

# SANTA ANNA NEWS

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## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Spence have received another card from their son, Weldon, who is a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines. Judging from what he could put on the card he has never received any of the letters written him though many have been written. He said that he was well.

Seaman 2-c A. L. Freeman returned to his training base in Seattle, Washington Tuesday after spending a several days furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freeman out on Route 2.

Thanks to Garland Close for a comic greeting card from North Africa. Garland is another one of our Santa Anna boys doing overseas service in the African War Theatre.

Peter E. Voorheis, Jr., son of Mrs. M. V. Oncida, Santa Anna, Rt. 2, has been sent to Ohio State University for work in the U. S. Army specialized training program.

Cpl. Ercell J. Ellis, 426 Bomb Sqdn., 309 Bomb Group, Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S. C. arrived Tuesday night on a several days furlough to spend the greater portion of the time with his parents at Rockwood.

S-Sgt. John C. Gregg-18038707, 6th Troop Carrier Sqdn. A. A. F., A. P. O. 922, % Postmaster San Francisco, Calif., writes from some place in Australia where he was recently transferred from New Guinea, that his hopes of getting to come home for Christmas have been abandoned and apparently he is destined to spend considerable time over there yet. His physical condition seems to be improved since being transferred to Australia.

### Wave Ends Training

Juanita Mae Terry, seaman, second class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Terry, Santa Anna, Route 2, has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School (Women's Reserves), Hunter College, the Bronx, New York. She has received orders to report for further instruction at Norman, Okla.

S-Sgt. Pat Hosch, of Goodfellow Field at San Angelo, was home over the week-end.

### Fine Rains Fall Here

What a difference there is in the general appearance of this country since the fine rains over the past two week-ends.

Small grain that appeared like dead two weeks back now looks very promising. Feed for livestock is not too plentiful, and is most too high priced to feed unless pasture supplement is provided, and such supplement was not in sight without rain. So far, the rain has been fine and started the grain to growing, which is a great relief, but stock water is still scarce and going to be more alarming unless we are favored with some heavier rains that will put out stock water. Here's hoping.

Miss Maxine Conley spent the week-end visiting in Brownwood.

## Mr. Aviation



U. S. Marine Corps Photo

Rated one of the best airplane motor mechanics in the U. S. Marine Corps, Master Technical Sergeant Clyde H. Jenkins of East St. Louis, Ill., frequently is referred to as "Mr. Aviation" because of his keen mechanical mind. A Leatherneck since 1925, Sgt. Jenkins today is a member of a Marine Corps squadron now blasting the Japs.

## Choir Practice Monday Night

Monday night, December 20, 1943, the young people's choir of the U. S. A. Presbyterian Church will present their first full length vocal program, the entire repertoire commemorating the yule season.

The choir under the direction of Miss Gale Collier will present the following selections:

Processional—I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Choir.

Carols—O Little Town of Bethlehem, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear and Silent Night, Choir.

Away In a Manger—Jo Ann and Carol McClellan.

Mystic Star—Betty Ann McCaughan, Alice Anna Guthrie.

Christmas Hymn, Jugo Hungst, Choir.

They Sang That Night in Bethlehem, Schubert—Choir.

We Three Kings of Orient Are—Choir.

Serenade, Schubert, Piano Solo—Calice Jane Overby.

Cantique De Noel, Adam, Vocal Solo—Gale Collier.

Oh Come All Ye Faithful—Choir.

Recessional.

The choir is composed of the following members: Don Davis, Bill, Carol and Jo Ann McClellan, Paula Holt, Barbara Garrett, Ben Garrett, Patricia Davis, Frances McClellan, Mary Frances Erick, Margaret McCaughan, Freddie Oakes, Novelle McClellan, Betty Ann McCaughan, Alice Anna Guthrie, and Calice Jane Overby and Mrs. J. W. McClellan, the accompanists.

## Army Chaplain Living Here

Chaplain North E. West and family, Mrs. West, David, 9, Mary Margaret, 6, and Paul, 5, have living quarters in the Mrs. C. F. Freeman home.

Chaplain West comes from California to Camp Bowle, but found living quarters more satisfactory for the family in Santa Anna. His former home was in Michigan and North Dakota. He has been in the army 17 months with the 13th Armored Division. They are new Texans but impress us as being of the right kind.

## Special Greeting Edition Next Week

We purpose to feature our next weeks issue with greeting ads and trust we will have every firm in Santa Anna represented in our advertising columns.

We have a large collection of well-prepared greeting and holiday copy and will make an effort to contact every business in Santa Anna, immediately after this issue is in the mail, and should we not be able to contact all in person, we will appreciate it if you will call at this office or call us by telephone and tell us what you would like for your greeting message this Christmas.

Your cooperation will certainly be appreciated and we intend to print and mail the paper not later than Wednesday. The paper will be dated Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Day, but will be mailed in time to reach the subscribers Thursday if we succeed with our plans.

Will you accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas to all.

—The editor.

## MAJOR PADGITT IS INJURED IN ITALY

A letter from Major James T. Padgitt, who is with the 36th Division in Italy, to his wife and mother, informed them that he was in a hospital just back of the battle lines, where he was taken after his right foot was badly injured when a loaded truck ran over it.

Major Padgitt stated that he was moving some trucks in the dark during a downpour of rain when some one spoke to him and when he turned to answer them the truck from the rear hit him and passed over his right foot breaking the two larger bones and the socket bone of the heel. The letter was written on Nov. 18 and he thought that he would be moved to a station hospital in the next few days. He said he was feeling better and that his foot was in a cast and the doctor had assured him that it was in fine shape but would require three months to heal and that he would be unable to serve in the infantry hereafter. He said that he had suffered but his suffering was nothing compared to some of his men, who were suffering from stomach injuries.

The terrible rains make the fighting so much harder to endure, stated Major Padgitt. It was 24 hours after his injury before he reached the hospital due to the downpour.

—Coleman County Chronicle.

## Coming Back To Texas

After five years service in the State of Illinois, three years as pastor of the First Baptist church at Zigler and two years at McLeansboro, Rev. Loyed R. Simmons and family are returning to Texas. Rev. Simmons being called to the pastorate of the Evans Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth last Sunday and has accepted the call, effective January 1st.

Mrs. Simmons is remembered here as Miss Queenie Gregg, daughter of the editor and Mrs. Gregg. In her letter she states they love their work in Illinois and God has abundantly blessed their labors there, but they could not resist the opportunity to return to Texas.

Bill Lowery is now at Clifton, Texas, drilling a well for oil.

## State's 4-H Edison



His exceptional ability in utilizing electric power for practical purposes on the farm has won for Leon Bernsen, 18, of Violet, Texas, state championship honors in the eighth national 4-H Rural Electrification contest conducted by the Extension Service. The boy receives a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, from Westinghouse, and is eligible to compete for one of six \$200 college scholarships to be awarded to a blue award group selected from the state winners. During 7 years in club work, the youth has made an electric brooder and lamps, a portable electric motor, and an electric fence charger.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

A Christmas Cantata, "Childe Jesus" will be given by the Ladies Chorus of the Methodist Church at the church on next Sunday evening at 7:30. This cantata is being directed by Miss Elsie Lee Harper, the pianist and choir director of the Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend this special service of Christmas music.

This cantata is just a part of the Christmas plans for the Methodist Church. On Wednesday of this week a Christmas Tree program was held in the basement of the Church. There were on the tree gifts for both young and old. A good time was observed, and the hour of fellowship was climaxed with refreshments served by the ladies of the church school.

