

# SANTA ANNA NEWS

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## NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

S-Sgt. Paul S. James on Dec. 2 was given a combat commission as 2nd Lt. and by orders of Gen. Mark Clark sent to Florence to a rest hotel for three day leave. Lt. James is the husband of Mrs. Lenora Golston James.

S-Sgt. Roy W. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, of Bangs, formerly of Santa Anna, who is stationed somewhere in France was slightly wounded November 18. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Cpl. Willie A. McCrary, Co E, 180th Infantry, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct against the enemy while a member of this regiment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCrary.

Talmage Turner, U.S.N., is now stationed at Philadelphia, Pa. for the V-12, medical training course.

Paul Dick of the U. S. Navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ame Dick.

South Pacific, Nov. 30, 1944  
Editor S. A. News,  
Dear Sir:

Am dropping you a line telling you how much I enjoy the Santa Anna News, and to ask you to change the address so I will receive it much sooner. I like to read about the boys and girls in high school who were just kids when I was there last.

The boys in my outfit enjoy reading the jokes; I have to hunt it up most of the time. Have been here some time but have not had time to write.

Yours,  
Cpl. Walter S. Yancy  
Co. G. 3 Bn. 27 Marines, 5 Div.  
% Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.

With The Aviation Engineers in Italy—James R. Sluder of Gouldbusk, Texas, a Private First

## JUDGE LEMAN BROWN ATTENDS FUNERAL OF BROTHER IN BROWNFIELD

Funeral services for Eugene Brown, brother to County Judge Lemah Brown, are set for Thursday at Brownfield, Texas. The deceased was reared in Coleman County, and has many friends here, but has lived on the Texas Plains for several years.

He died Tuesday morning, and Judge Brown left Wednesday morning for the scene and the funeral.

## Assistant to the Fire Chief

Arlene is the name of the little lady born at five minutes past eight Monday night, December 11th, to Fire Chief and Mrs. Arlie Welch. The new arrival weighs 7 pounds. Both mother and babe are reported doing nicely and the father is expected to recover.

Chief Welch passed out a full box of cigars Tuesday, giving one to each person contacted until the box was exhausted.

Class in an aviation engineer Air power in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal for his exemplary behavior, and superior performance of duty.

Pvt. First Class Sluder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Sluder, Gouldbusk, Texas, Box 54, left his position with Mr. Cecil Gray to enter the service in November 1942. After receiving his basic training at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, and Sheppard Field, Texas, he was later sent overseas where he was assigned to his present aviation engineer unit. To date he has seen six months of active duty in Corsica, Italy, and France, as a truck driver.

In addition to his newly awarded Good Conduct Medal he also wears the European African, Middle East Campaign Bar on which there are three Bronze Battle Stars for participation in various campaigns in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

## Methodist Choir In Special Song Service

The choir of the First Methodist Church, under the direction of Miss Elsie Lee Harper, will present a special program of Christmas music at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 17th, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. This early hour should enable those of other churches to attend this musical service and then attend other church services of the town if they so desire.

The program is as follows:  
"The Babe of Bethlehem"  
"Silent Night"—Choir.  
Processional, "Joy to the World"—Choir and congregation.  
Scripture and Prayer—Rev. J. D. F. Williams.

- "The Babe of Bethlehem"
- Pastoral (instrumental) and Chorus, "Thru the Night."
- Solo, "And the Angel Said"—Mrs. E. D. McDonald.
- Chorus, "Glory to God."
- Solo, "Now When Jesus Was Born"—Mrs. A. D. Hunter.
- Chorus, "Far Across the Desert Sands."
- Solo, "And ho, the Star"—Mrs. E. D. McDonald.
- Cajol (chorus), "O'er Bethlehem City."
- Solo, "And They Came With Haste"—Mrs. A. D. Hunter.
- Chorus, "In a Humble Cattle Shed."
- Solo, "And They Fell Down and Worshipped Him"—Mrs. E. D. McDonald.
- Chorus, "Gifts for Lord Jesus."
- Solo, "And Being Warned of God"—Mrs. A. D. Hunter.
- Chorus, "Princess Three, Their Mission Done."
- Chorus, "Once Again the Bells Are Ringing."

