Dec. 19, at the school house. It is to be a Christmas party.

Mary Elizabeth Cotter gave a report on care of fingernails, as we are studying personal grooming. We sang group songs, and then a few of the girls sang "Liza Jane." Then Elizabeth Holt and Marie Winger sang a duet.

We're looking forward to our next meeting, as we enjoy our meetings very much.

A Little Birdie Told Me

Bobby, just what were you doing down on your knees in front of Anna Beth's desk in History class? Couldn't be pronosing, could be? Or have you already?

Gloria, was Algebra so exciting that your head ached in History class? Would Billy Lee know?

Marie, seems to think basketball is more important than Eldon and the show.

Lou, aren't you contented by sitting by one boy, instead of between them in the lunch room?

There was a little confusion when the Sophomores drew names for Christmas, wasn't here, Billy Ed?

Elizabeth, who's that Sophomore boy that's got an eye on you? Would Eldon know?

Mary Nell, have you been missing something in Algebra class, since the snow? Doesn't Harold sit right in front of you?

Marie, how's that sore neck coming along?

Anna Beth, why were you all smiles Saturday night? Bob, wouldn't you know?

Essie Beth, when did you start calling Roy your parent?

Dorothy, we hear you're going to get married when you're 18. Is that right? You'll be twenty next leap year.

Billy Lee, what Senior girl did you ask for Tuesday night? Did she go?

Ora Mae, who is your new "Pen-Pal"? Forty-six is kinda old isn't it?

Donney really had a swell transportation for getting Gwendolyn home Thursday afternoon. Was the tractor rough Gwendolyn?

Duse, what's the idea of taking Irene's boy friend away from her? What's Freddie going to say?

Johna, did you and Evelyn Mae think Gruver needed a new style along the ankle line?

Tommy, don't you know Lou's too old for you? Besides, I'd be afraid of Gordon?

Illa Jo, didn't you know better than to barge in on Eldon's and Elizabeth's conversation during the ball game?

Betty Lois, did the boys come over Tuesday night?

Markarite, what's the idea of letting Marie beat your time?

Doris, what word were you looking up in the dictionary last week? You had the wrong impression.

"Oh," say Billie Jean, you had better quit telling the Gruver boys not to go with Spearman girls. They may tell you not to go with Spearman boys.

It's a good thing Melba, Jean, and Mary Nell didn't have to go home Sunday night, isn't it, Raymond and Eldon?

H. M. and Raymond, we heard you lost your technique Thursday night?

Kenneth and Billy Lee sure did take advantage of James Sunday.

Duse, do you still love Joe Brown?

Anna Beth, why so lonesome? Do you really miss Bobby?

Gloria, why were you so worried Friday night at the basketball game. Billy wasn't hurt bad.

Gordon were you lonesome Tuesday night? Did Lou run off?

Billy, are you having girl trouble? Which will it be, Ruth or Ola?

Gwendolyn, why do you wear ear muffs? It wouldn't be because of the wolf calls, would it?

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in the Land of the Free!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

—Happiness, gaiety, and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, children's happy voices, bells ringing overhead shadow the heavy spot in our hearts. We put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow, and we realize that we have much for which to be thankful today.

—We express our deepest appreciation for the tremendous business our customers have given us this year.

Spearman Dry Goods Co.

Roy and Ella Russell

SPORTS

BY HAROLD LARSON
LYNXETTES TAKE 40-14
WIN OVER MORSE

The Lynxettes gave the Morse High School girls a thumping defeat last Tuesday and are back on the winning road again. The Morse girls played the Lynxettes a pretty close game the first quarter but soon cooled off. The score at the end of the first quarter was 6-3 in the Lynxettes' favor. They went on to make 10 more points the second quarter, while Morse made 2 to increase their lead 16-5. The third quarter ended 26-8 and the Lynxettes kept rolling. At the end of the game the local team was ahead 40-14 and was back on the winning road again.

Co-Captain Allen was high point player for the night with 15 points. Captain Porter and Bette Lee Davis each made 11 points apiece to do their share of the scoring. Pearl Dean Burke contributed her 2 points to the cause. Captain Neil Gillispie came out of the ball game with 8 of the 14 points made by her team to be high scorer. Evelyn Garrison made 4 points, while Betty Forster made 2.

Last but not least are the Lynxette guards. Our praises now go out to the trio made up of Jean Hill, Barbara Davis and Gwendolyn Davis, and also to their able substitutes Dorothy Heister and Floyd Dean Crawford, who have kept their opponents tied down for most of the year.

LYNX WHIP MORSE
79-9 TO KEEP
UNDEFEATED SEASON

The Spearman Lynx cagers increased their winning streak to six games by really pouring it to the Morse High School cagers to the tune of 79-9. It was the worst defeat given by the Lynx team so far this season and above all the Morse team has only scored 15 points against the local team in two games. The Lynx opened their season by defeating Morse 22-6, and so far haven't lost a game. The Morse cagers had just about as good a chance to beat the Lynx basketeers as a one-legged man would have in a shin kicking contest. Every Lynx player on the team was used but only the regulars were able to run up a score.

Co-Captain Robertson started the game off like a house afire and made 8 points before the Morse team knew the game was started. The Lynx led 19-4 at the end of the first quarter and believe you me they didn't stop there. They went on to lead 35-4 at the half time. The local cagers came back the third quarter to score 22 points while Morse got 5. The Lynx made 5 to bring the total score to 57-9. That was the end of the game for Morse, at least with their scoring. The Lynx made 22 more points in the final stanza to end the game with a 79-9 victory written on the books, a victory Spearman will never forget and a defeat Morse will never forget.

The high scoring player for the night was Becker with 21 points to bring his total points for the year to 82. Dub Davis was next with 14 points. Co-Captain Jones made 3 free throws and 5 field goals to bring his total points made for the night to 13. Co-Captain Robertson and Marrel Wilson came out with 12 points apiece. Morse had four men who tied for high scoring honors, who were Womble, Williams, Grover and Mortimer with 2 points apiece. Chism racked up a free throw to finish the scoring done by Morse.

LYNXETTES BACK
ON WINNING ROAD

The local sextette got back on the winning road last Monday night by giving the Gruver aggregation a 35-13 defeat. The Lynxettes got to rolling in the first quarter and never stopped until the last whistle blew. Captain Porter got her eye on the hoop after so long a time to rake up 20 points while the Gruver team together could only bet 13. Gruver had better be thanking their stars Co-Captain wasn't in the ball game to contribute her 15 or 20 points. Lou McClellan and the Holtsisters played heads up ball for the losing team.

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Spearman (85) and Gruver (19).

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Lynx Keep Winning.

The Spearman Lynx basketball aggregation continued their winning streak by defeating the Perryton Rangers last Monday night in the Lynx gymnasium by the score of 44-21. The local five had control of the game from the start to finish with fight in the scoring department. The Rangers were completely outclassed with the speedy, crushing attacks given by the "Winning Five."

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Spearman (44) and Perryton (21).

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Lynx Basketball Schedule.

LYNX BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE

Table with 4 columns: Date, Location, Result, Score.

BOYS
INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Boys Individual Scoring.

GIRLS
INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Table with 5 columns: players, pos, fg, ft, pt. Rows for Girls Individual Scoring.

EIGHTH GRADE

Our basketball team of girls played the Freshman girls December 12. They won over us in the game. We're trying hard to be able to play them at a later date with more success.

We have drawn names for the exchange of Christmas presents this week, Friday, the 22nd. We are eagerly waiting for the time when we exchange our gifts and for the anticipated fun we will have.

Mrs. R. E. Lee, our room mother, was a visitor in our room Friday. With her suggestion we have planned to have a short program before opening our gifts. Those that were appointed on the committee to plan the program were: Mary Lou Davis, Mary Margaret McLain, and Nancy McClellan.

We are glad to have Arlene Schnell as a new pupil in our room.

Honor Roll

- Barbara Allen, Marvel Gibner, Donna Crawford, Irene Scroggs, Nancy McClellan, Honorable Mention: Beverly Beck, Mary McLain, Margaret Reed, Leo Marie Dacus, Don Buchner, Willie Cayton

Freshman News

Laura Ruth Lamb
The Freshman girls and boys won by a large margin in the basketball games which were held with the eighth grade boys and girls. The Freshman boys objected to the content of the news last week. The public was not notified about the boys' game with the eighth graders. The Freshman Class had a class meeting at which we decided to have our Christmas party on December 22.

DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB

The Dahlia Flower Club met in the home of Mrs. F. J. Daily with Mrs. F. J. Hoskins as co-hostess, for the annual Christmas party.

After a short business session, a program was presented, consisting of two violin duets by Jean Hill and Barbara Daily, a Christmas Story by Mrs. Ben Beck and a piano duet by Verna Lee Gibner and Winnifred Hoskins.

To complete the program Santa Claus came and delivered a message to each of the guest artists. Gifts of various kinds were presented to members of the club, after which delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Garret Allen, C. F. Bastion, Ben Beck, H. H. Crooks, G. P. Gibner, Dave Heister, H. M. Shedeck, Paul Roach, F. W. Maise, J. E. Womble, Alvino Richardson, and guests artists Misses Jean Hill, Barbara Daily, Verna Lee Gibner and Winnifred Hoskins.

SADA RUTH HOSKINS
IN COLLEGE PLAY

Miss Sada Ruth Hoskins recently took part in the Gay Nauties Show, an all-campus production, at West Texas State College, Canyon, Texas. Miss Hoskins is a sophomore at the college and is majoring in speech. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins at Spearman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Crittenden of Syracuse, Kans., and Cpl. and Mrs. Richard Shedeck of Garden City, Kans., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Shedeck.

ONE '41 GMC truck, 2 speed axle 8 1-4 tires, has grain bed. Will trade for good late model car. Phone 55, Spearman 2-2tp

SPORT SHOTS

BY HAROLD LARSON

The Spearman Lynx basketeers made it 7 game in a row with no defeats last Friday night in Stinnett by defeating the Stinnett boys aggregation 42-25. It was a nip and tuck battle until the final quarter with the Stinnett Cagers staying in good enough position to go into the lead any time. Co-Captain Robertson was the big noise and the flashing guard who got the Lynx team to rolling. He played on even terms with the Stinnett boys until his teammates settled down and helped him out. In the last half Becker, Wilson, and Davis were the big noises. All three were on the run and put the Lynx team well out in front. Up until the last half the Stinnett boys played on even terms with the Lynx, being behind only 2 points at the end of the first quarter and 2 points at half time. Kelly and Atchison were the big guns on the Stinnett team.