The hour of Morning Worship will also be dedicated to the Christmas season. The church will at this time make its annual free-will Christmas offering to the Methodist Home at Waco, Texas. This institution is ranked as one of the leading orphanages of the United States. It now cares for more than 400 children, who otherwise would have no homes. The arrangements in this institution have been so improved in the last several years that there is the maximum freedom from regimentation of any sort, and the facilities and opportunities provided excellently found in most of our homes. This splendid institution is supported entirely by the Christmas offerings of the Methodists of Texas.

The pastor, Rev. J. D. F. Williams, will at this hour preach a special Christmas sermon, "A Christian Celebration of Christmas."

## County Cotton Ginnings

11,038 bales of cotton were ginned in Coleman County up to December 1, 1943 as compared with 18,407 bales to December 1, 1942.

—S. E. Weaver.

Miss Bess Shield, of Austin, spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Vera Shield.

## Capt. Collier Receives Letter From Front

Dear Capt. Collier:

I'm sure you know a little of what your boys have been doing, but I doubt if any of them have told you just how good and tough they really are because they are not the type to brag about their deeds. Take it from me, they've got more guts, patriotism and discipline than any bunch of men in the army. Regardless of the job they have to do, or the conditions under which they do it; the job is done cheerfully and efficiently with one purpose in mind—beat Hell out of every German between here and Berlin, then tear Hell out of what's left of Berlin. The people of Santa Anna can really hold their heads high and be proud of every man over here, of course, we have men in the Co. from all over the States, but our Texas boys have carried on and instilled in them the discipline, traditions and spirit of the old Howitzer Co. Love Simpson's death was a blow to all of us, and you can rest assured someone is going to pay for it before we're through. He was seriously wounded by machine gun fire and refused to let his men come to his aid for fear they would get hit also. He died the same day he was hit.

We all figured the Division was being saved for a tough job, and it was tough, but we're just better than the Germans so we came through. I don't suppose any of the boys would tell you this, but tell the people back there that they have a fighting bunch of sons in this outfit, also take a large part of the credit for yourself because you started them all on their soldiering career. Write me sometime when you aren't too busy and give my regards to Capt. "Ephriam."

Sincerely,  
Vernon M. Scott.

Sgt. Scott was outstanding in Company "A" of Brownwood, and was a favorite of mine. He had what it took to make a soldier. Coming from the ranks as he did since mobilization to a Captain. Knowing him as I do, no political move placed him where he is.

Sam H. Collier.

## Blackwell Reported To Be Nazi Prisoner

COLEMAN, Dec. 9. (SC)—Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Blackwell of Rockwood have been notified that their son, Sgt. Glen Blackwell, 25, recently reported to be missing in action, is a prisoner of the German government.

Sgt. Blackwell was a member of Company C, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, Fifth Army, and, along with several Ballinger soldiers was captured near Salerno Italy.

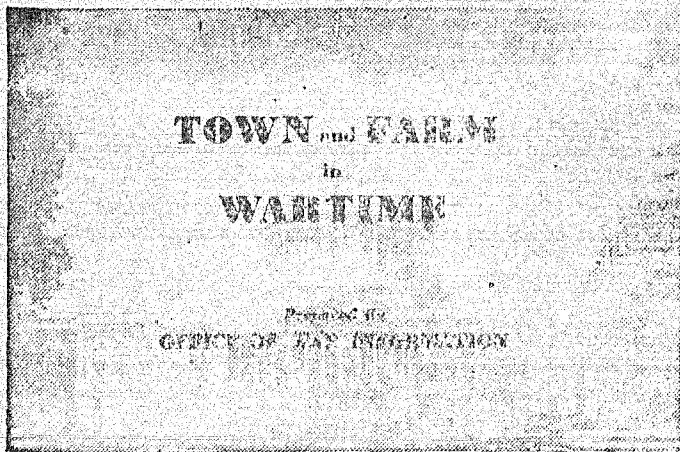
He had been reported missing as of Sept. 13.

Sgt. Blackwell entered the Army in February of 1941. He received training at Camp Bowle, Camp Blanding and Camp Edwards.

His wife resides at Lohn. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blackwell of Coleman.

Mayor Geo. M. Johnson spent the week-end in Temple with his mother Mrs. D. J. Johnson, who underwent a major surgical operation at the Scott and White Hospital.





**Ration Reminder**

**Gasoline**—In 17 east coast states, A-8 coupons are good thru February 5. In states outside the east coast area, A-9 coupons are good thru Jan. 21.

**Sugar**—Stamp No. 29 in book 4 is good for 5 pounds through Jan. 15.

**Shoes**—Stamp No. 13 in book 1 is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in book 2 is good for 1 pair.

**Meats, Fats**—Brown stamps: L, M, N, and P are good through Jan. 1, 1944. Brown stamp Q becomes good Dec. 19 and remains good thru Jan. 1, 1944.

**Processed Foods**—Green stamp A, B, and C in book 4 is good thru Dec. 20. Green stamps D, E, and F in book 4 is good through January 20.

**Fuel Oil**—Period 2 coupons are good through February 8 in all areas except the south, where they are good through Jan. 25. Period 3 coupons now valid in the middle west and south remain good through March 15 in the middle west, and through February 22 in the south. Period 3 coupons become valid in the east January 4.

**Acts On Livestock Feed**

As part of the government program to conserve livestock feed and make the best use of available supplies in producing the maximum volume of livestock products, WFA has taken the following steps: (1) Elimination of the subsidy the Commodity Credit Corporation has been paying on corn moving from surplus to eastern and southern deficit areas; (2) An increase of 20 cents a bushel in the price of feed wheat on and after Dec. 6; (3) An offer to buy corn during the remainder of this month at the old ceiling price in approximately 150 counties on the fringe of the corn belt where the new ceiling on corn (effective December 6) represents a reduction in prices. OPA raised the maximum price of corn 9 cents a bushel at Chicago to correct inequity in the previous regulation. At the same time, the prices of oats, barley, and sorghum grains were "frozen" at the highest prices of the five-day period, November 29 to December 3, pending issuance within 60 days of a permanent regulation on these feeds.

**Brown Points For Waste Fats**

The housewife may now receive one brown ration point for each half-pound of salvage kitchen fats she takes to her retailer. In addition, she will continue to receive four cents a pound. Retailers will not give points for less than one-half pound, nor for any fractional over weight.

**Plan Victory Gardens Now**

Although victory gardeners exceeded their goal of 18 million gardens for 1943 by about 10 per cent, they are asked for another 10 per cent increase in 1944. Arrangements should be made now for the use of vacant land, and considerable preparatory work can go on through the winter. Hard coal ashes can be sifted and stored on plots. Compost piles and supplies of manure can be accumulated, and either turned wherever ground is not frozen or stacked for use in early spring.

**Increase in Apple Prices**

Increases in apple prices over those for 1942 will mean that a 28-ounce jar of apple butter will

cost from 3 to 4 cents more at retail OPA reports. This reflects an increase of approximately 80 cents to \$1.65 a hundredweight in apple prices and an increase of approximately 7½ cents to 15 cents a pound in apple chops. The method by which dealers in apples for home consumption determined their maximum prices in sales prior to retail was changed. With maximum prices for terminal markets the same as those for rural markets, apples tended to become scarce in rural markets. So, a premium of 3-8 of a cent a pound now is allowed on sales in rural markets.