## Singing Convention at Mozelle

The seven county district singing convention will meet Saturday night and continue through Sunday, December 16-17, this week-end, at Mozelle. Friends are invited to attend and carry some eats to help feed the large crowd expected to be there Sunday.

Pfc. William A. Kline from Ft. Bliss visited his cousin, Mrs. Ben Yarborough from Thursday to Saturday last week. His mother, Mrs. W. P. Owens of Dallas met him here and also enjoyed a visit in the Yarborough home. She returned to Dallas Tuesday night.

Marine Pvt. Paul Wilson, of Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.



LT. VERNON OAKES

Italy, Nov. 22

Dear Mom and all,  
Not much doing today, as it is my day off, so I will scratch you a few lines.

I haven't received any mail from the States yet and I am really ready for a letter.

We had a little excitement yesterday as the place around where we live has never been cleared of German mines, and a cow walked across three of them, and what an explosion. We thought we were bombed. I visited Rome the other day and saw many sights that I will never forget.

I went thru St. Peter's Cathedral and I know it is the most beautiful building I have ever seen. It is 136 yards long and the roof is 340 feet high inside, and the most lavish sculptures and decorations. Everything is solid gold. I do wish you could see it.

I went through a good part of the Vatican City but didn't get to see the Pope.

Rome is a really nice place. Well, how are things back at home? What is the latest from Lenton and J. T.? Are the kids getting ready for Christmas?

I want you to buy Fred and Veva's children a gift for me, also Evelyn. If you send me anything make it a box of American cheese and crackers, canned chili or some sort of food as that is the only thing I could possibly use.

All my love,  
Lt. Vernon Oakes.

The Methodist Men's Club will meet in the basement of the church Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. O. L. Cheaney, the new president, announced that Rev. Floyd E. Johnson, pastor of the Coleman Methodist Church, will be the speaker. A fun program is planned in connection with the chill supper.

Buy That Bond Today

## Employees Must Have Social Security Card

Many boys and girls in Santa Anna are working after school and on Saturdays in local stores in order to help the managers serve the public during the approaching holiday season. Each and every one of these new employees must have a social security account number. No doubt many of the people who will be working this year secured account cards last year for the same purpose. They are just as good today as when issued, in fact they are good forever. Those who have preserved their original cards should use them. Workers taking employment for the first time should apply for the account number cards. The social security account number must be given to each employer.

Social Security account number cards may be secured from the Abilene Social Security Board field office without charge. In case a worker lives some distance from a field office an application form may be secured at the postoffice and when properly

## Tech. Current Is Wounded in Germany

Mrs. Ruth Current received a message from the War Department stating that her husband, Technician 4th grade D. K. Current was seriously wounded in action December 1st. Tech. Current is in the 113th Cavalry Division and has been in Germany.

Mrs. Current, the former Miss Ruth Conley, and their 4-months old son are making their home here with her mother, Mrs. George Conley.

## MUSIC PUPILS TO BE PRESENTED IN RECITAL

Mrs. Mae E. McDonald will present her music pupils in a recital at the Baptist Church Friday night of this week, December 15th, beginning at 7:30.

The program promises to be an interesting one, and the public is invited.

ly filled out mailed to the Social Security Board office. The card will be returned to the applicant promptly.

## The 6th War Loan Drive Ends This Week

The Sixth War Loan Drive ends this week. Have you done your part? The Fourteen Billion Dollars called for has been subscribed, and proud to say that Coleman County has again done her part, in a measure, but the required prorata of individual buyers are lacking. The Series E bonds are short.

Lets get right down to earth and reason this thing out. We believe it is the patriotic duty of every citizen who can raise the necessary amount to purchase at least one \$100 Series E Bond. It only costs \$75.00 and will, in return, if run to maturity, ten years from date pay you back \$100.00. We are not so sure that Santa Anna has reached her quota, but we think we have several good citizens who are waiting for the last call, who have already purchased bonds liberally, but will not let the drive close until it has been met with the required quota. They are waiting to give the smaller buyers an opportunity, and that is nothing but right for them to do.