Points made: Becker, 13; Robertson, 8; Wilson, 8; Jones, 7; Davis, 6.

Girls' Ball Game

The Stinnett girls took a hard fought game from the local girls in Stinnett last Friday night by the score of 29-23. Due to the absence of Co-Captain Norma Jo Allen, the Lynxettes had no real scoring threat. In the first six games Co-Captain Allen played in she had an average of better than 13 points per game. A pretty good average for any school girl forward. Had Allen played in this game, many Spearman fans think it would have been a different story.

The Lynxettes had a 2-1 lead at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind in the second quarter, 10-9. During the third quarter the Stinnett team held the upper hand, but in the last quarter the Lynxettes came back with all they had to score the day lights out of the Stinnett girls by coming within one point of their lead.

Most of Stinnett's scoring was done by Jasper, a girl who came close to having an off night. She could hardly do as much as hit the backboard, much less the hoop, in the second quarter. She was replaced by Parker, but when she came back the second quarter, the fireworks went off. For the night she racked up 9 field goals and one free throw to make a total of 19 points.

Scoring Records

The scoring for the local team was pretty well distributed with Captain Porter being the leading lady with 8 points. Bette Lee Davis rang up 7, while Gwendolyn Davis rang up 6. G. Davis was the lady who really kept the Lynxettes in the ball game by making her goals when they were needed most. Burke made 4 points, while Floyd Dean Crawford, a converted guard, made 3.

Senior News

Jean Hill
The Seniors are looking forward expectantly to the Christmas dinner and party to be given us by Mrs. Stowe and Mrs. Jackson Wednesday. We have been promised fried guinea and chicken with all the trimmings; then there will be parlor games, a Christmas tree with exchanging of gifts, and a taffy pull. It promises to be lots of fun, what with the faculty and all getting mixed up in the taffy.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Regular morning worship and Bible School, 10:30 a.m. Next Lord's Day the children will have a short program in the morning, and Santa has left them treats which will be distributed at that time. There will be no services in the evening. A merry Christmas to all.

FOUND: 1 pair spectacles in post office. Owner describe and pay for ad. Marvin Chambers

Garnett Harmon, who has been employed at Liberal, Kans., is home for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James of Northwest Hansford county were on business in Spearman Monday.

Mrs. R. E. Latham, Harold and Joan, and Pvt. E. L. Latham were in Bogger Monday.

Henry Roper and Ted McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hughes of Gruver were shopping in Spearman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taylor visited several days with friends in Pampa this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacobs and sons Cpl. Jerry Jacobs and Arthur Jacobs, visited a few days the past week with Pvt. Elmond Jacobs stationed at Camp Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny King of Ochiltree county were in Spearman on business Saturday.

Mr. Bill Thompson, student at W.T.S.T.C., was a guest of Miss Beuna Vernon the past week end.

Dick Vernon of Los Angeles, Calif., shipped his mother, Mrs. Lora Vernon, a crate of California oranges this week.

WANTED: Work on farm or ranch by married man with two small children. See E. C. Collier NE Spearman, Texas. 2-1tp

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Garret, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Winder, Mrs. J. C. Harris, and Mrs. Ralph Bort attended the Regional Methodist meeting in Amarillo on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Garret have left to spend Christmas with their son and his family in Alice, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Walker have gone to Houston to visit their son, O. V., Jr., who is stationed at Ellington Field, and also to care for his wife who is ill.

Gruver is without a laundry at the present. It is going to work a hardship on many folk. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Garret, who operated the Gruver laundry, have moved their equipment to Kansas. Plans are under way for Ernest Wilson to open up in the building vacated by the Garret's. The Methodist and Baptist churches of Gruver will celebrate Christmas appropriately on Sunday. The pastors will preach at the morning hour. At the evening service, there will be Christmas programs, and a Christmas Tree at each church.

Snooper

Mary Frances and June E. seem to enjoy sitting in the car with a certain Lieutenant in the Air Corps. How about that, girls?

Bette Lee, why was it that you forgot about the chorus girls going to sing Sunday? The reason couldn't be that simple, could it?

Apita Close seems to enjoy the library the fourth period! How about that, Gerald?

June E. seemed rather inquisitive about who went south Saturday night!?

Some of the boys just can't seem to think of anything to get that certain girl they know! You'd better think hard!

Joy, are you really ashamed of your figure?

Did you really think the Stinnett boys were cute, Rute Jones?

Jack Oakes, what kind of hair oil have you been "wearing" lately? It does seem to draw the girls!

Maurice, it seems you like grade school girls!?

Darwin, where has your Senior ring disappeared to? It couldn't be in Booker, could it?

Bob Heard, why were you in such a hurry to get out of the Drug Store Tuesday evening?

Bill Jackson, why do you like to sit in the back of the English room?

I wonder who Jack Pope and Matthew VanSant have been courting. It must be a couple of out of town girls, since they have not been to school lately!

Rosanne is using the collection of money as an excuse to a certain Senior boy, who is light red headed, and is rather bashful around girls! Guess who?

Joy Crooks, why do you look at Bob Heard every time you are hit with a mud ball? Could it be that he has such a cute innocent smile?

What's the idea of changing girls, Dub and Don? There was no misunderstanding, was there?

The hicoughs seem to draw a lot of attention, eh, Fox?

FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade was given a delightful party Friday afternoon. It was given by the room mothers, Mrs. J. W. Fox and Mrs. F. J. Daily at the home of Mrs. Daily. The home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Every one reported a grand time. We think we have swell room mothers.

EXCHANGE

Lois Buzzard
The first official American flag was accepted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, and had 13 stars in a field of blue with 13 alternate red and white stripes.

The Four Freedoms: We have freedom from want and use it to eat junk, drink liquor and wear zoot suits.

We have freedom of speech and use it to tell foul stories, to deal in malicious gossip and to take God's name in vain.

We have freedom of the press and use it to run moronic comic strips, to conduct Hollywood gossip columns about the 12th husband of the seventh wife and to retail most vicious and villainous crimes.

We have freedom of worship and use it as freedom from worship, never going to God's house to give gratitude to Him of His many and great blessings.

—Church Chimes

Plan To Attend Spearman
Tournament January 5th & 6th

The annual Spearman Basketball tournament is back again for the entertainment of those who enjoy this national sport. Yes, after a two-year absence, our annual tournament is here again with a total of twenty-one good teams to be staged in Spearman January 5-6. Teams entered: Booker boys, Booker girls.

Canadian girls, Darroutzet boys, Dumas boys, Dumais girls, Follett boys, Follett girls, Gruver boys, Gruver girls, Higgins boys, Higgins girls, Morse boys.

Panhandle girls, Perryton boys, Plemons boys, Stratford boys, Stratford girls, Spearman boys, Spearman girls. Trophies for the tournament are being furnished by the following Spearman business establishments: First Place Trophy, boys.

Spearman Drug Co., First Place Trophy, Girls, First State Bank, Second Place Trophy, Boys, Pekoe Cafe, Second Place Trophy, Girls, Spearman Reporter, Sportsmanship, Boys, Wm. E., and R. L. McClellan, Sportsmanship, Girls, Western Auto Associate Store and Whitehouse Lumber Co.

Each member of the All-Tournament five and All-Tournament sextet will be given a gold basketball charm. These awards are being furnished by the following merchants: Boxwell Brothers, I. P. Baggerly, Foxworth - Galbraith Lumber Company, P. A. Lyon, Rite-Price Grocery.

Spearman Dry Goods Co., Spearman Hardware, Townsend Drug, Wardrobe Cleaners, W. F. Robinson, Womble Hardware Co. No effort has been spared in planning for this tournament and every indication points toward an enjoyable time for all concerned. See some, if not all, of these games.

SOCIETY

WEDDING CEREMONY PERFORMED AT ALVA

Miss Ruby Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jake Lamb, Spearman, became the bride of Archibald Alonzo Collingsworth, son of Mrs. R. L. Collingsworth, in a single ring ceremony, Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 29, at Alva, Okla. Judge J. J. Gloser performed the marital ceremony in the presence of Emma Ringer and Fred Tollman.

The bride was very attractive in an aqua blue street dress, trimmed in lace. Her accessories were black.

Mrs. Collingsworth was born and reared at Spearman and graduated from the Spearman

High School with the class of 1942. She was president of the 4-H club and took active part in Home Economics club. She attended Amarillo Business College and at present is employed at the First State Bank in Spearman.

Mr. Collingsworth, better known as Tip Top to his Perryton friends, came to Perryton in 1929 from Frisco, Texas. He graduated from the Perryton High School in 1934. He was an outstanding football player. Receiving his wings at Ponca City, Okla., he has been a licensed instructor at the Perryton municipal airport.

He left Sunday for Oklahoma City for Army service. Mrs. Collingsworth will remain in Spear-

man for the present.

ROBINSON-SPARKS

Miss Pearl Robinson and Sgt. Litch Sparks, Jr., were married Saturday, December 16, at 7 p.m. at the Christian Church parsonage with Rev. G. F. Bastion, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sparks were in attendance.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robinson of Spearman, and is a graduate of Spearman High School. She is now employed with the OPA in Hansford county.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Litch Sparks of Stinnett, who were for years residents of Spearman. Sgt. Sparks is a graduate of Spearman High School and has been in the armed services for nearly two years. He is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

H. D. BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Hansford H. D. Club entertained with a birthday party

at the club room Friday night, December 3, honoring Mrs. Ted Rosenbaum, Shirley Rosenbaum, Juanita Morton, Jean Hart, Donnie Floyd, Dennis Ford and Mr. A. D. Jackson, all having birthdays in December.

A covered dish supper was served after which games and group singing were enjoyed. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Floyd and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shedeck, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rosenbaum and family.