**Syrup Prices Are Higher**

Retail prices for cane syrup have been increased by OPA as a result of refiguring the parity formula, which resulted in increased returns to sugar cane growers. Increases in No. 10 cans—slightly less than one gallon—are about 10 cents for country cane syrup, formerly known as Louisiana cane syrup, and 4 to 5 cents for commercial cane syrup, formerly known as Georgia cane syrup. Accumulators, mostly country store operators, have been granted an increase from 1 to 2 cents a gallon for their handling charge.

**Gift Packages Point Free**

Gift packages of jams, jellies, fruit butter, preserves, and non-citrus marmalade that were packed before October 23 for sale as Christmas gifts may be bought point-free through January 3, OPA said recently. Because the packages were made up before these foods were rationed, and because they are often assembled in packages with such highly perishable products as cakes and cookies, it is necessary to sell them speedily to prevent waste.

**Lift Restrictions On Binder Twine**

Farmers may now use binder twine where needed in growing, harvesting, or shipping agricultural products. Previously, use of binder twine was restricted to mechanical self-tying binders.

**Packed Food Products**

Exempted from price control are sales by home canners who sell less than 1,500 quarts a year of packed fruits and vegetables, OPA reported recently. OPA also announced that consumers will pay more for canned sweet potatoes, brined cherries, Maraschino cherries, canned mushrooms, and processed dried prunes and prune products.

**Catsup Released to Civilians**

Nearly a million cases of tomato catsup soon will be released to civilians. The catsup is being released from specific reserves held and owned by canners, but set aside by them for government use.

**Suspender Buttons Back**

Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's Order L-181.

**OCD Directors Meet**

State directors of Civilian Defense of 30 states are meeting in St. Louis this week to formulate a policy shifting the emphasis on civilian defense activities from defensive to offensive operations for the duration of the war. These directors will determine specific programs to be adopted.

**Most Cottage Cheese Rationed**

Practically all creamed cottage cheese is under rationing because brown stamps now are required for this type of cheese containing 4 per cent or more butterfat, OPA pointed out. Previously, only creamed cottage cheese with a butterfat content of more than 5 per cent had been rationed under the meats-fats-cheese program.

**Batteries For Hearing Aids**

Batteries designed for use in hearing aids are being sold only by hearing aid dealers, and not in drug or general retail stores. This precaution has been taken by WPB in order to prevent their use for flashlights or other purposes.

**SEABEES BACK FROM PACIFIC**

600 'Christmas Presents,'  
Wrapped in Navy Blue,  
Arrive San Francisco

By Bonnie Wiley

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (AP)—More than 600 animated "Christmas presents" for the folks back home—all neatly packaged in navy blue—arrived in San Francisco Saturday from Guadalcanal.

The shouting, joyful men were members of the 14th Seabee Battalion, home on holiday leave after 15 months on that Southwest Pacific hot spot.

"We didn't know where we were goin' when we left Guadalcanal. We didn't know we were comin' home for Christmas but we're sure glad to be here and I'm headin' right off for Texas," drawled sun-tanned 19-year-old T. J. Overstreet, pharmacist mate, from Houston, Texas, one of the first down the gangplank.

**Over 200 Air Alerts**

All of the members of this construction battalion who had volunteered their building skill to Uncle Sam had worked through more than 200 air raid alerts to help construct the air fields and other military installations which have made Guadalcanal the powerful offensive base it is today.

Through it all, they suffered but three injuries and no fatalities from enemy fire, Comm. Thomas F. Reilly Jr., of Staten Island N. Y., said. Many, however, contracted malaria in the mosquito-infested jungles.

"Heat was our worst enemy," Commander Reilly said. "Heat was harder on us than the Japs were. One season it was hot and wet. The other it was hot and dry. I don't know how hot it did get. Afraid to look, I guess."

**Waving and Yelling**

Waving frantically and yelling happily long before the gray transport was near enough to the dock for the men to hear the Seabees' welcoming band from Camp Parks, the homecomers lined the railings, waving and yelling.

C. M. Sherreff, carpenter second-class of Dallas, Texas, thought that "it was all right out there if you took everything, even the bombs, in good humor. You had to do that. I'm glad to be home because I've been awfully anxious to see how much Mary Ann—she's my daughter, 6 years old now—has grown."

James H. Wieting of Marlin, Texas, electrician's mate first class, said that "you can't tell anybody else what it's like out there. You've got to see it. You don't think much about it till you get away from it."

In the opinion of Joseph Storek 50-year-old quartermaster first class of Houston, Texas, "being back home tops everything that's ever happened before."

NOTE—The above is exceedingly good news to the editor and Mrs. Gregg, as our son, Burton, was among the Texans headed for home. The 14th Battalion was made up in Houston, but has a number of men from San Antonio, where Burton was living at the time of enlistment. The 14th Battalion is a volunteer group, who enlisted in the Naval Con-

struction to avenge the perpetrators of the raid on Pearl Harbor. It is real gratifying that, at least, some of them were able to return after having done a good job for their dear old Uncle Sam.

**1944 Farm Machinery Outlook**

College Station, Dec. 16—Manufacture of repair parts for farm machinery in 1944 will not be restricted, and production of needed types of equipment will be about double the output of 1943. This outlook is based upon the total overall materials authorized by the War Production Board for making, planting tillage and harvesting equipment during the year. Comparably, it is about 80 per cent of the 1940 production a year in which manufacture was relatively large.

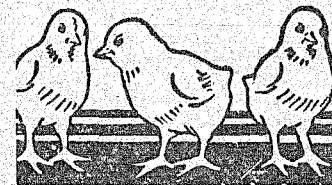
According to information from the War Food Administration to the A. & M. College Extension Service, sufficient tonnage of carbon steel has been authorized to manufacturers to meet the entire machinery and repair parts schedule for domestic use.

The WFA explains that the improved outlook for 1944 permits a production in the number of

types of machinery which it will be necessary to ration compared with the rationing schedules of this year. And, incidentally, neither attachments nor repair parts for next year are subject to rationing and distribution. Distribution control will be necessary on only 46 types of machines and rationing control on only 3. As a consequence more nearly normal trade relationships will exist between farmers, dealers and manufacturers, the agency forecasts.

It is disclosed that production from July 1 to September 30, the first quarter of the 1943-44 program of spring-use equipment, including land preparation machinery, seeding equipment, tillage tools and similar items, amounted to 760,500 units. During the four months ending Oct. 31, the total tractor production for farm use was slightly more than 25 per cent of the year's production schedule.

According to the WFA's analysis of the farm equipment situation, the tight spot will be hauling vehicles, including trucks and replacement tires for trucks now in operation.



**Chick Supply Shortage for 1944**

All indications point to a shortage of baby chicks and turkey poults in 1944.

Demand is very heavy and bookings for spring delivery is far ahead of 1943. We will appreciate booking your order now for delivery on date wanted. We can supply you with Texas-U. S. Approved Pullorum tested chicks and Texas Certified Broad Breast Poults.

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Shoo-flys 4.25 Drums 19c to 1.00

Machine Guns 1.49 to 2.49

Lots of other Toys and Gifts

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**Classified**

**FARM LOANS**—5% interest annual payments, easy terms. William H. Bickle, San Angelo, Tex. 4tp.

**FOR RENT**—3-room unfurnished apartment, with bath and lavatory. Mrs. E. D. Weston. 1t.

**NOTICE**—Contrary to the report that I was out for the duration, I am still in monument business and will appreciate your business when you need memorials. W. J. Cross, Cross Plains, Texas. 4p.