Fellow citizens, lets wake up to our responsibilities and do our American duty. Lets see to it that there is nothing lacking on our part to help bring this bloody conflict to close and permit our boys and girls, who are fighting this fight almost all over the world to end aggression and greed, to return to their homes and loved ones.

What would you give to have this war end now and stop the killing, crippling and mangling of our boys who are living such hard lives? If you have children involved, think of them. Maybe you have brothers, nephews, neighbors or good friends not privileged to be with their loved ones in their homes at this Christmas time. Don't you think for a moment that your contribution is not needed in this war effort. The greater the number of buyers the greater the influence the issue will have on the men and women on the battlefronts and the quicker our soldiers will get back home. None of us can do too much but we can all help some. Lets do our part. The boys over there cannot quit until the job is done. Lets not let them down for the lack of anything.

## Greetings Edition Next Week

As has been our custom for years, our last issue of the News before Christmas will be devoted to Special Greeting ads. The paper will be out on time, barring unexpected handicaps, and we would be glad to have every business house in town carry a Special Christmas Greeting ad.

We know the Christmas holidays cannot be celebrated in the old fashioned way, but it behooves us all to recognize the great event, and to do all that is in our power to make of it the most enjoyable affair we can. A nice little greeting ad in this paper will help to cheer up those who are despondent and downhearted, and a message of good will and good cheer will have untold effects upon us all. Lets exchange greetings and extend a word of cheer to the best of our ability, and leave the consequences to our maker.

Anyone not having a sentiment for your greeting ad, if you will call at this office, we have accumulated quite an assortment, and think we have one suitable for your needs and desires.

As it will be impossible for us to make a personal call on every house in town, we suggest that, by Monday, Dec. 18th, if you have not been called upon, that you call at this office, if interested, and select copy of your choice. Some have already told us they had their copy for our special greeting edition, and others have requested us to call and bring our selections with us. We will do our utmost to comply with your best wishes and desires, but know it will be absolutely impossible for us to make a thorough canvass of the town. Call us if you need us, but better still, call at the office and make your own selection of copy in event you do not have the greeting you desire.—The Editor.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Santa Anna, Texas  
S. R. Smith, Pastor

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IN SONG

December 17, 1944, 7:00 o'clock

Prelude-Consolation, Op. 30, No. 3.....	Mendelssohn
Processional, Hymn 143, Adeste Fideles.....	Wade
Invocation	
Scripture	
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.....	Hanel
Quartet, Prayer Perfect.....	Stenson
We Three Kings Of Orient Are.....	Hopkins
Junior Choir, We Come To Sing a Song of Gladness.....	Bosetti
Be Still My Soul.....	Sibelius
Girls Sextette, Silent Night.....	Gruber
The First Noel The Angels Did Sing, Traditional	
Benediction	
Recessional, Hymn 142, Hark the Herald Angels Sing.....	Mendelssohn

Our friends are invited to enjoy this program with us.

**HILL 69**

I'd like to tell you my experience on line.  
 The night that we took Hill Sixty Nine;  
 May 11th at 11 p.m.; was the time set for the attack to begin  
 This hill was part of the Gastave line;  
 The English had broken it, but fell back each time.  
 Now it was time for the Yanks to try  
 And each man was brave and willing to die;  
 At eleven o'clock we laid a barrage, ever so large  
 That will be in History  
 The boys started out to this hell hole on earth,  
 Facing machine-gun artillery bursts.  
 Through Tremousole we had to move fast.  
 For it had the name of Purple Heart path;  
 To get in positions our chances looked slim.  
 For most of the Jerries had all Zeroed in.  
 On side of the hill we had to dig in;  
 With mortar shells singing shrill songs of sin;  
 Twenty three hours on that hill we stayed,  
 And many a brave man went to his grave.  
 Each man prayed out loud and looked toward the sky;  
 But the shells kept on coming and brave men had to die.  
 We accomplished our mission and broke that strong line;  
 And Jerry pulled out leaving wounded behind.  
 After they started, it wasn't so bad;  
 Our boys gave them all they had.  
 We knew our objective, it was to take Rome;  
 And we knew each step placed us nearer Home;  
 We marched through Rome on June Fifth,  
 Dirty and sore and tired and stiff  
 The only regret we had on our minds,  
 Was our buddies we left back on Hill Sixty Nine.  
 By Lige Slate, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slate, Gouldbusk, Tex.