HANSFORD H. D. CLUB

The Hansford H. D. Club met at the home of Mrs. A. D. Jackson on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Miss Tompkins gave an interesting demonstration on making marshmallows, refinishing old furniture and making furniture polish. Following an exchange of Christmas gifts, refreshments of pie, hot chocolate and canapes were served to the following: Mesdames Harry Shedeck, Ted Rosenbaum, Virgil Floyd, Homer Hart, Frank Adams, Miss Charlotte Tompkins

and the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be held Jan. 9, 1945, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Latham, at 2 p.m. All visitors are welcome.

GRUVER W. S. C. S.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. I. E. Biggs. The lesson was given by Mrs. Clarence Winder which was Southeast Asia in Post War Work. After a short business meeting we were dismissed to meet with Mrs. D. L. McClellan Dec. 21.

Those present were: Mesdames Winder, W. B. Hart, Bort, Wilkins, D. R. McClellan, Sluder, Noble Watson, J. C. Harris, Biggs.

MRS. MARVIN

KNUKEL HONORED

Mrs. W. O. Swain and Alleen Swain gave a wedding shower December 9 for Mrs. Marvin Kunkel, formerly Miss Grace Lee Lawson. She received a number of lovely gifts.

Those present were: Mesdames Fred Linn, George Buzzard, Tommy Bruce, W. L. Lawson, Paul

Herndon, Rhoda Overton, J. Towers, Don Hendrix and Miss Virginia Bruce.

Those sending gifts but unable to attend were: Mesdames Wynona Stewart, W. L. Russell, C. A. Robertson, John Eldridge, J. A. Bruce, Willis Peters, Paul Roach, Roe Crawford, Ike Baggerly, T. R. Shirley, Wanda Smith, Russell Townsend, A. E. Townsend, W. S. Thomas, Lewis Buchner, Loretta Sloan, and Miss Georgia B. son.

BAPTIST

MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The Lottie Moon and Walker circles of the Baptist Church met in the church auditorium Wednesday, December 13, in joint meeting. Mrs. C. A. Castleman, president, presided. The study was conducted by Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. R. L. Haley, Mrs. Rex Sanders and Mrs. J. L. Edwards.

A Christmas offering was given. Both circles will meet Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the home of Mrs. F. J. Hoskins, with a Christmas social.

MRS. GLOVER ENTERTAINS

Mrs. W. M. Glover entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon Friday, December 15, the following guests: Mesdames Lora Vernoe, Deta Blodgett, C. U. Pope and J. D. Hester.

The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations, and the luncheon was carried out with the Christmas motif.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

STUDY STUDY CLUB

The Twentieth Century Club met in the home of Mrs. Roy Wilmoth Thursday, December 14, in joint meeting. Mrs. Wilmoth, Mrs. Marvin Chambers, Mrs. S. B. Hale, and Mrs. R. V. Converse were the hostesses at this meeting. Mrs. T. D. Sansing, general president, presided.

The program was a "Christmas Story" told by Mrs. Ben Beck in a manner which touched the heart of every one present. Mrs. George Buzzard had charge of the musical numbers and several Christmas carols were sung.

The living room was beautifully decorated with a tree and other Christmas decorations. Forty gifts were artistically wrapped, and these the guests exchanged.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames W. M. Glover, H. L. Heard, Fred Holt, Ben Beck, Ray Phelps, D. B. Keim, O. C. Holt, W. H. Gandy, Wm. Sheets, T. R. Shirley, G. P. Gibner, Wesley Garnett, C. F. Bastion, Rex Sanders, Hall Jones, W. J. Miller, Dejon, Kirk, Paul Roach, John Eldridge, R. W. Morton, F. J. Hoskins, Tom Eter, George Buzzard, A. L. Wilson, Roy Russell, J. E. Womble, T. D. Sansing, and the hostesses.

WEEK END VISITORS AT BROCKUS HOME

Buddie Brockus, student at North West Hexas College, Canyon, had as guests at his home in Spearman, Mrs. Opal Purvine and daughter, Miss Norma Purvine, of Panhandle, Texas, over the week end. Miss Purvine is a student at Canyon, and a friend of Mr. Brockus.

MEDLIN HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. Archa Morse was hostess to the Medlin Home Demonstration Club for the "Annual Christmas Party," Friday, Dec. 15.

Meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Jack Taylor, with group singing "Jingle Bells," and "Silent Night." Business session was held and Mrs. Taylor expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of the club members during the two years she was president.

We all enjoyed the recreation which our leader had prepared. Christmas gifts were distributed to each one present from the Christmas tree.

The president was presented a quilt block from each club member with their name embroidered on it. The president gave each member a gift.

Lovely refreshments that carried out the Christmas motif were served to Mesdames E. W. McJunkin, Barbara Davis, Fisher, Cecil Crawford, Allen Pierce, Jack Taylor, O. L. Williams, Walter Davis, Lawrence Dossitt, Virgil Hull, Jack Whitson, John Gill, W. A. Vanleave, Jesse Edwards, Lizzie Benningfield, and Mrs. Archa Morse, the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. Vanleave Jan. 5. This will be the first meeting in the new year. Let's all be there.

THIS CHRISTMAS

For Liberty and Peace on Earth



Season's Greetings

One of the joys of the Holiday Season is the

pleasant memories

of our friendly and cordial relations during


the past year and the opportunity of sending the

Season's Greetings to all our good friends.

First State Bank

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

But It's True ----- !



JOHN ALLEN OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, HAD SEVEN SERVANTS - ALL HIRED AT DIFFERENT TIMES - AND ALL OF THEM WERE NAMED JOHN ALLEN BEFORE THEY MET THEIR BOSS !!

RATTLESNAKES - DIE IF EXPOSED TO THE SUN FOR AS LONG AS 17 MINUTES AT A TIME.



THE CHURCH THAT WAS STOLEN... THE HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA, DISAPPEARED THE NIGHT OF AUG. 20, 1936. THREE WEEKS LATER IT HAD NOT BEEN FOUND!



ON OCT. 18, 1913, LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL OF LAWSON, MICHIGAN, BEAT SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BY A SCORE OF 618 TO 0!

WNU Service

Chinese Evacuate as Japanese Armies Advance



Refugee trains are filled and covered (lower), with Chinese civilians being evacuated from the theater of war in eastern China. Hungry, disease-ridden Chinese fill the inside of the train. Upper left—Entire family riding the rods, shoeless, ill and homeless. Upper right—the stoic Chinese drape themselves inside, on top and even on the very front of the engines as they flee from the Japs.

But It's True ----- !



ROBERT TREAT OF MONTPELIER, VERMONT, DID NOT SEE HIS MOTHER FOR 56 YEARS, REMET HER ON A TRAIN ON JUNE 6, 1935!

NEAL MURCHISON OF HOLLOWELL, SCOTLAND, SCORED HOLES-IN-ONE THREE STRAIGHT DAYS - JULY 6-7-8, 1921, IN HOLLOWELL!

WHEN FULL YOUR STOMACH IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL ...

HENRY WEINGARTEN OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUMPED 18 FEET, THREE INCHES, BACKWARDS ON MAY 8, 1926.

WNU Service

It Is the Time

of the Year

To Wish One and All



WHAT stancher tree than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

We Wish For You

a Happy and Prosperous

New Year

SPEARMAN NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

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HOLIDAY

GREETINGS



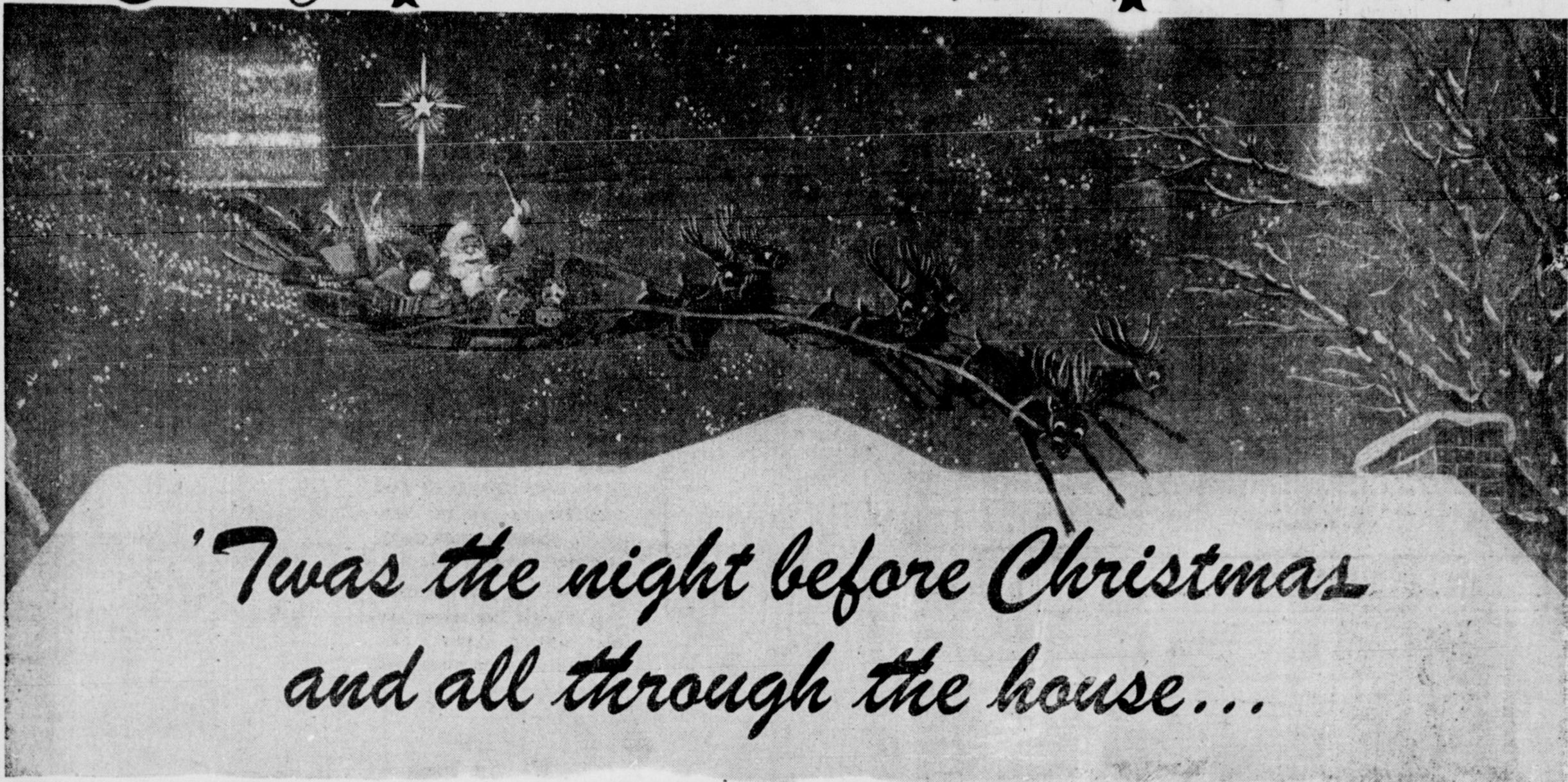
Christmas of 1944 is going to be a **BIG** Christmas. See if we aren't right.