**FOR SALE**—Dry oak stove wood. 3 miles east of Santa Anna, 1/2 mile north of highway. R. L. Todd. 3tp.

**FOR SALE**—6-room house in Santa Anna. See or phone Claude Phillips. 3tp.

**FOR SALE**—Invalids wheel chair at Morgan's store. See J. J. Lowery. 2tp.

**FOR LEASE**—House, 1 mile north east of Santa Anna. City water and gas. See F. J. (Dutch) Hefinton. 1tp.

**LOST**—Pair of black kid gloves at high school Halloween night. Finder please return to News Office for reward or to Mrs. Claud Box, Rockwood, Texas. 1tp.

**WANTED**—Painting and paper hanging to do. I. O. James and Coleman Holt at Burton-Lingo.

**FOR SALE or TRADE**—167 1/2 acres land, 3 miles East Santa Anna, Texas on north side highway. 90 acres in cultivation, rest wood grass, very well improved, William Sheffield, Santa Anna, Texas. 2p.

**LOST**—Red and white spotted hound dog, near Barton Ranch South of Santa Anna. Collar with my name on it. Reward. Truman Fletcher, Rt. 1, Rockwood, Texas 1p.

**FOR SALE**—Entire flock of White Leghorns. See them at my home in the gap. Mrs. J. W. Cammack.

**FOR SALE**—Beautiful forty-piece set Alvin silver plate. Never used. Phone 115.

**FOR SALE**—Bicycle in good condition, good tires and tubes. Mrs. Carl Ray. 1t.



**GLADYS LUTKE**

A revival meeting began Sunday night, December 2 at the Assembly of God church with Evang. Gladys Lutke, of Caney, Kansas.

Young peoples service each night at 7 o'clock, Evang. Ruby Evans and Evang. Erma German, of Kenneth, Mo., in charge.

Evangelistic services each night, at 7:30. Special music and singing. Everyone invited to attend these services.

**Fiber Cases Will Move 1944 Egg Yield**

College Station, Dec. 16—Fiber cases will have the job of moving to market at least 80 per cent of the 60 billion eggs expected to be produced in 1944.

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

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

The importance of ordering cases from suppliers at once is emphasized. There will be less chance of repeating the shortage of 1943 if requirements for next

year are known and orders for egg cases are placed early. The shortage at the peak of the 1943 marketing season forced many producers, handlers and others to transport eggs in pails, fruit crates and other make shift containers. That experience makes it imperative to obtain a close approximation of actual needs now so that materials and equipment may be allocated to manufacturers as soon as possible.

Re-use or salvage of wooden and fiber cases both will help, but are not expected to supply more than a small part of the entire need for 1944, WFA indicates. Main dependence will be on fiber cases, which after more than a year of fairly general use have proved largely successful.

**U. S. CASUALTIES TOTAL 129,422**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Casualties in the nation's armed forces since the beginning of the war total 129,422.

Official figures released today show 97,077 casualties in the Army, and 32,345 in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. These comprised only the casual-

ties whose families have been notified officially and probably do not include all the losses in the Gilbert Islands or the recent fighting in other theatres.

The breakdown of the totals: Killed: Army, 14,919; Navy 10,711; Marine Corps, 2,241; Coast Guard 316; total 28,187.

Wounded: Army, 34,164; Navy 3,012; Marine Corps, 2,720; Coast Guard 78; total 39,974.

Missing: Army, 23,814; Navy, 8,337; Marine Corps, 638; Coast Guard, 44; total, 32,833.

Prisoners: Army, 24,180; Navy 2,293; Marine Corps, 1,954; Coast Guard, 1; total, 28,428.

The Army added that 1,612 prisoners have died in enemy prison camps, mostly Japanese, and that 17,572 wounded have returned to active duty or been discharged from hospitals.

**Bargain Rates In Effect**

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram authorizes the following statements—

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<b>COFFEE</b>	R & W, drip or regular grind 1-pound pkg	<b>.33</b>
<b>RALSTON'S</b>	Whole Wheat Cereal for a hot breakfast	<b>.25</b>
<b>CORN FLAKES</b>	R & W, 3 reg. or 2 giant pkgs	<b>.23</b>
<b>SPINACH</b>	Hargis Brand No. 2 can	<b>.16</b>

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### The Spirit Of Christmas

The Christmas holidays are drawing closer with each passing day. Only one more week and Christmas Eve.

To many this will be a very sad Christmas, to others, not so sad.

The real spirit of Christmas is love. God so loved the world that He gave His Son as a sacrifice for sin. The Christmas holidays are celebrated for the blessed event of the birth of that gift. The Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life and died on a cruel cross as a sacrifice for sin. His was a great gift, too. He gave his life to make it possible for all to live. What more could one give?

Christmas time is a time of giving to a good cause and the doing of good deeds. There is pleasure and romance in doing good.

The war clouds have cast a shadow of darkness over many homes, and to us it seems without the love of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, that darkness is more grievous and secure. If God is recognized in the home He will be there to comfort, own and bless. To us, it would seem, there could be no Christmas joy in a home without God as the Heavenly Father, who is reached through faith by prayer to Him through Jesus Christ. Even the shadows of grief and darkness hover over a home, there still is joy in praising the Lord that all things are as well with us as they are. And we feel that we all receive more blessings than we deserve. God is good, and we see evidence of His mercy and love every day. Especially should the Christmas holidays be celebrated in a manner of kindness and the spreading of good cheer. Do good unto others and God will do good unto you. Selah.

### Rockwood News

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

Bro. Nobles, of Brownwood, filled his regular appointment here Sunday and despite the muddy roads attendance was good. Douglas Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes, talked to us at the morning hour. Our hearts were made to rejoice in the fact that he has surrendered his life in the service of his Lord. He is now at Howard Payne College preparing himself for the ministry. We hope to have him preach to us again soon.

Mrs. Ray Steward and children Mary Ann and Jay spent the week-end in San Angelo with her sister Mrs. Hilyer and Mr. Hilyer.

Mrs. Jack Rutherford and children, of Waldrip, spent Sunday in the Ray Caldwell home.

Luncheon guests in the Boss Estes home Sunday included Mrs. Jack Bostick and sons Alvin and Edd, Mrs. Raymond Inman and children, Mrs. Edgar Hodges, all of Coleman, and Miss Louise Estes.

Miss Mavice Box entertained her guests, Miss Juakana Vercher

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of Shields and Frances Arnold with a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Box Tuesday night of last week. Games and piano music rendered by Frances Arnold furnished diversion for the evening. Those present included Misses Juakana Vercher, Frances Arnold, Jeanette Steward, Madeline Guyton and Mavice Box. Also Dan and Denny Caldwell, Alvin Bostick, Curtis Bryan and Cecil Richardson.

Mrs. Demby Wise and Billy Velma, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Box and Jerry spent the week-end in San Angelo with relatives and attended the football game there Saturday afternoon. Their nephew, Max Box, was on the winning team.

Cpl. Billy Maness and his buddy, Pfc. Jack Morris, of Camp Wolters, spent the week-end with Billy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness. We extend our congratulations to Billy upon making Cadre, and we understand he will be at Camp Wolters for another cycle.