**Mary Naranjo Is Outstanding Christian**

Mary Louise Naranjo was born in Pueblo, New Mexico, a sterile state, except for its remarkably fertile river basins, but prodigious at the same time because she has the honor to send us this girl to Howard Payne. A Christian girl now for she was a Catholic before becoming a Christian.  
 She finished her high school in 1943 and started working at an army camp near her home. There she worked as a typist and had the opportunity to do religious work with some of the boys whom she saw 14 of them surrendered to Christ.  
 The people of Santa Clara Pueblo are just like any white people, she said, "they eat the same kind of food, cook it the same way, and eat on the table." For their living the women make pottery and the men, boys, and girls all work in different places, in stores, offices, and some are farmers.  
 Will you tell us about your religious experiences, Mary, we said, how do you become a Christian? Well, she replied, when I was about 14 years old I got sick and was taken to a hospital where I stayed for about two years, there my doctor came into my room every afternoon and read the Bible and told me all about Christ. He some times took me to church when I felt better. About three years ago I

went to Christian reunion for young people at Pine Crest Camp Grounds. I was the only Indian and Catholic there the rest were Baptists. The meeting lasted for two weeks and I saw many who were surrendered to Christ, but I couldn't, I felt something but I did not know what it was, finally the last Sunday I surrendered.  
 Now the reason why I came to Howard Payne College is to learn more and acquire a better preparation, but above all to know more about the Lord's word and go back home and be a missionary among my people, and tell

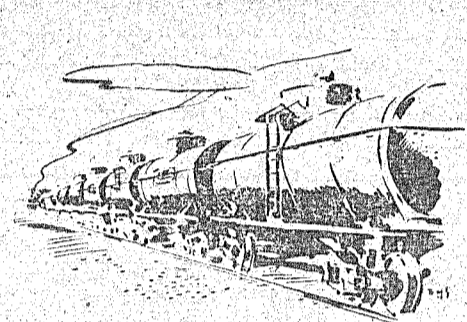
them about Christ, who gave me a great joy in my heart and healed me. I like the college so much that I do not have words to explain it, it seems to me as if this is another world, I will never forget it for as long as I live, and I do not know how to thank my teachers for the way they are treating me, I feel that I am closer to God here than in other places where I have been.  
 Do you like sports, we asked her. Yes, she said, I like to go horseback riding, and round up the cattle with the men, and fishing, hiking, skating, but the best I like is this: In summer

time, many girls go to the canyon, where it is very pretty, we go up on the mountain and the first thing we do is to sing the Indian song, then we go around hunting for animals, and when we find one we try to catch him and try to catch him alive, and when we have 10 or more we come back singing again our song. Finally when we come home, organize a big feast and play and the boys sing for us.  
 Are your parents still living? Yes, they are, my grandmother still wears the same Indian costume. She is 89 and my grandfather is 95 years old and both

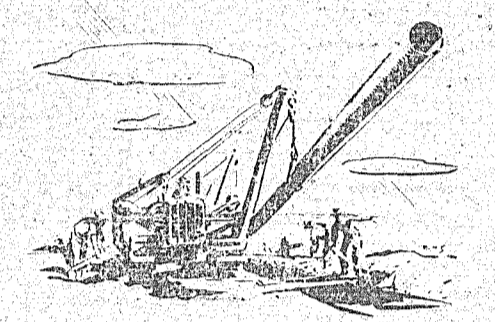
are in good health. And by the way, Mary, what is your real name in Indian? And she smiled and said, "my name is "Fo-po-vi" which means "water flower" or "water lily."  
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It is one of the wartime contributions of the 14,000 men and women of Humble—scientists, drillers, roustabouts, stenographers, pipeliners, technologists, truck drivers, geologists, glassblowers, stillmen and those working in hundreds of other occupations.