May **YOUR** Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer, and may our greeting and best wishes add just a little to your pleasure this Yuletide.

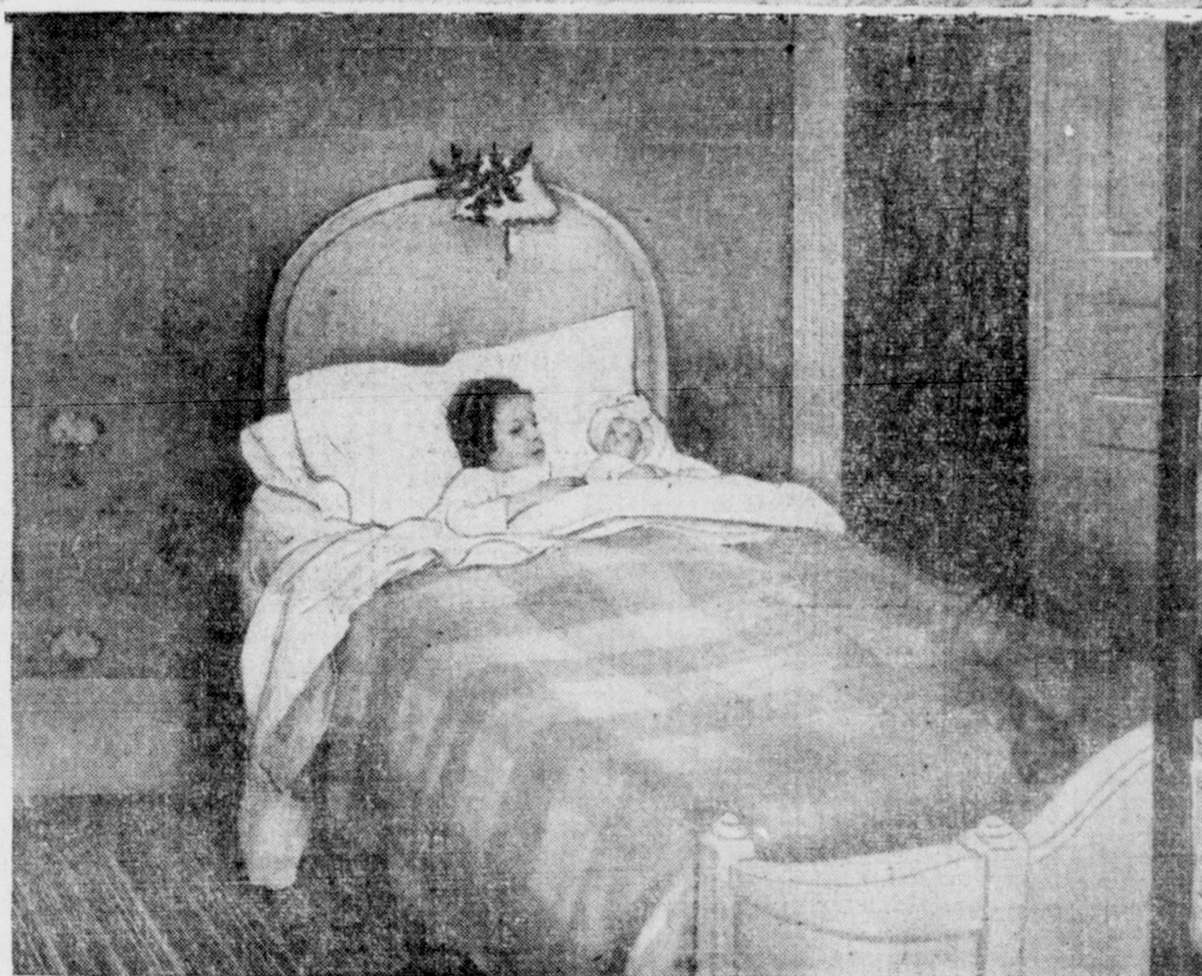
RITE PRICE GROCERY & MARKET

The Spearman Reporter

County



*'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the house...*



THESE WOMEN . . . HER ONLY CHOICE

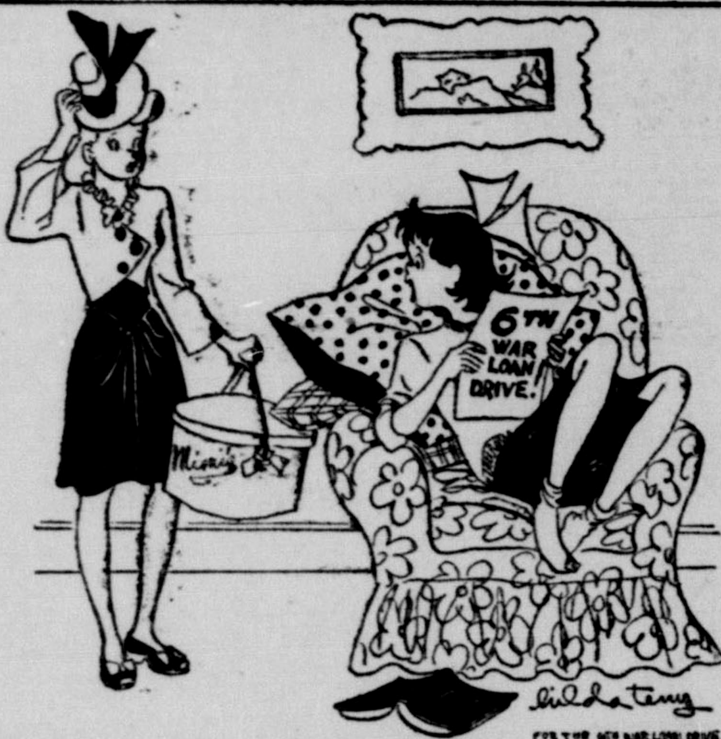
Gregory D'Alasio



"Sorry you don't like it, Ma'am. May I suggest a bond then, for a REAL foundation."

SMART GIRL

Hilda Terry—King Features Syndicate, Inc.



"I'm buying MY winter outfit at the Post Office this year—to wear in 1955."

OUR GREETINGS TO YOU



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

We Wish You

a Happy and Prosperous

New Year

CITY OF SPEARMAN

To the People of this Community

Five billion dollars of the 44 billion dollars our country needs to press the war against our enemies must come from individual investors. That sounds like, and is, a lot of money. Actually success or failure of the Sixth War Loan is up to each individual American. Every war loan has begun oversubscribed because Americans by the millions have shared its responsibility. Americans such as you have recognized the need of extra War Bond purchases over and above their normal payroll savings.

There is no such thing as a little fellow in a War Bond drive. Your War Bond purchases, multiplied by the War Bond purchases of your friends and neighbors, become fighting power which saves lives of Americans on the battlefronts and brings us nearer our common objective. THE EDITOR.

Dan'l-Davey-Kit



These three naval officers bear the names of famous fighters of by-gone days: Lt. to R., Lieut. Daniel Boone Jr., Lieut. David Crockett and Ensign James D. ("Kit") Carson.

MR. DEALER

Do you need a barrel of Menthol base Anti-freeze?

NALL will ship you one at 88c per gallon including the barrel F. O. B. Guymon, Okla., Just tell me where.

NALL

has the following new Mud and Snow tires in the following sizes:

- 525 x 21, 4 ply Pass.
- 650 x 20, 6 ply Truck
- 650 x 20, 8 ply Truck
- 700 x 20, 8 ply Truck
- 750 x 20, 8 ply Truck

You know NALL shares with all dealers.

NALL

Guymon --- Okla. Phone 319

We Have enjoyed Serving You During 1944



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities. May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many which are finding their way to you?

And a Happy, Prosperous New Year

R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO.

Three Years Conspiracy

By IAN CAMPBELL GAULT

THEY drove up the icy gravel drive between the snow-laden oaks. Margot asked, "Who are the guests?"

"Probably a mob for the party," Johnny explained as he got out of the car door. "Sis always has a party on New Year's day."

His words of laughter and singing in the huge living room greeted them as the butler opened the door. Margot caught the glimpse of Peg, Johnny's sister.

"By the way, you could look for another year with such gayety," she observed with amusement.

"I'm afraid," Margot said, "I can't keep up with the general gaiety before dinner. Isn't there some place we can observe the party being observed?"

"I nodded toward a small conservatory opening on the living room. 'There's a side door to that through the butler's pantry.' He led the way.

"Sitting her on a love seat shaded by a magnificent fern, he returned with cocktails.

"Margot took the glass absently, her eyes on the group



"Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

around the piano. "Isn't that your Miss Leslie?"

He followed her gaze. A raven-haired, vivacious young girl was accompanying his sister in a duet. His secretary!

He nodded. "She seems a little different away from the office."

"She probably doesn't know you're here," Margot said.

"And just what do you mean by that?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, Johnny!" her voice was faintly malicious. "Don't tell me you haven't guessed. Why, the girl is simply delicious about you."

His laugh was spontaneous. "Now who's being romantic?"

"She told me," Margot answered evenly.

Johnny stared, open-mouthed. "Honestly?"

His mind searched back over his three years' association with Miss Leslie. Incident after incident wrapped up to bolster Margot's assertion.

"Men are stupid, aren't they?" Margot shook her head slowly. "Only blind."

Johnny looked at his watch. "It's about time for my weekly proposal," he said, grinning.

Margot lit a cigarette. Through the smoke she said, "And your weekly rejection."