Mrs. Roger Dudley, of Coleman spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Richardson.

Mrs. Lige Lancaster, of Trichham, spent Monday and Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King.

Mrs. Jack Rutherford and children of Waldrip spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Johnson. She attended W. M. U. Monday afternoon.

### Whon News

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

We are very glad to report Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter were notified by the War Department the past week that their son, Pvt. Leon Carter, is a prisoner of the Germans. We are very glad Leon is still alive but sorry he is in the hands of the enemy.

Mr. Aaron Avants has purchased him a new Farmall tractor. We hope him good luck, and will make a bumper crop the coming season. Mr. Avants formerly farmed with teams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney spent Saturday of last week with Mr. W. G. Wynn and son, Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Rhem have moved to their new work in Uvalde county. They will be greatly missed, but we hope they like their new location fine. Mr. and Mrs. Rhem are not permanently located, probably they will soon return.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schultz and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace and children Sunday.

Mr. I. O. Smith has been added to the number of hands working on the Gill Ranch. I. O. intends to move his family on the ranch as soon as possible. They have been living on Oscar Lovelady's place.

Ima Smith visited Dorothy Tennyson Sunday.

We are sorry Mr. Wynn hasn't been feeling very well. Hope he will soon be feeling fine again. He was visiting his son and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avant visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney a while Sunday night.

Thomas Rae Rutherford spent Sunday with Jimmy Frank Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bengé were in Brownwood Monday of last week. Their daughter, Corrine paid Dr. Shelton a visit—the results, Corrine is wearing a pair of new glasses. Dr. Shelton is also treating Charles Edwin's eyes. Thinking he will not have to put glasses on him for awhile yet.

Pastors of both churches filled their appointments Sunday. Bro. Bailey of Brownwood preached at the Baptist church. Sis Hill at the Nazarene church. You are always invited to these churches.

Mr. Sammie Shields spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adkins who are working for Jimmy Gill, were shopping in Santa Anna and

Coleman Monday.

Cupid is still kept busy these days. We hear that Mr. Joe Richardson, of Rockwood, was married last week. We hope for him many happy years yet in life. Congratulations, "Uncle Joe."

### Cleveland News

Loyce Blanton

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton and family visited with Mrs. S. L. Blanton Sunday.

Miss Winnie Hartman visited Loyce Blanton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and daughter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and daughter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton gave Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips and family a farewell party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Herring and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cupps Sunday.

Miss Gladys Blanton visited Eunice Cupps Sunday.

Miss Loyce Blanton visited Winnie Hartman Saturday night.

Miss Ovella Cupps spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Herring.

Miss Allene Phillips came in Saturday night to leave with her parents to go to California Wednesday.

Mr. Edd Hartman has been visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geer and

family visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips and family Tuesday night.

### Watts Creek

Pvt. and Mrs. Oran Henderson of East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson and other relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seals, Sr., and family of Wilson, Texas and Miss Glenn Dora Hyde visited Mr. and Mrs. Loren Seals last

week. Mr. and Mrs. Orin McClure and little son visited Mr. and Mrs. V. W. McClure of Red Bank last Friday.

Billy Wilder, of Coleman, visited Raymond Odom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willey Seals, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Seals and children of Coleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Artie Irby visited with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Seals Saturday night.

Mrs. H. A. Hagler visited in Coleman Friday afternoon.

Join the Navy and see what's left of the world.



WITH the approach of the Holidays we want to pause for a moment to thank you most sincerely for your friendship and patronage

Your goodwill is among our most prized possessions and we would like to be among the first to wish you a Merry Christmas.

May your Holidays be happy, and may 1944 bring you all the things nearest and dearest to you. That's the true wish of

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**Graduates of 1936**

Dorothy Akins Dillingham lives at Shields, Texas.  
Georgia Frances Barlett Lehnis lives at Stamford, Texas.  
Kirby Barton is a captain in the Army in California.  
Emma John Blake is teaching at Midland, Texas.  
Zewilla Box Bivins lives in Logan, Utah.  
Mary Lee Combs is married and is living at Miles, Texas.  
Glen Copeland is in the Army in Italy.  
Mary Dellinger Behrand is living in Virginia.  
Alfon Diserens is a lieutenant in the Army in Virginia.  
H. B. Dockery is in the Army at Camp Pickett, Va.  
Raeford Evans is working in a defense plant at Lubbock, Texas.  
Mary Lee Ford is working for the Texas Pacific Railroad in Dallas, Texas.  
Sam Forehand is in the Army at Fort Clark, Texas.  
Cleo Head—  
Era Hill Richardson is working in the bank in Santa Anna.  
Carson Horner is in the Army in Italy.  
Raymond Jackson is in the Army in Italy.  
Tommy Johnson (when last heard of) was living near Alice, Texas.  
James Jones is working in a defense plant in Dallas, Texas.  
Mary Tom Jones Watson is living at Shields, Texas.  
Allene Leady Coleman is working at J. C. Penny's in Coleman.  
Ruth Leady Akins lives at Eldorado, Texas.  
Woodrow Newman is in the Air Corps at Brady, Texas.  
Annie Nickens Reaves is living near Killeen, Texas.  
J. T. Oakes, Jr. is in the Coast Guard on the U. S. Mayflower.  
Todd Oakes is in the Army and was in Hawaii.  
Dorothy Patton is married and lives at Corpus Christi.  
Howard Pittard is working in a steel factory in Pennsylvania.  
Max Price is in the Merchant Marines in California.  
E. W. Polk, Jr., is in the Navy overseas.  
Vernon Rowe is farming near Santa Anna.  
Elva Lou Smith Jennings is living in Arkansas.  
Geraldine Spence is living in California.  
Marjorie Stacy is working in San Antonio, Texas.  
Beulah Tisdale Unger lives at Sherman, Texas.  
Louise Thompson Spratt is living at Los Angeles, Calif.  
Lucille Vaughan Thigpen lives at Coleman, Texas.  
Ozella Vaughan Moore is living at Tom Ball, Texas.  
Hollis Watson is in the Army in foreign service.  
Sarah Williams Riggs is living at Denton, Texas.

**Home Making Club**

At the regular meeting on Dec. 7, 1943, Elizabeth Ann Stewardson was elected the Santa Anna Chapter's candidate for president of the state home making organization and Mary Lois Leady for the area.  
During the program Betty Blanton discussed parliamentary procedure.

**JOKES**

Chaperon (to improper dancers)—Leave the floor.  
Dancers—Certainly, We can't use it at home.  
What is a synonym?  
A word that means the same as a word you can't spell.  
You're wrong. That's the stuff they put on buns in the bakery.  
Billy—Close the door. Were you raised in a barn?  
Webb—No, the elevator boy brought me up.  
Pat—I know a place where they sell chicken dinners for ten cents.  
Jackie W.—Oh, go on.  
Pat—Yes, it's a feed store.  
James E.—Are you fond of nuts?  
Sybil—Is this a proposal?

**CHRISTMAS**

Just after the shortest day in the year, more than half the nations of the globe celebrate Christmas—the birthday of Jesus Christ. No other festival brings so much happiness to so many persons and no other holiday is so widely observed the world around. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," is its inspiring message.

Although the last phase sounds rather like mockery in these past years. We must remember that somehow, some day nations will be free and their people shall rise up in chorus together, in holy unison and our peace on earth, good will toward men, shall be our shining symbol forever and ever.