**Here is a partial list of their accomplishments to date:**

- FIRST** to produce at one refinery a billion gallons of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline.  
 The Baytown refinery has produced more 100-octane aviation gasoline than any other plant in the world.
- FIRST** to produce synthetic toluene.  
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- FIRST** in the production of crude oil.  
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These accomplishments climax a quarter century of development, planning and team work of a great organization. The men and women who made them possible are behind the billion gallons of 100-octane aviation gasoline. They are behind whatever America needs of them for victory.

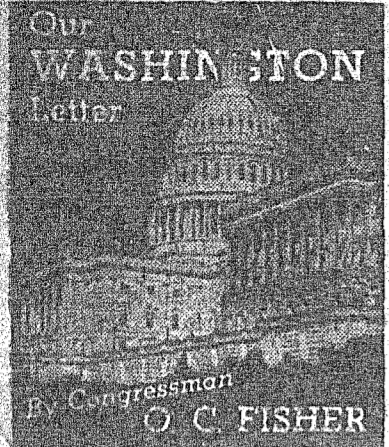
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**Our WASHINGTON Letter**  
By Congressman O. C. FISHER

**Texas Bond Day In New York**  
I was in New York on Pearl Harbor Day, having gone there to take part in the Town Meeting of the Air. New York must be about the busiest place in the U. S. in the holiday shopping scramble.  
But Texas was getting a lot of attention that day. In the heart of Manhattan, at Fifth Avenue and 48th Streets, was the stage for a special "Texas Day" bond drive program. Seven Texas oil companies which have offices in New York, added to a number of individuals, purchased \$6,350,000 in war bonds. It was a signal salute to Texas, which has contributed such great amounts of manpower and material to the war effort.

**Town Hall Program**  
The Town Hall auditorium, located just off of Times Square, was filled to overflowing; as 1500 people came to hear another of their weekly debates on public issues. The radio program was sponsored by Readers Digest, and was broadcast over the 160 stations of the Blue Network.

The question was: "Should Government Guarantee Job Equalities to All Races?" The 4 who took part were: Congressman C. M. LaFollette of Indiana; Miss Lillian Smith, author; Ray Tucker, newspaper columnist, and myself. Mr. Tucker and I were opposed by the other two. It lasted an hour, during the last half of which questions were asked each of us by people in the audience.

After it was over, I was pleased to find that quite a number of

Texans were on hand. Many of them came around to make their presence known to me. It is always fine to meet Texans anywhere, especially when you are a good way from home.

A part of my initial statement at the opening of the program, was as follows: "Let me first point out that because I am on the negative side of this question tonight does not mean that I am not in favor of equality of opportunity and equal pay for equal work performed, to all Americans, regardless of race or color."

"But I am emphatically opposed to trying to do that by passing a Federal law (F.E.P.C.) and creating another bureau, as is proposed by Congressman LaFollette."

"The proposal would simply mean that a bureau in Washington would send out over America agents to say to the farmer and to the storekeeper on Main St. 'You must hire this man; you must fire that man; you must promote the other man, because he belongs to a minority race.'"

"Have we come to the time in America when jobs are to be filled on a basis of race? Is this a proposal for the benefit of the lay and disgruntled? Doesn't efficiency count for anything any more?"

"I like our system—a system that enables the poorest boy in the poorest family, if he will work, has the ability and the initiative, to lift himself to the very top."

"But that is not all. It would start a beautiful racket. It would mean any applicant for a job, after being refused, could claim discrimination. He could then engage himself a shyster lawyer. A complaint would be filed against the storekeeper. Then the harrassed storekeeper or farmer would gladly settle out of court for fifty or a hundred dollars, and save himself further expense and trouble."

"I am thinking the business men and the farmers of America, have enough problems and troubles to deal with without creating another bureau to tell them whom they can hire, whom they can promote, and whom they can fire."