"Well," his voice seemed strangely carefree, "in that case I won't propose."

The couples in the other room were dancing now. Johnny's eyes were following his secretary, moving lithely about the polished floor in perfect accord with the intricate pattern of her partner's steps.

"Graceful, isn't she?"

"And beautiful," Margot said. Johnny nodded.

"And young."

He looked over at the words, faintly flushed, aware for the second time that day of the disparity between his age and Margot's.

"But not nearly so beautiful nor so graceful as you." His voice lacked conviction.

Margot bowed primly. "But younger."

Just before dinner, Johnny said, "We really should go in and say 'hello' to Miss Leslie. If she knows we're here she must think us rude."

Margot yawned. "I'm too comfortable. You'd better, though. You know, keep up the old office morale."

Margot watched him as he sauntered a shade too casually over to the group once again around the piano. Even at a distance the eagerness with which the girl greeted him was apparent.

Dinner was announced. Someone suggested, "Just one more song. A song for the new year."

Peg struck an opening chord, the group joined hands and voices lifted in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Johnny, his head inclining his secretary's, was by no means the quietest.

Peg was secretly smiling at Miss Leslie. Miss Leslie's eyes were directed toward the conservatory. "Thanks," she seemed to say to Margot.

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Christmas Delayed

By LEALON MARTIN, JR.

"ASSUREDLY, Mamma," said Jules Greillon, "this tree, she's most pretty."

He surveyed with pride the glittering spruce, with shiny toys piled beneath.

"Yes, Papa," Marie agreed. "It was nice that Mr. Bonsour keep the tree good for you this long. Perhaps Mary Ann, she will now believe."

Again the old sadness came to Jules Greillon. Poor Marie! It was not well that a Cajun couple should be childless, yet God had so willed it—and their habit of calling each other Mamma and Papa, begun years ago in hope, had long since been dropped.

Jules' eyes dimmed as he remembered how the child had come to them, early in December, just before they were ready to leave for the usual three months of muskrat trapping.

Mary Ann was five, chubby, yellow-haired, daughter of his cousin from the hill country north. She was an alien to this lower coast land of marsh and water. But there



"Oh!"

had been no closer kin, no one else to take her after the highway crash in which both parents had been killed.

Greillon came back to the present. "Now, Papa, all is ready," Marie was saying. "It is but to wait quietly until she awakens."

In her bed, snuggled in the blankets against the chill of the February dawn, Mary Ann could dimly hear the voices in the next room.

In the other room the oak in the fireplace crackled merrily. Warmth and cheer filled the place.

But the two sitting there, waiting quietly but anxiously, scarcely realized this—or that the bells and holly, the red and green paper, and the glimmering tree made the room a different world, a child's fairyland.

Would this make the little one feel better, Jules wondered? It had been a mistake, taking her down to the marshes with them. Yet once there, they could hardly leave until the season was done. It was the furs that brought their living, made them, not wealthy, but well-off, able to take care of a child.

They had tried to explain to her that trapper folk postponed the holiday until they returned to the little communities clustered here and there on solid land north of the rat country.

"And Santa Claus won't even come?" Mary Ann had asked, wide-eyed.

More than anything, Jules remembered and regretted that moment in their little marsh hut. He had looked helplessly at Marie.

"But no, my sweet," Marie had tried to explain. "He will come later, back in Timbalier."

But the child had burst into tears. And she had never understood. Greillon was sure that it was this that had become the barrier between Mary Ann and them. Somehow they could not break through it.

"She does not have the faith in us, Mamma," he had said to Marie.

"Perhaps later she will," Marie had said hopefully.

Mary Ann stirred and rubbed her eyes. It must be getting-up time. Funny that Mrs. Greillon hadn't called her. She always did. Mary Ann wriggled out of bed, padded to the door, opened it.

"Oh!" cried Mary Ann, catching her breath. Then, in sheer ecstasy, "Oh!"

It couldn't be true, yet there it was! A really, truly Christmas tree, all bright and beautiful. A big red stocking hanging by the fireplace. And toys piled up under the green branches, and the most beautiful doll!

The room was all cozy. Mary Ann's eyes sparkled. Santa Claus had come after all as Mr. and Mrs. Greillon had said, as she hadn't believed. There they were smiling at her.

"Oh, Mamma, Papa," she cried, running in. "Santa Claus really did come after all, just as you said he would, didn't he?"

Mamma and Papa Greillon looked at each other smiling gently, eyes gleaming.

"Yes, my sweet," Mamma said, tenderly.

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SEASON'S BEST WISHES

HARK, THE ANGEL VOICES!

May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning, a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.



We Hope You Have
a happy and Prosperous
1945

Boykin Higgs Motor Co.

SEASON'S GREETING



IN THESE
LAST
SHORT
DAYS
OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

May You Enjoy
a Happy and Prosperous
1945

—To the Spearman Reporter on the occasion of its 38th birthday.
Consolidated With
Spearman Equity Exchange

REG'LAR FELLERS—Knot So Good

By GENE BYRNES



Camels Being Used on Farms
Camels are being used on collective and state farms in Russian Azerbaijan and have already proved a great success on the Beria, Komsomol and other collective farms.

Potatoes Long in World Trade
Potatoes, the world's chief food crop, have been an item of foreign trade almost from the day that the conquering Spaniards came upon them in Peru.

Mountbatten's Aide



A native of Peoria, Ill., Lieut. Gen Raymond A. Wheeler, has been named by the combined chiefs of staff as deputy supreme Allied commander, southeast Asia command. He replaces General Stilwell.

Rich and Poor Mingled During English Yule

During the 1400s and 1500s before the Puritans got the upper hand, the golden age of English hospitality reigned. At Christmas time castles and manor houses were filled with guests by the score and the hundred.

Kinsmen and neighbors were there and on certain days the tradesmen and tenants, for all were equal at this season. The hostler could dance with the mistress if he had the nerve to ask her. And he usually had—after the wassail.

The great halls were a din of festivity. There was light—almost enough to pierce the wood smoke. And there were the savory aromas: Roasting beef, roasting mutton, fowl and brawn (the flesh of the wild pig, which had been caught and fed good grain to the point of arousing his suspicions; too late, of course).

The dark ale flowed and added its voice—by proxy—to heighten the noise. At the peak of all this there was brought in the Yule log—a relic, incidentally, of the Scandinavians' pagan worship of Thor. With a brand from last year's log the new one was fired.

The light from these roaring flames would shine out through portals opened to the knocks of caroling and wassailing bands who, more often than not, were brought into the hall to eat of nutmeg cakes and brawn and mustard.

Christmas Elf Concerned With Well-Being of Cattle

Jule-Nisse was not exactly a Danish version of Santa Claus. He was an elfish little old man who lived in the attic and was primarily concerned with the well-being of the cattle, keeping them quiet and contented, caring for them if the stablehands neglected their duties.

Nisse's name and association with Christmas probably stems from his legendary tenacity of houses where peace and contentment prevailed. 'Tis said he either avoided homes where contention ruled or played all sorts of gremlin-like tricks upon the occupants thereof.

Danish youngsters, mindful of Nisse's long memory and watchful eye, put themselves upon their good behavior as Christmas approaches.

Legends of Holly

Holly was much admired by the Druids who believed that its ever-green leaves attested to its favor with the sun god.

Legends related that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly. Before the crucifixion the berries were white but turned crimson like drops of blood.

Another is that holly is hateful to witches and is therefore placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

A more modern legend is that whoever brings the Christmas holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.

Same Old Santa
Same old Santa, same old joys,
Same old dolls and sleds and toys;
Same old holly, same old tree,
Same old gifts for cherubs wee;
Same old carol, same old light,
Same old stockings hung at night;
Same old words of merry cheer,
Same good wishes for the year.
Same old Christmas! Seems to me
That's the way it ought to be.

Towel Factory
World's largest towel factory is at Annapolis, Md.

Tomato Virus
Tomatoes are more susceptible to virus diseases when they are excessively fertilized with phosphorus.

Brighten Towels
Dingy kitchen towels can be whitened by boiling them in a solution containing a teaspoon of peroxide to each pint of water.

Turkish Towels
Never iron Turkish towels, since ironing flattens the nap.



and so we'll have to do everything possible to keep little Randolph from learning the truth. Mrs. Hobson announced with grim vehemence to her husband. "After all, what's Christmas without Santa Claus?"

"Golly Neds!" Charles exclaimed, borrowing Butch's favorite expression. "I didn't think any kids believed in the old boy nowadays. And, Butch, of all kids! He's so manly—"

"Randolph isn't just any kid, he's my nephew," Helen Hobson replied tartly. Her only sister was now indulging in a prolonged hospital rest. "Randolph is our responsibility for the time being and we simply must give him the finest Christmas possible. Manly or not, he's still a little boy and, Charles," she finished grandly, "we must protect his faith in Santa Claus!"

The next afternoon Helen proudly took her place among the fond parents who watched their children cau-



"Did you tell Santa what you wanted?"

tiously approach the bearded, red-robed figure seated on a white throne in Kerbinger's toy department. She nearly cried when Butch, a wide grin on his round face, marched straight up to Santa Claus and engaged him in earnest conversation. "Did you tell Santa what you wanted?" she asked in a tremulous voice when Butch rejoined her.

The boy smiled up at her, and Mrs. Hobson's heart nearly melted from the warmth in his black eyes. "Sure I did, Aunt Helen," and he recounted the long list.

"These children around here are so sophisticated," she told Charles that evening. "I'm afraid one of them will talk about Christmas and Santa Claus and ruin everything."

Charles rubbed his head. "Children will chatter, Helen," he reminded her. "You can't change Butch into a clam overnight."

"If Randolph doesn't discuss Santa Claus with his friends, he won't learn the truth," Helen explained with jubilant impatience.

"It might work, at that," Charles admitted doubtfully.

It was with misgiving, therefore, that Charles, on a Saturday afternoon when Helen was downtown, heard Butch and a playmate venture a few words on the approaching Yuletide. Charles was reclining on the couch near the bay window and could plainly hear the words through the glass. "Did you see that machine gun in Kerbinger's toyland?" Butch's companion asked.

"You mean the one over near Santa Claus?" Butch parried. "Sure, I saw it. It was swell!"