**GOSSIP**

It seems as if Juakana is going to be forced to decide between soldiers and civilians.  
Roland, we sometime wonder why you and Claud don't make better grades in band. It couldn't be because of your "conduct," could it?  
It seems as if Mavice is doing all the good at Shields, Santa Anna and Brady.  
Suzy H. it's not Christmas time—how about that new bracelet you're wearing?  
Mila Mae! How about a certain Rockwood school teacher, better watch her.  
Billye, whose identification bracelet have you been wearing? Could it be from Brady?  
Theo, you have been going to Mozelle lately. What is the attraction over there?  
Frances, there seems to be a certain soldier that we've seen you with quite a bit lately. How about that?  
Say! Buttry are you losing your technique with Rockwood? Brady is still plenty o. k. tho.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Santa Anna, Texas  
Trickham Route.  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl. I am seven years old. I go to school. I am in the second grade. I want you to please bring me a doll and a blackboard. Be sure and give all the rest of the little boys and girls something too. Don't forget Joe Ann and Judy and Jerry Dale Phillips.  
Yours truly,  
Oneta Anna Blanton  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good little girl. Please bring me a big doll,

a blackboard and some story books. Bring my two sisters and R. C. something too.

Would like for you to remember all soldier boys especially uncle Houston, who is overseas.  
Your little friend,  
Frances Tamour Stearns

Rockwood, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1943

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll. Don't forget my little sisters Iva and Wilda. They want a doll too. I have two little brothers, they are good boys too. Don't forget them. Their names are Loyd and Virgil. Don't forget my big sister her name is Paralee. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Yours truly,  
Lols Cargill.

Santa Anna, Texas  
Route 2  
Dec. 13, 1943.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old and have been pretty good. Please bring me a doll with hair, a set of dishes, a cabinet, nuts, fruit and candy.  
Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Ola Mae Howington  
Winchell, Texas  
Route 1  
Dec. 1943.

Dear Santa Clause,  
We are two little girls of seven and nine years old. We are going

to school. We are in the first and third grade. We have been very good little girls for a long time. This year we want you to bring us two little dolls, cradle, doll bed, and two little satin blouse's. We also want some candy, nuts, and fruit. Do not forget the other good little boys and girls. Also visit the soldier, sailor and marine boys. Please visit our brother and sisters.  
Your little friends,  
Cloda Ann and Oda Nan Stearns

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been a good little boy and I'd like very much for you to bring me a ball and bat, a picture puzzle, a pair of house shoes a box of candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Wamon Monroe Upchurch

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've been a good girl and I'd like very much for you to bring me a baby doll, a little mop and broom, some little dishes and don't forget my little cousin, Wamon, he wants a ball and bat.  
Please bring me some candy and fruit too.  
I love you,  
Chrystene Carpenter.

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1943

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy three years old. I would like to have a set of blocks for Christmas. Virginia wants a baby doll. Bring our baby

brother something too.  
Thank you very much,  
Lyndon, Virginia and Weldon Haynes.

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1943

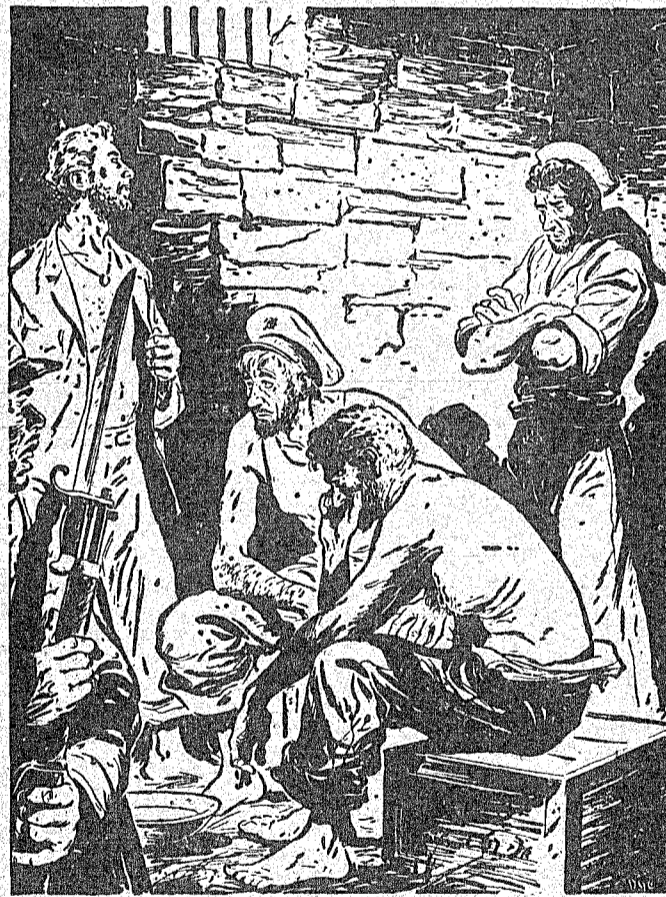
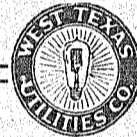
Dear Santa Claus,  
We are two little boys. We are four and five years old. We would each like to have a Commando gun for Christmas. We have tried to be good boys.  
Thank you very much,  
Ray and Jesse Haynes.

December 13, 1943.

Dear Santa Claus,  
We are three little boys and we have tried to be good little boys. We want you to bring us some guns, jeeps, trucks, and some ships, candy, nuts and fruit.  
Don't forget our mother and daddy.  
Your little friends,  
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An extra War Bond this Christmas will hasten the day when their prayers will be answered. A War Bond for Christmas helps three ways . . . it buys the material necessary to liberate those who fought for us . . . it is a present which will increase in value until the time they come home . . . it is a present which will help to conserve the freedom they suffer for.

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**Lesson for December 19**

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**CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW**

**LESSON TEXT**—Hebrews 1:1-3, Romans 10:4-10.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.—Hebrews 1:1, 2

The center of all Christian thinking is the fact that God has revealed Himself to man. This revelation is found in the Bible, for it is the Word of God. That is why the commandments which we have studied in recent weeks speak to us with such authority. They are not the expression of human opinion of how we should live. They are God's command which we are to obey.

The great and final revelation of God and His love was not the written Word—the Bible—but the Living Word—His Son. The coming of Christ is our lesson for next week, on Christmas Sunday. But this week we want to learn a little more of what His coming into the world meant. He was—

**I. God's Last Word** (Heb. 1:1-3). Through the ages God had been speaking through the prophets, constantly revealing Himself as a God of power, justice, holiness, truth and mercy.

In different ways and at various times (v. 1) He spoke through them, but always there was a pointing forward to the One who should come. Abraham was called out to found the nation (Gen. 12), and Jacob the family or tribe (Gen. 49), in which He should come. He was to be a prophet like Moses (Deut. 18) and of the kingly house of David (II Sam. 7). All the offerings of Leviticus spoke of His priestly service. Isaiah saw Him as both the reigning and the suffering Messiah (Isa. 53).

All this was incomplete until He came; and when He did, He revealed all the glory of God. He made perfect and final sacrifice for sin, and sat down (His work was finished) at God's right hand (the place of power).

Let us be clear about this: in Christ, God's revelation is perfect and complete. We need look for nothing more. The claims of those who appear with a "new light" or some mysterious hidden power are so obviously untrue that we ought not be at all interested.