"Who, after all, is the best able to decide who is to work in a clothing store or a candy kitchen—the owner who created the job by his own investment, or the men running the Government bureau in Washington?"



**TEXAN'S SHARE in the WAR**

Here's a good Texas story brought back from China by Capt. Bob Erisman of Ennis, who recently returned after fighting the Japs for 13 months with Chinese troops. It was told on a USO-Camp Show tour by Comedian Joe E. Brown.

"When Joe put on his show in China," Captain Erisman explains, "we had lost all track of news from the states. Right off the bat, Joe told us that only 44 states were left in the union. That had us worried, for we wondered what really had happened back home."

Here's the way the comedian explained the loss of four states: "Yep, there are just 44 states left in the union. Oklahoma and Arkansas have moved to California, California has gone to the dogs, and Texas has gone to war!"

The part about Texas going to war certainly is true, anyway. So many Texans are fighting in China that they threaten to upset China's ideas of geography.

"The Texas boys have been teaching English to the little Chinese children," Captain Erisman explained. "If you stop a Chinese lad and ask him to name the capital of the United States, the odds are ten to one that he'll say 'Austin, Texas!'"

Texans are fighting on other fronts, too. Capt. Gerald Montgomery of Littlefield, Texas, exploded three Nazi jet planes last week, but barely escaped with his life from the scrap. So many American planes were in the fight that he almost collided with a fellow-flyer in a cloud bank.

In the same fight, Capt. Bill Anderson, whose parents live near Calvert, got two jet planes, as did Lt. Carl Payne of San Antonio.

Mrs. Louise Walker Tomkinson of near San Saba has received the Purple Heart medal won by her husband, Lt. Bob Tomkinson. He is recuperating from his wounds in a British hospital.

Pfc. Hilbert Mielke of New Braunfels has won the French Croix de Guerre with gold star for his combat work with a field artillery unit.

And a Flatonia boy, Coast Guardsman Oscar Hull, has finally returned after spending 14 months aboard an LST in the South Pacific. His job was one of the most dangerous of the war landing army and Marine units on beaches under fire. Fine going Hull!

Vernon Rosky of Chriesman, Burtleson county, will have an unusual story to tell his grandchildren some day. Rosky was shot down over Germany and spent a long time in a Nazi prison camp. Then the Allies bombed the town, the Germans fled in panic, and Rosky quickly escaped. He made his way to Switzerland, then France, then Belgium. Cold, hungry and home sick, he hadn't seen a piece of English literature in months when he ran across a copy of Outdoor Life. The first article he read was an article by Joe Small who now lives in Austin but who was born in Rosky's home town of 120 population.

Yes, it's a small world... and these Texans do get around!

A mink in the closet may account for the wolf at the door.



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**FOR SALE—Pre-war studio** couch, light oak dinette suite with 4 leather padded chairs and five burner gas heater. See at W. S. Stacy res. this week or phone 264. 1p.

**FOR SALE—Used furniture,** beds dressers, and chairs. P. H. Williams. 2p.

**FOR LEASE—100 acres** of the Henry Brown estate 6 miles east of Santa Anna, about one-half in Cultivation, balance grass. See or write O. J. Brown, Gouldsburg, Texas. c

**FOR SALE—My place** known as the Sparks Dairy, good value. Mrs. L. W. Guthrie. tfc.

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**Rockwood News**

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

Bro. Cotten of Brownwood filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Several are taking advantage of the clear cold frosty mornings and are butchering hogs.

Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell and baby son have returned to their home in McAllen after an extended visit here with her mother and father-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell.

Dan M. Caldwell S-C of San Francisco is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell.

Misses Joyce and Bobbie June Wise of Ft. Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise.

Mrs. A. S. Hall attended the funeral of her nephew, Clarence Castleman, at Menard, Saturday. He was killed in an automobile collision.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Livingston and Mrs. J. Coffee of

Hardin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rains.

Cpl. and Mrs. Erceel Ellis of Columbia, S. C., are here on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes spent the week-end in Ft. Worth with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Shamblin.