Santa Claus! Charles held his breath as he heard Butch's playmate laugh. "That Santa Claus," the boy giggled. "What a clown! How can they expect a guy to believe in Santa Claus? As if there could be any such thing!"

Charles scrambled for the front door. Poor Butch—the poor kid— and just a few days before Christmas, too. Charles jerked the door open and bounded to the porch. "Butch!"

"Yes, Uncle Charles," came the slow reply, and Butch peered around the corner of the house. His dark eyes were solemn. Gone was his familiar smile.

"Aw, Butch," Charles mumbled, stumbling down the porch steps to meet the boy. "Butch, I wish this hadn't happened. I don't know what to say—" his voice threatened to break, and he stopped.

Butch looked at the ground for a moment, then raised his eyes. "I'm sorry too, Uncle George," he said. "I forgot I was so close to the house. I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know."

Charles' brain thumped as if he had received a blow between the eyes from the hoof of one of jolly old St. Nick's reindeer. "Wh—what's that, Butch?"

"Why, I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know about me and Santa Claus," Butch went on in serious vein. "I was sure you could take it, Unk, but Aunt Helen—aw, shucks, I've been having a great time with her, Uncle George. She gets a big kick out of me acting as if I believe in Santa Claus, so don't tell her the truth. Golly Neds, I don't want to spoil her Christmas!"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

BURRAN GROCERY & MKT.
R. E. Burran



Christmas JOY TO ALL 1944

THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus . . . or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas.

Yes, there IS a Santa Claus, and there will always BE a Santa Claus in the good old U.S.A.

We wish for you and your family this season of 1944-45 a typical American Christmas.

CAMPBELL TAILOR SHOP
John Berry

GREETINGS



MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us . . . in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

BURL'S CAFE
W. A. Robinson



Christmas GREETINGS

THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

CLARENCE PETTITT GARAGE
Auto Rep. & Motor Tune-Up
Spearman, Texas

But It's True

THE MAN WHO COMPOSED A POPULAR SONG WHILE TALKING IN HIS SLEEP
...GEORGE KELLY OF BALTIMORE, SEPTEMBER, 1904...

A JOHN HARVARD ATTENDED YALE FROM 1883 TO 1887 - LATER WAS A PROFESSOR AT PRINCETON NEVER VISITED CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

MRS. ELIZABETH PRATT'S JOB IS THAT OF CLEANING 10,000 SKULLS EVERY WEEK IN THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, LONDON.

YOU ARE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR TAKING A GOAT OUT OF TURKEY!!

WNU Service

Japan Training Young Boys for New Wars



While still in the grade school, Japanese youngsters are being trained in the rudiments of flying. Each boy is given tests and training on the manipulation of controls. The blindfolded boy has been whirled about in a spinning chair. When the chair stops revolving the boy is supposed to place his pointer on a specified spot on a chart. The accuracy he displays indicates his coordination, powers of recuperation and sense of balance—his fitness to become part of the future air force of Japan.

But It's True

THE HIGHEST AVERAGE EVER MADE AT WEST POINT WAS MADE BY A MAN WHO LATER FOUGHT AGAINST THE U.S. ... ROBERT E. LEE ...

THE SIX-LEGGED CAT WHICH GETS ABOUT WITH NO TROUBLE!
...OWNED BY HENRY COYLER, SAVANNAH, GA.

THE PERPETUAL STUDENT!
...WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT KEMP ATTENDED COLUMBIA FROM 1868 TO 1922—BECAUSE UNDER A RELATIVE'S WILL HE WAS TO GET \$3,000 A YEAR AS LONG AS HE WAS IN COLLEGE.

THE DEAD SENTINEL!

GEORGE CURRIE, OF 5 PORTSMOUTH AVE., DEERE PARK, STATEN ISLAND, WAS SERVING WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT MONTFAUCON, FRANCE, IN 1918 ... HE THREW UP HIS ARMS UPON SEEING AN AMERICAN SOLDIER POINTING A GUN AT HIM ... THE SENTINEL PROVED TO BE DEAD, PROPPED AGAINST A TREE //

WNU Service

OUR 1944 GREETINGS TO YOU



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.

We Wish One and All
a Happy and Prosperous
New Year

WHITE HOUSE LUMBER CO.
Ed Hutton, Mgr.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.

May You Enjoy
a Happy and Prosperous
1945

DR. J. E. GOWER

Pate's Paper Pupnet



YOU CAN TELL THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS STORES THESE DAYS BY JUST LOOKING AT WHO'S DOWN THE ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSPAPER

Corrosive Oils
A simple rapid method for testing the corrosive effect of lubricating oils upon motor engines makes it possible to predict the life of the bearings when a given oil is used

Narrow Perch
A narrow perch in front of the hen's nest will keep her feet cleaner. Result—less stained and dirty eggs.

Adults Far-Sighted
Most animals, and human beings as well, are born far-sighted. Although many persons become near-sighted, it is estimated that about half of all adults are far-sighted.

Small Grains
Early planted crops of small grains produce larger yields. Fertilizer at planting helps reduce winter kill and increases spring growth.



WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes... our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

DAVIS BROTHERS

Champlin Products

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here! We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

F. E. MITTS

Phillips Products

WAR QUIZ CORNER

WHO IS HE?
(40 points)
1. Son and namesake of a famous American, he won the Purple Heart and Silver Star serving with U. S. Navy. Do you know him?
2. In the field artillery, "counter-battery" fire means what?
3. True or false: Four-engine bombers were used in the first World War.
4. What famous, handsome movie star went through officers' candidate school, later made motion pictures from bomber over Germany?

ANSWERS

Count: Question one, 40; rest, 20 each. Score: 100, perfect; 80, good; 60, fair.
1. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.
2. Opposing artillery batteries trying to hit each other.
3. True. Russia used them.
4. Clark Gable.

Home and Missing



Upper—"One Man Army." Corp. James H. Mills, decorated for heroism at Anzio with congressional medal of honor. Lower—Col. Hubert Zemke, group ace commander, missing over Germany. Zemke was credited with 19½ enemy planes.

WAR QUIZ CORNER

WHO IS HE?
(40 points)
1. He stalled off U. S. while Japs got ready to attack Pearl Harbor. Remember his name?
2. What have these in common: Lexington, Saratoga, Wasp.
3. Who used to meet who at Brenner Pass?
4. True or false: Italy and Germany formally declared war on U. S.

ANSWERS

Count: Question one, 40; rest, 20 each. Score: 100, perfect; 80, good; 60, fair.
1. Saburo Kurusu.
2. All U. S. aircraft carriers. All sunk.
3. Hitler and Mussolini.
4. True, but unusual for them. Dec. 11, 1941.

WAR QUIZ CORNER

WHO IS HE?
(40 points)
1. King of Albania, he and American wife were chased out by Italians. Remember?
2. Food for U. S. army is provided by which branch: (a) Transportation, (b) Quartermaster, (c) Ordnance?
3. What was the "China Incident"?
4. True or false: Britain and France declared war same day Nazis invaded Poland.

ANSWERS

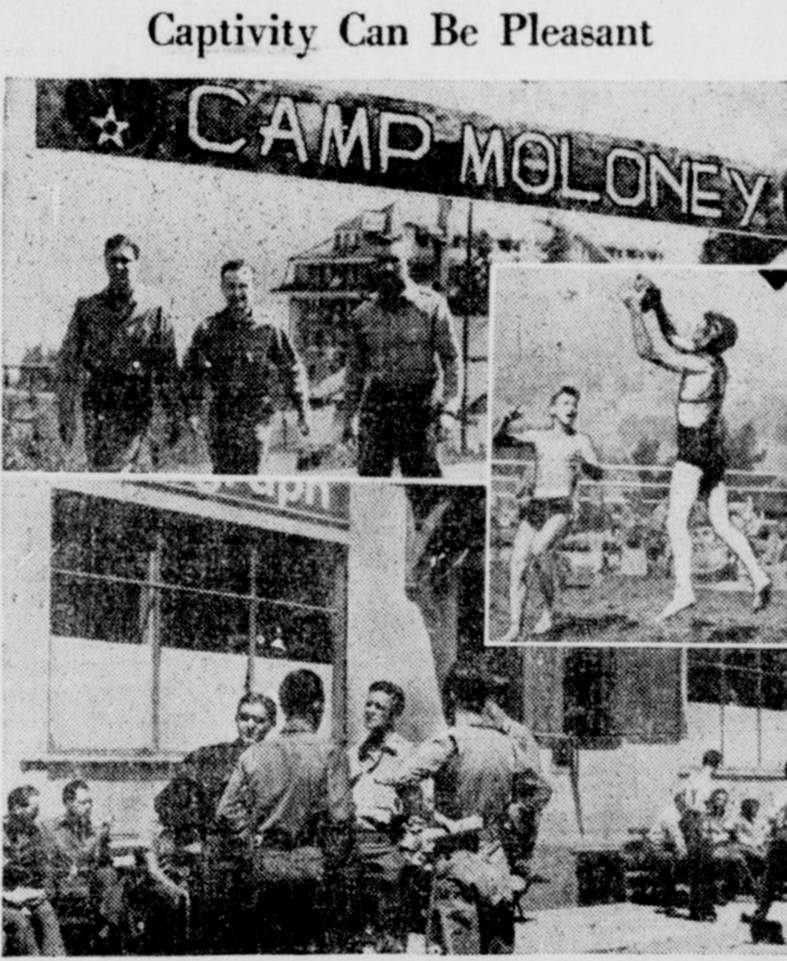
Count: Question one, 40; rest, 20 each. Score: 100, perfect; 80, good; 60, fair.
1. King Zog.
2. Quartermaster.
3. Japs' capture of legat war on China, starting in 1937.
4. False, Germany declared war on Britain and France on Sept. 3, 1939.



South African troops in Italy have built this road (lower left), out of 105-mm. shell cases, in order to pull their 40-mm. Eofors over it for the Fifth army. Center—Mules are used to carry supplies south of Bologna when the mud gets knee-deep. Upper right—Hub-deep with mud, the Italian roads have slowed down supplies. In many sections it is necessary to fly in almost all material on account of impassable roads. Thousands of miles of roads are now being constructed by American engineers in France and Italy. While the construction takes time, many of the new roads are in operation.