But not only is Christ God's final Word, He is—

**II. God's Best Word** (Heb. 1:4-9). The prophets and their messages thrill our souls and move us to more earnest living. But the Christ is our very life as well as our Redeemer.

The angels are God's messengers—mighty and magnificent beings, superior in their way to man (Ps. 3:5). The early church made too much of angels (as do some groups today), but Protestantism of our day has made too little of them. They are great and powerful beings who minister on our behalf and who are honored in the loyal service they do for God.

But when they stand beside the Son of God, it becomes evident that He holds a place of incomparable glory and majesty. He is the highest revelation of God, the best Word that God could have spoken to needy and sinful humanity.

We do well to think of who Christ is and what He has done. Just in this passage from Hebrews we find that He is the express image of all of God's glory; He is the upholder of all creation; He has the place of honor and power at God's right hand; He is the only begotten of the Father; His throne has been established forever, and so on.

How well nigh unbelievable that this glorious One is also our Saviour. This is stated in verse 3, but is developed in our next point.

**III. God's Saving Word** (Rom. 10:4-10).

If sinful man were only permitted to look on His glory it would be a great privilege, but it would not

**Church Notices**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Bible School 10 A. M. Geo. P. Richardson, Supt.  
Communion and preaching service 11 A. M.  
Ernest H. Wylie, Pastor.

**First Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching services 11: a. m.  
Training Union 7:15 p. m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p. m.  
S. R. Smith, pastor.

**Cumberland Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening 9:00 p. m.  
Preaching Services first and second Sunday evenings. Fourth Sunday morning and evening.  
J. W. Burgett, pastor.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Church School 10:00 a. m., Mr. Hardy Blue, Supt.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Youth Fellowship 5:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.  
I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
J. D. F. Williams, pastor

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. J. T. Oakes, Supt.  
Preaching service 11 a. m. on first, third and fifth Sundays by Rev. Ben H. Moore, pastor.  
Auxiliary meets on Mondays following second and fourth Sundays.  
Choir practice Sunday afternoons 5:00 o'clock, Gale Collier, director.  
The Junior Choir will present their Christmas music in a program Monday, Dec. 20 at 8 o'clock

**SONS OF SANTA ANNA COUPLE ARE ENSIGNS IN NAVY**

Both sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparkman are ensigns in the United States Navy.  
Ensign Jesse L. Sparkman, 28, is with a bombardment squadron and is now stationed with the Naval Air Corps in Rhode Island. He graduated from Santa Anna High School and later attended Loyola University, Chicago. He received his primary flight training at New Orleans and completed the flying course at Corpus Christi.  
Ensign John Bob Sparkman, 22, is a deck officer, and is stationed somewhere overseas with some amphibian forces. He entered the Navy on Dec. 7, 1942. He is a graduate of Coleman High School, and later attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and Columbia University, New York.  
—Democrat-Voice

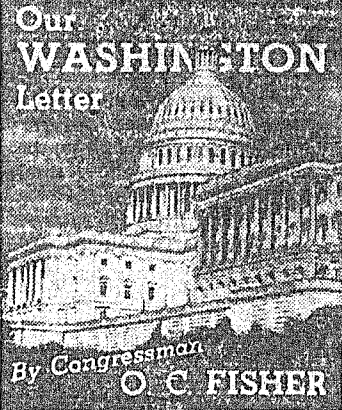
A man is no safer than his most careless act.—Texas Safety Association.

help him in his desire for holiness and eternal joy. There was a "great gulf fixed" between sinful man and a holy God until the Son of Glory became the God-man, when the eternal Word became "flesh and dwelt among us" (Luke 2:14).

Christ as our Saviour is the "end of the law" to the believer (v. 4), not in the sense that He terminates the law by setting it aside, but by completing or fulfilling all of its requirements.

Just so the Christian is set free from the law, not in order that he may disobey it, but that he may keep it in the power and grace which Christ gives him. The Ten Commandments are the law of life for the Christian because he loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wants to obey Him. We do the things which the Decalogue require not to be saved thereby, but because we thereby honor the name of our Saviour.

The unbeliever, struggling under the burden of sin, says, "How can I come to know Him?" and we find the answer in verses 8-10. It is "by faith."



**Help For The Disabled**

It is said and rightly so, that the American soldier is the most thoughtful and the best-informed of all the world's fighting men today. It is said, too, that he is the best equipped, the best-protected, and the best-insured against exigencies of his return to civilian life.

Many people would like to think of war merely as the arena for heroic conquest and victory. But that isn't all. Some of those who go to war will not come back. Some will come back disabled. Yet it seems that ever-increasing importance is being attached to the provision of shelter, protection and assistance for the disabled. This Congress has been giving much thought to the subject. In a few days, for instance, it probably will authorize a \$300 discharge allowance for those coming home from World War II. Already tens of thousands of men already are eligible for this aid.

**Three-Month Furlough Asked**  
Another measure now under study in the Military Affairs Committee would give the man about to be discharged a three months' furlough and a round-trip ticket between his demobilization center and his home. At the end of the three months he would report back for final physical examination and mustering out.

When he is finally discharged, his record will be complete and his status understood. Then he can look ahead. If he is in need of vocational rehabilitation or if he must have outright disability compensation, such would be ready or quickly available.

Although vocational training for disabled veterans of this war already is available, the Veterans Administration informs that only 278 men actually have entered the VA job training. Most of them thus far discharged have quickly obtained civilian war jobs and generally at good pay—for the moment.

This happy condition will not prevail indefinitely. And it must be remembered that our casualties thus far have been comparatively light.

**92 Billions In Insurance**  
Administrator Frank T. Hines said recently that this country since its founding, has paid out more than 21 billion dollars directly to veterans and their families. Today, one million persons are receiving direct veterans' benefits. Tomorrow—depending entirely on the tide of war and the fluctuations of our own battle on the home front—that figure easily could be two million or three or even more.

**Not The First Cost**  
Where feed, equipment and help are to be had, agriculture isn't suffering today. But the farmer and ranchman still hold the short end of the stick in some respects.

The Federal Trade Commission a few days ago showed with provoking factual figures some of the disparities in our economy, particularly as to the spread between the price the farmer gets and what the housewife pays.

For example, the consumer in Boston paid \$1.67 for a sack of onions for which the Texas grower received 15 cents. And tomatoes bought from the California grower for 52 cents cost the St. Louis consumer \$2.58.

**EUDALY SELECTED EXTENSION CHIEF**

Prewitt Becomes Assistant Head

HOUSTON, DEC. 12 (AP)—E. R. Eudaly, the man who introduced the trench silo to Texas, and aggressively promoted its acceptance to the point where there are 40,000 in use, has been selected as the new director of the extension service of Texas A. and M. College, it was announced here today by F. M. Law, president of the board of directors.

James D. Prewitt, West Texas district agent, has been named vice-director and state agent, and will immediately assume the duties of acting director, pending approval of Eudaly's appointment by the United States Department of Agriculture, Mr. Law also announced.

Eudaly succeeds George H. Adams, who has been acting director of the extension service since last August, when the college board of directors failed to re-elect H. H. Williamson as director. Adams had been state agent when named acting director by the board.

Williamson who had served 8 years as director, two weeks ago was appointed agricultural relations adviser to National OPA Administrator Chester Bowles.

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The other day, Gen. Arnold lifted us right out of our seats cheering.

He said: "One day last month over 1600 planes were in the air going from the United States overseas to some war theater."