Mrs. Thelma Staub, of San Angelo, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bryan.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. S. H. Estes of San Antonio spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes.

Mrs. Ray Caldwell and sons, Denny, Dan Moody and Talmadge and Miss Mavie Box were luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness Sunday.

Miss Billy Velma Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Demby Wise, is still in the hospital but is improving. She is ill with pneumonia.

**Trickham News**

By Mrs. Beula Kingston

O. V. W. F., and G. J. Loudermilk of Comanche, brothers of the late Albert Loudermilk, visited with Mrs. A. Loudermilk last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wyatt and Miss Evelyn Barnes, of Grovesnor, visited with Mrs. Albert Loudermilk Friday.

Dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burney and Willie Evans last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Burney and daughter of San Marcos, Mrs. Viola Mays and Mrs. Jim See of Santa Anna, and Miss Mary V. Burney of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitley moved back to our community last week. We are proud to have them back. Julian, as most people know, is to get married Sun-

day the 17th and will live where Mr. Whitley lived.

G. K. Stearns was in a hospital last week for surgical work.

Mrs. Lewis Newman returned from the hospital in Temple last week. We are glad to hear that she is doing so well.

Merle Reed SK 3-c from Corpus Christi writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Reed that he is in the hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Reed and Merline, Mrs. Jess York and Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Nolan spent Sunday in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker spent one afternoon last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page.

Marion Ford and family and Mrs. Stacy were shopping in Coleman Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nat Simmons near Brooksmith, Friday.

Mrs. Corine Gober and daughter of Coleman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Craig last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith and son visited Mrs. A. Loudermilk Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Stearns moved into the Tom Stacy home Friday. Mrs. Tom Stacy lives here in Trickham.

Mrs. L. H. McElderry, of Graham, Cpl. and Mrs. T. C. Rutherford of Del Rio visited their mother, Mrs. May Rutherford over the week-end.

S 2-c James Gray and Mrs. Laughlin are the proud parents of a son. Mrs. Laughlin is the former Miss Mary Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke went to Coleman Saturday to attend the Gift Tea given for the purpose of collecting Christmas Gift Packages for our wounded, GI Joes and G.I. Janes. Quite a number of packages were sent in from here.

Mrs. Bill Vaughan spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. John Dockery.

S-Sgt. Tom Wilson, who has seen plenty of action in the European Theater of war, returned home the 5th. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson and two sisters.

Ansalum G. Cheney, of Crockett, son of Mrs. M. E. Cheney of Santa Anna, visited over the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Homer Goodgion and attended church here Sunday. We were so sorry to hear he had lost his left hand by an accidental discharge of a gun.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson and family of Santa Anna and Bro. Willie were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean and family Sunday.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin and S. C. Wagner of Camp Hood were here with their relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McIver and Rankin spent Sunday in Coleman with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and Sandra Kay.

I failed to hear about John David McIver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernice McIver, being inducted into the army until Sunday night. He left a few days after Thanksgiving. I don't mean to over look such news.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy and Delray visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearns and family Sunday.

Mrs. May Rutherford and daughters, Ruth and Lois, and Mrs. Kingston were shopping in Coleman Monday. Coming back thru Bangs, where Ruth now lives, we ran in to see Mrs. Emma Perry and found her much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Stacy spent Sunday night with Mrs. Albert Loudermilk.

**HOW A WESTERN TOWN GOT ITS NAME**

The first settlement in Coleman County, Texas, was made by a few cattlemen on Mukewater Creek, as early as 1850. Later, this place became one of the principal trading posts in the county.

A man named Bill Franks opened a store which was built entirely of native logs. The principal stock carried by Bill Franks being groceries and whisky, he soon had a thriving business, and his store was a popular meeting place.

Franks was a great joker and derived great pleasure from playing tricks on those who came to his store, and would always watch the effect of his pranks on his customers.

If the trick upset a man's dignity or hurt his feelings in any way, Franks immediately "set 'em up," and soon got the crowd in good humor again.