The piper in this modern version of the Pied Piper of Hamelin is RAF Flying Officer T. C. Pinkerton, who hails from Ballymoney in the county Antrim, Ireland. F/O Pinkerton skirls a mean bagpipe. If the enthusiasm of the crowd of French kids who follow him around the air field is any criterion.



Nearly 600 American fliers are interned for the duration of the war at Camp Moloney in Adelboden, Switzerland. They were forced down on Swiss territory during missions against the enemy. Stay of the "guests" is made as pleasant as possible, with sports, educational pursuits and other means of relieving the tedium of waiting. The camps in Switzerland for American air heroes shot down over that country have been recognized by the American Red Cross as ideal from every angle. Many of the men have enrolled in correspondence courses in American universities.



Fritz, a goat left behind by the Germans in a German front-line town, does her bit for the Allied cause by giving milk to the men of a marine platoon. She has become a part of the regular equipment of this unit and, mounted on the head of a jeep, makes her evening donation to the cause of GI Joe.

Greek Boy Veteran



Born in Cleveland, Ohio, 15-year-old Louis Petropoulagos went to Greece in 1935. Louis has participated in 14 battles and conducted himself as a seasoned veteran.

Heroine Has Faith



Seven-year-old Judith Ann Koch of Cleveland, lost her sight when she ran into a street to save a dog imperiled by an oncoming auto. She believes she will see again. She is shown with her new pet dog.

U. S. Rocket Gunners



Navy rocket gunners prepare for target practice aboard a rocket craft. The addition of rocket firing mechanism gives the small craft the punch of much heavier vessels with ordinary armament. Many of the ships in the merchant marine and navy are being equipped with rockets.

It's Dr. Pyle Now



Ernie Pyle, American war correspondent, is seen in the dignified garb of a doctor of humane letters, the honorary degree conferred on him by Indiana University. It was the first such degree granted by the university in 125 years. This is the second degree to be granted Pyle by American colleges since his return from overseas. The University of New Mexico granted him an honorary degree shortly after his return to his New Mexico home.

Planning for 1945



(WNU Service)

Holy Night



Finis



(WNU Service)

OUR 1944 GREETINGS TO YOU



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



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Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

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"ALL OUT" ON THE FARM FRONT

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNTY AGENT

Boys 4-H Club Work
Hansford County 4-H Club Boys have worked for victory by producing food, buying war bonds, working on farms and ranches and by many other various ways.

Chief projects include the fattening and production of beef calves, swine and sheep. The annual 4-H Stock Show and Beef Judging Contest was held last March, with the Clawson family winning most of the honors. Rodney Clawson showed the Grand Champion calf, (winner last year) the Reserve Champion, and their Mother won first in the public beef judging contest.

The Sears 4-H Swine Program has gone forward during the year, with 8 gilts and 1 boar being distributed in May. The pigs were registered Poland China. They were exhibited in a local show September 28, and carried to this district show at Amarillo September 29.

The owners of the gilts carried them with a three weeks' supply of feed to the boar the first part of November. All gilts except one were bred between the first and eleventh of the month, and she was bred toward the last of the month.

The 4-H cherry tree program for the county made progress with a large number of seedlings being grown for budding by 4-H demonstrators. Carl Craig Hutchinson is the demonstrator for the boys clubs. The final object of this program is to provide fruit trees for every farm home in the county. The seedlings were budded on the 16th and 17th of August. This budding was very discouraging, however, as more than 98% of the buds died.

Agricultural and Economic Conditions in the County
Hansford County producers are in a sound condition agriculturally and economically as the year 1944 draws to a close. The largest wheat crop in history coupled with fair prices for all farm commodities has favored them with the largest annual income ever received in the county, and amounting to over 9,000,000,000 dollars. This is an average of more than \$26,000 per farmer.

Total deposits at the local bank are \$4,180,000 as compared to \$3,343,000 at the close of 1943. The farm deposits will average around \$10,000 per farm family.

In addition to wheat, good crops of barley and oats were harvested. Yields of combine type grain sorghum and other feed crops have been as high as 50 and 60 bushels per acre, with an average of about 30 bushels.

Some losses in cattle were acquired by some producers during the heavy winter snow. The severe weather caused high feed costs during the winter months, but cattlemen who held on recovered their losses and most of them made fair profits. Favorable pasture prospects in the fall stimulated the purchase of thousands of head of cattle. There are approximately 50,000 head in the county at this time.

Little actual net income was made from swine during the year. In fact, the unfavorable price relationship between feed and pork forced most producers to liquidate their herds last winter. There is a widespread demand for both brood sows and shoats as the year closes because of favorable feed situation.

One cheering aftermath of the good 1944 crop is the huge amount of crop residue left on the land. This should materially assist in aiding producers to adequately prevent serious wind erosion for a number of years to come.

and better lasting results. The AAA, Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, and Farm Security Administration cooperated closely in promulgating a sound agricultural program in the county. The local U. S. D. A. War Board has done much to correlate these programs, and has been active in all phases of war work that effected or threatened to effect agriculture in the county.

Other agencies during the year included O.D.T., F.D.A., and I.P.A. The O.D.T. emergency wheat harvest gasoline program was extremely helpful in obtaining gas needed for harvest. This program allowed the local AAA to issue gas on a temporary emergency basis.

The selective service board and County war board has maintained mutual working conditions with each other. The Extension and AAA have furnished data to the draft board on practically all agricultural registrants.

Post War Planning
A post war agricultural planning committee for returning war veterans consisting of ten men and four women has been appointed in Hansford County. Their selection was based upon their past attitude toward civic affairs, and their locations in the county. They were chosen from all parts of the county with the idea of garnering information that would be representative of the whole county.

The members of the committee were asked to contact their neighbors, find out who might have a place for a returning veteran, and file a report of their findings in the County Agent's office.

With a list of all possibilities in the County Agent's office will be in position to direct a Veteran to someone with whom he might make a deal for the kind of farm or farm job that he wants and is qualified to handle.

Bindweeds
Farmers of Hansford County are beginning to inquire with alarm about eradication measures for bindweeds. It seems that the weeds have crept into the fields almost without being noticed. There is also quite a lot of it along roadways. Some fields are practically lost to this pest. Some patches have been killed with salt, and a small amount of Sodium Chlorate has been applied. Recently one farmer has ordered a spreader for applying chemical dry on infested areas. We are planning an intensive attack on bindweeds as soon as materials are available for it.

Other Crops
There was about 26,000 acres planted to barley and oats in 1944. Farmers, having seen the value of producing high quality wheat, are directing their efforts toward quality in other grains. Several farmers are producing certified Ward and Reno barley and one is producing certified Martin Milo in 1944. There was about 15,000 acres planted to grain sorghum, the major part of which is Martin Milo. Yields of milo have run as high as 60 bushels per acre, with the average about 30 bushels per acre.

R. E. A.
Early in the spring of 1944 work was started toward getting a R.E.A. line in Hansford County. A county survey was made by AAA and Extension Service to determine the number of farmers who wanted it. Three hundred forty six farm homes were contacted and 329 of them signed for R.E.A. This information was given to the Farm Bureau, who took some initiative steps toward the organization of the Panhandle R. E. A. Association. This association consists of Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, and parts of Hutchinson and Hemphill Counties.

The WPB has approved some 200 miles of line a portion of which is now under construction in Lipscomb County.

U. S. D. A. War Board
Throughout the year the War Board has furnished data on more than 200 different registrants. This informational data has been brought up to date every six months, and it is furnished each time by the War Board. The War Board also makes recommendations for the deferment of essential agricultural workers. Edd Close is chairman of the War Board and the County Agent is secretary.

Predicts Increased Investment By American Farmers During Sixth War Bond Campaign

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A prediction that American farmers will invest more money in bonds during the Sixth War Loan than in any previous drive was made today by the War Finance Division of the U. S. Treasury.

Farmers bought \$1,250,000,000 worth of War Bonds during 1943, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In 1944 it is believed they can and should purchase a total of \$2,000,000,000. Ted R. Gamble, national director of the War Finance Division, said:

"The Sixth War Loan, starting November 20, comes at an ideal time for agriculture, he pointed out. This is not only the time when farm income is at a seasonal peak, but 1944 marks three years of record breaking farm income, he said.



Ted R. Gamble

Based on information obtained from the BEA, the Agricultural Section of the War Finance Division estimates the 1944 cash farm income at \$2,000,000,000, compared with \$20,000,000,000 in 1943. Although net farm income, due to higher operating costs, may not be greater than in 1943, most farmers now have reduced their debts and consequently will have more money to put into War Bonds, the division reports.

In the twelve months ending January 1, 1944, farmers reduced real estate mortgages alone by \$55,000,000.

Bank Deposits Gain
After paying all operating costs and necessary family expenses, farmers will have left this year for investment and debt reduction over \$5,000,000,000, the Agricultural Section also estimates.

Because of the fact that new machinery is not obtainable, farm deposits are piling up in rural banks. Demand deposits held by farmers in the four banks are estimated at \$4,500,000,000 and time deposits at \$2,000,000,000. Since the new method of redeeming Series E Sav-

ings Bonds makes them as liquid as a dollar bill, it is no longer necessary for the farmer to maintain a large bank account to meet possible emergencies, Mr. Gamble stated. Therefore, he believes, farmers will convert part of these deposits into War Bonds.

War Bond purchasers will provide a farm financial reserve to protect against damage by drought, flood and livestock disease, will assure cash to replace and repair buildings and machinery as well as to build back soil fertility depleted by wartime food production, and will provide funds for education, vacations and old age security.

The high farm income this year is the result of the huge increase in farm production to meet wartime food needs rather than a rise in prices, which have been held down by the OPA it was explained.

STEP RIGHT UP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

6TH WAR LOAN

SOCK 'EM WITH A BOND

Fred L. Packer—Bressler Editorial Cartoons, Inc.

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Out To Break Record; Sold \$373,300 in Three Previous Campaigns



Twelve-year-old Carl J. Buehler, Jr., is out to break his previous record of bond sales. With the six high school girls shown in the picture he is making the round of New Jersey theatres, community rallies and schools during the Sixth War Loan.