Of course, that was just one particular day, and a big one. But even so, that's good. In fact, that's swell!

Then Gen. Arnold went on:

He told how the Army Air Force and the RAF saved our men at Salerno. And how, in doing it, we had to scrape the bottom of the barrel. How we had to use every plane in North Africa—how we had to gather planes from every training center, depot and modification center to do the trick.

He said the Italian invasion "would have

been easier with more planes—and could not have been done with less."

He talked about the American raids on Germany. On one, 24 big Fortresses didn't come home. On another, 35. On another, 27. On another, 21. And since he talked, 60 bombers—and their gallant crews—went down in a single raid. No one can attempt to evaluate their loss in dollars or the loss to the enemy in destruction of war materials needed by him to carry on the war. But planes cost dollars to produce—millions of dollars.

Then he pointed again to the obvious fact that the Italian fight "is a small engagement compared to the gigantic expedition which one day, and we hope not too many months hence, will be set against continental Europe."

In short, if a fact was ever made crystal-clear, Gen. Arnold made this one: *What we're doing now is good—BUT STILL NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!*

And that goes for our building, for our fighting—and for the War Bond buying that makes the building and fighting possible.

Coming soon is a day when, with one mighty effort, we're going to smash into Hitler's Europe and bury Germany under an overwhelming mass of men, equipment—and all the materials that money can buy.

*And to do it we've got to boost our War Bond buying.* We've got to buy more Bonds and more Bonds and more Bonds right up to the final minute when the Nazi and Jap flags go down into the dust—for good!

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**Personals**

Mrs. Jack Vaughan, of Brownwood, is visiting with her mother Mrs. Ruby Simmons.

Mrs. Joe Pierce, of Ft. Worth, formerly Winnie Mae Woodard is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Woodard here this week.

Captain Jack Gregg of North Camp Hood and wife, Mrs. Aleene Gregg of Brownwood, spent the week-end here with the editor and Mrs. Gregg.

Miss Alice Louise Hays, nurse in San Angelo, spent last week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trav. Hays.

Mrs. A. L. Oder left Tuesday morning for a visit in Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Mrs. C. L. Spence and daughter, Othelia, of Trickham, have gone to California for a visit.

Mrs. J. H. Freeman, now living in Keene, Texas, is visiting with her son Lester Freeman and family at her former home out on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freeman left this week for Dallas, where they have employment for the winter. They plan to return to their farm home later in the season.

Hugh Phillips and family left this week for Tipton, California, where they purpose to make their future home.

Miss Doris Wright and brother Ernest Jr., spent the week-end with their father Ernest Wright in San Antonio.

Miss Wanda Shamblin, who is employed at Fort Worth, spent Sunday in Santa Anna.

Miss Emma Sue McCain is visiting friends and relatives in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whetstone have returned from an extended trip on a ranch near Kerrville.

Mrs. Eric Behrend, whose husband Capt. Behrend who is now stationed at Camp Polk, La., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Dellinger.

Boss McAnally, who has been on a ranch the past several months near Post, Texas, has returned home.

Mmes Glen Williamson and J. W. Johnson were in San Angelo on business first of the week.

Mrs. D. J. Johnson underwent a major operation at Scott and White hospital recently. She was doing nicely at last reports.

Hays Hefner, of Goodfellow Field at San Angelo, spent the week-end with home folk in Santa Anna.

Lt. and Mrs. L. W. Smith, after a short visit with the Lt's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith, left for Salt Lake City where he is flying for Uncle Sam.

M. W. Taylor, of Belton, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. L. O. Garrett.

Mrs. Alex Riddle left Sunday for Glen Rose to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Riddle's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Henderson returned home after several days visit here with relatives.

Pleman Cruger is recuperating in the Sealy Hospital from an appendectomy performed last Friday. His condition has been serious, but is now improved and the outcome is expected to be favorable.

James Daniel, Coxmate 2-c, of Orange, training for seafare duty in the U. S. Army, spent the week-end here with his parents.

The Presbyterian Auxilliary met at the church Monday, Dec. 13 for their Christmas worship service. The following program was given with Mrs. J. W. McClellan leader.

Prelude—"First Noel," Mrs. T. J. McCaughan.  
 Call to worship.  
 Hymn—"Joy to the World."  
 Responsive Reading.  
 Meditation—Greater than Kings and Parliaments, Mrs. J. T. Oakes.  
 Hymn—"Silent Night."  
 Scripture Reading—The Shepherds, Mrs. Walter Holt.  
 Prayer—Mrs. Jack Woodward.  
 Solo—"O Little Town of Bethlehem, Gale Collier.  
 Missionary Christmas Story—"Roberto's World was not the Same, Mrs. McClellan.  
 Why the Chimes Rang—Miss Blanche Boyd.  
 Hymn—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."  
 Mizpah benediction.

**SHIELD RED CROSS**

Surgical dressing workers at Shields have completed their dressings and will not meet again until more dressings are obtained. Women working last Thursday to finish the dressings were Mmes. J. M. Stewardson, D. S. Milligan, A. B. Carroll, W. B. Watson, Darwin Watson, E. S. Jones, Stella Rhodes, Edgar Shelton and George Cobb.

**Celebrate 85th Birthday Anniversary**

A real turkey dinner was enjoyed at the W. R. Kelley home last Sunday, the occasion being the 85th birthday anniversary of Mr. Kelley.

Out of two guests were Dr. V. A. Kelley and wife of Waco. Local guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kelley, and V. L. Grady. The affair was greatly enjoyed.

**Trickham 4-H Club Meets**

Bright colored feed sacks can be made into useful Christmas gifts with very little cost. This was demonstrated by Mrs. Oscar Boenicke, sponsor of the club.

Mrs. Boenicke showed several finished articles made from sacks and gave the girls patterns for different gifts to be made. Plans were made for a Christ-

mas party and other business of the club attended to.

The club adjourned to meet again Dec. 17, 1943. Mary Catherine Fellers, Reporter

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank all who assisted us in any way during our bereavement in the loss of our mother. Your help, flowers, words of sympathy and condolence were appreciated greatly by us all. May God richly reward you. The Moore children and families.

Mrs. L. Cruger, of Sundown, is visiting in the Pleman Cruger home.

Word was received here this week that S-Sgt. Willard Hinkle, friend of our linotype operator, Miss Velma Cruger, was seriously wounded in line of battle in the Italy war theatre November 19. No further details have been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Camp, of Post, Texas, spent several days here this week visiting in the home of their son-in-law W. E. Gill, Jr., and family. Mr. Camp was a luncheon guest of Mr. Gill at the Lions Club Tuesday at noon.

**U. S. Approves Texas Plan For Aid To Service Wives**

Austin, Dec. 14 (AP)—Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, said he was informed Tuesday that the State's plan for maternal care of servicemen's wives had been approved in Washington.

The State Health Department will administer funds allocated by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor for the program, which includes treatment of illness in servicemen's infants under one year of age.


Cox said the cost in Texas was estimated at approximately \$600,000 monthly, but that this figure might decrease as the program became fully established.

The health department was recently advised by the Attorney General that the State could not be obligated to pay for any of the costs, but that the department could administer the federal funds.

Those eligible to receive aid are wives and infants of sergeants, corporals, first class privates and privates in the Army and equivalent rank in the Navy Marines and Coast Guard.

Cox estimated there would be 20,000 cases in Texas annually, with infants comprising 5 per cent of the total.

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