NEWARK, N. J.—With War Bond sales totaling \$373,300 to his credit in three previous drives, 12-year-old Carl J. Buehler, Jr., of Verona, N. J., is out to break his previous records during the Sixth War Loan drive.

Accompanied by six attractive high school girls, whom he terms his "Bevy of Bond Boosters," Carl has started a round of schools, clubs, industries and community bond rallies, which will keep him busy throughout the drive.

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We have secured a large car of Quaker's Ful-O-Pep cattle and sheep protein cubes, and they will be on the truck Tuesday, December 19. These contain 32% protein, are rich in minerals, are firmly matted for feeding on the ground. We also have 44% soybean meal mineral salt blocks, Ful-O-Pep calf starter, laying mash starter, and Early Bird scratch grains.

WHAT THE BOYS IN SERVICE ARE DOING

Eugene E. Smith, Seaman 2-c... Eugene was in Australia and could not be reached to come to Spearman.

EXCERPTS OF LETTER FROM JIMMY LINN TO MR. & MRS. FRED LINN

I arrived safely over here and I feel fine. I had a little boat ride and I am not much of a sailor because I got terribly seasick.

I like this country so far. The weather here is terrible. It is misting continuously and comparatively cold.

If I gain nothing else out of the army, it's been worth my time to see all the sights and people. It's quite an experience.

Tell Granny not to consider me dead because I'm overseas. I don't expect to die for 50 or 60 years yet.

Lots of love, Jimmy

Seaman Thomas Newell Allen, who has spent the past few months at high sea in the Pacific war zone, is home for the holidays visiting his father Tom Allen and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacobs and sons Arthur and Cpl. Jerry Jacobs, spent the past week end at Camp Hood, Texas, visiting their son and brother, Elmond Jacobs.

Sgt. Bill Fleck of Gruver, who just completed a special course of instruction at Savannah, Ga., has been transferred to Las Vegas, Nev., where he entered aerial gunnery school.

Ensign and Mrs. H.W. (Culley) Parson from Pensacola, Fla., Ellington Field, were here for a few days the past week, visiting friends and relatives.

R.V. Converse Says:

Spearman, Texas, Dec. 21 This being the last issue of this paper before the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, it is fitting that we pause and consider and take stock of not only ourselves, but of everything we are a part of.

clouds of unrest and strife we may get a glimpse of the perfect and be sustained thereby. The writer wishes you a fine Christmas with all of the joy that comes with understanding.

Our Uncle has just received a glancing lick to the body and has taken the first impact standing up. It will only be a matter of a few days until the break through in our army lines in Belgium will be closed and while the cost to us is great, it will be much more costly to the enemy who can not afford to waste.

The political situation is fast becoming one of division in our country. The leaders are all trying to get to the top and many will fail, then there will be dissection, even bitter words and criticism to follow, but in the end it will work for good.

Our national diplomacy has run into some snags of late, but it is not a starter of what will come when we commence to close up our business in Europe. Already there is talk of a third World War.

us, and our children may live to see the day when this country will pay, and pay, for this war many times over, and then be subjected to all kinds of outrages from foreign foes who are now being fed by us.

There probably will be some

more monkeying with the cattle prices in the near future, and if a better job is not done than has been done in the past, it will just about be the end of the cattle business as we have been used to it; the present day cow man cannot stand much more shoving around and survive.

The Ladies' Aid will have their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Clara Stedje on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28.

After this comes 1945, and the writer wishes you all a prosperous new year and hopes that your sorrows will be lightened by the fact that a good job is being done.

Yours, R. V. Converse

IAKP VIEW TATTLER

I guess I better get busy and write what little news I do have or Santa won't come to see me. First, we had a snow the same as every other community, but we live on the mile I sometimes call the forgotten mile when it comes to traffic and a well kept road, but one thing that never forgets this mile is the snow, so feathery and light, drifts high, drifts in the forgotten mile. We stay in the entire while, while the snow sparkles in the moon light, blinds you in the sunlight. My nerves become tense as I read and write.

Nothing stops John Sim for very long; that man just can't stay put in one spot—he must be on the move. Yesterday he came over, looking the roads over, and determined to go to town today. Where there is a will there is a way, so watching out my window, I saw Mr. and Mrs. Sim go east, turn north and sail along on their way to town, where they can do their shopping, mix and mingle with their friends, come home feeling all brand new by having associated with their friends and extend Christmas greetings.

OSLO NEWS

Morning worship at Oslo Lutheran Church next Sunday, Dec. 24th, fourth Sunday in Advent, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sermon theme: "In the Sacrament You May Receive the Greatest Gift of Christmas." John 3:16. This will be a Communion service. The Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE CO.

The Christmas Day Service on Monday will begin at 11 a.m. Sermon theme: "The Wonder of Christmas," Isa. 9:6. In the evening on Christmas Day at eight o'clock, the Sunday School and Luther League will present the pageant, "Christmas Carols."

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John Robert Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Alexander, arrived at his home last Friday to spend his vacation from his school work at the Abbey School in Canon City, Colo. His parents drove to Canon City to bring him home. He will return there Jan. 4.

Misses Leona and Louise Knutson arrived at their home here last Saturday evening from Northfield, Minn., where they attend St. Olaf College. Their Christmas vacation continues until Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tebeest and their boys, Dwain and Gerald, went to Liberal on Wednesday of last week to take Mrs. Tebeest's parents, who have been visiting at the Tebeest home for the past few weeks, to the train for their return trip to Castlewood, S. Dak., where they live.

Miss Marie Stedje spent last Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

Miss Betsy Dahl spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Dahl.

KHIVA TEMPLE LEADS NATION IN CRIPPLED CHILDREN PROGRAM

Khiva Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has as strong possibility of leading the nation in the percentage of memberships the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children. Khiva Temple, aided by Masonic and non-Masonic friends, has risen from near the bottom to close to the top in standing in two years.

The memberships cost \$61.50 and the amount is a deductible

income tax item. The donor's name is printed on a red and gold ladder which is rapidly filling the Khiva Temple's auditorium in Amarillo.

Khiva Temple, which now has almost 2,000 members, has jurisdiction in 41 counties. Each of those counties has been assigned a quota of eight memberships on the Ladder of Baby Smiles.

Mr. Howard R. Brillhart, Potentate Aide for Hansford County, said this is one of the greatest humanitarian activities known to man and that more than 80,000 children, regardless of creed or color, have been treated in the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

You don't have to be a Shriner to buy rungs on the Ladder of Baby Smiles—any person, family, firm or organization can purchase rungs and have their names on the Ladder.

Mr. Brillhart said to either send your checks for \$61.50 to him or mail them direct to Khiva Temple, Box 328, Amarillo, Tex.

W. F. D. ETLING HEADS AAA COMMITTEE FOR COMING YEAR

William F. D. Etling will head the Triple A program for Hansford county next year. This was decided at an election held at the court house last week. Etling was elected chairman of the AAA committee. Others elected were Everett Vanderburg, vice chairman; J. C. Harris, third member of the committee. Alternates elected were Roy Chase and R. H. Greene.

BUSTER CATOR AND CHESTER MITTS BUY GRUVER SERV. STA.

Announcement is made in this issue of the Reporter of the purchase of the Gruver Service Station and Conoco by Chester Mitts and Buster Cator. These two popular Gruver men declare they will give the customers of the business quality service and prompt deliveries. They invite the regular customers to remain with the business, and extend an invitation to the public to give them a trial.

Safety Glass The most up-to-date type of safety glass consists of a highly elastic plastic pressed between two sheets.

Wash Brushes Hair brushes can be cleaned by dipping in warm water, to which a little ammonia has been added. Rinse in cold water. If bristles are too soft, a pinch of alum in the rinsing water will stiffen them.

Goby Fish The goby fish will drown if kept under water for any great length of time. It can move about on shore.

TWENTY THREE RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS TO REPORTER PAST WEEK

Renewal Subscriptions

- La. Craig Davidson, Lubbock Texas (gift of grandmother, Mrs. Verdine McNabb) Warren McNabb, Winalow, Ariz. (gift of mother, Mrs. W. S. McNabb) Cpl. Wentworth Terry, New York, N. Y. (gift of sister, Mary Fern Terry) Mr. and Mrs. Ed Read, Amarillo, Texas (gift of daughter, Mrs. Kester Lackey) B. F. Renner, Amarillo, Texas (gift of son, B. W. Renner) Jerry W. Gibner, SKV 2-c, Corpus Christi, Texas (gift of brother, C. A. Gibner) Lt. Charles Cox, Ardmore, Okla., (gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maise) J. T. May, Spearman Route A. D. Reed, Spearman Route John Venneman, Guymon Rt. Henry Roper, Gruver, Texas. B. W. Renner, Gruver, Texas. Chester Martin, Amarillo, Texas

New Subscribers

- J. Dan Archer, (gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Archer) Pete Rawls, Yuma, Ariz. O. O. McLeod, Amarillo, Texas. Lester Howell, Spearman, Tex. Harold Brillhart, Spearman, Texas. (the above four subscriptions are Christmas gifts from Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McLeod) Lt. Ruth Caldwell, A.S.N., Ft. Sam Houston, Texas (gift from aunt, Mrs. Alvino Caldwell) Garland Caldwell, S.S.N., Temple, Texas (gift from aunt, Mrs. Alvino, Caldwell) R. C. McCloy, Hemet, Calif. (gift from Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McCloy) F. A. Worel, Memphis, Tenn. (gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lester Howell) Joe Baten, Pampa, Texas

Twenty-three renewal and new subscribers brought the Christmas week subscription business of the Reporter to an all time high, according to the records of this office. However, this week last year twenty-one subscribers were recorded. The only difference is the fact that out of the 23 subscriptions sixteen were recorded as gift subscriptions. This will make many people happy for a year of good reading about the finest people in the world, namely Hansford citizens. Ten of the 23 subscriptions were new subscribers.

Lactic Acid The separation of lactic acid from its crude solutions, and its purification, can be efficiently accomplished by treatment with methanol (wood alcohol).

Snap Beans The only safe method of canning snap beans is with the use of a pressure cooker.

Notice To The Public

We have purchased the GRUVER SERVICE STATION from Bill Lowe and will continue to give the public first class service in this department. We invite the customers of this station to remain customers, and assure them we will give them service of quality.

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