As no man knew just what was going to happen to him after he entered Franks' store, the place became known all over the district as Trick-em, and by degrees this name was applied to the entire settlement on the Mukewater.

When application was made, some years later, for a post office the first in the county, the name "Trick-em" was submitted, and was accepted, but the spelling was changed to "Trickham," and the name in this form has been retained to the present time.

Bill Franks and his cronies have passed on, but some of Bill's tricks are still talked about and retold to the youngsters. His memory is kept fresh by the name which he, unwittingly, left to the place where he dispensed good cheer and played practical jokes on his patrons.

**Whon News**

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Bangs, parents of Mr. Buster Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace and children went to Bowser Sunday to visit Mr. Wallace's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Seykes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster and son, and daughter, Miss Lucille, who is teaching at Cross Roads school visited Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter received a letter last Wednesday from their son, Pvt. Leon Carter, who is a prisoner of the Germans since last September, year ago. The letter wasn't dated, but they were over joyed to receive a few lines, since they hadn't heard since May. Leon said he was well and hadn't been writing very often.

Mary Frances Herring, who is teaching in the Rockwood school spent the week-end with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Raddle and children were shopping in Coleman and Santa Anna Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields moved to their new home Monday. They are living on the Mrs. Davidson place on the Whon and Santa Anna road. Mrs. Davidson has moved near Brownwood.

Rev. N. Hill and Miss Laura were business visitors in Brownwood Thursday. Friday afternoon they went to Coleman.

Several in our community have killed hogs and we are having some real hog killing weather.

Mr. T. J. Adkins spent the past week-end in Ft. Worth. Sunday night when almost home he happened to a car accident in which his car overturned, caught him under it. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gill heard the car when it turned over and rushed to him. They rushed him to the Sealy hospital where he will be a few days, but at this writing his condition isn't believed to be serious. Mr. Adkins is employed on the Gill ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fiveash were Coleman visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rutherford received a telegram from their son, Cpl. Willie L. Rutherford, who has been at Corpus Christi since Nov. 4, saying he was leaving for California.

Mrs. Maye Gill and daughters spent the week-end at Goldthwaite with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McNutt. Friends of Edgar (Twinkle) McNutt, formerly of Whon, are very glad to know he is back in the good old U.S.A. again, after spending months in service for Uncle Sam overseas. Twinkle returned home with Mrs. Gill Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harmes and children were shopping in Coleman and Santa Anna Monday.

Wesley Tennyson spent Thursday night in San Angelo.

Mrs. Kate Holmes and Tommie Sue spent the week-end in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengé were shopping in Brady Wednesday.

Tom Rutherford and his father, Geo. Rutherford were in Brownwood Friday, while there they

visited a few minutes with Mrs. Tom Cooper, who is a patient in the Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Cooper seemed to be in good spirit and feeling very well. Jim Carter and Sammie Shields went to Brownwood, also.

Neva Joe Taylor visited Friday night with Warner Taylor. The young folks of the community went to Brady Friday night.

Corrine Bengé and Alpha Rutherford spent the week-end together. Corine stayed with Alpha Friday night and Alpha with Corine Saturday night.

Mrs. Jim Carter and Bert spent Friday with Mrs. George Rutherford.

**Cleveland News**

Loyce Blanton

We have been enjoying some cool weather the past week. It's been fine on those who killed hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Genz visited his daughters, Mrs. S. E. Blanton and Mrs. Clara Cupps Sunday.

Raymond Haynes spent Sunday with Charlie Raddle.

Mrs. Edd Hartman and children of Santa Anna visited in the I. E. Hartman home Sunday. Mrs. Woods, of Mullin, is visiting her son, Driscow Woods and family this week.

Those visiting in the William Cupps home were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbits and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore were shopping in Coleman Monday. Billie Mack Rasberry and Frank Gary were visitors in the M. F. Blanton home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Mathews and helped them kill hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Herring and family visited E. R. Cupps and family Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Blanton visited Mrs. Clara Cupps Friday night.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 9th day of January 1945, at 2:00 p.m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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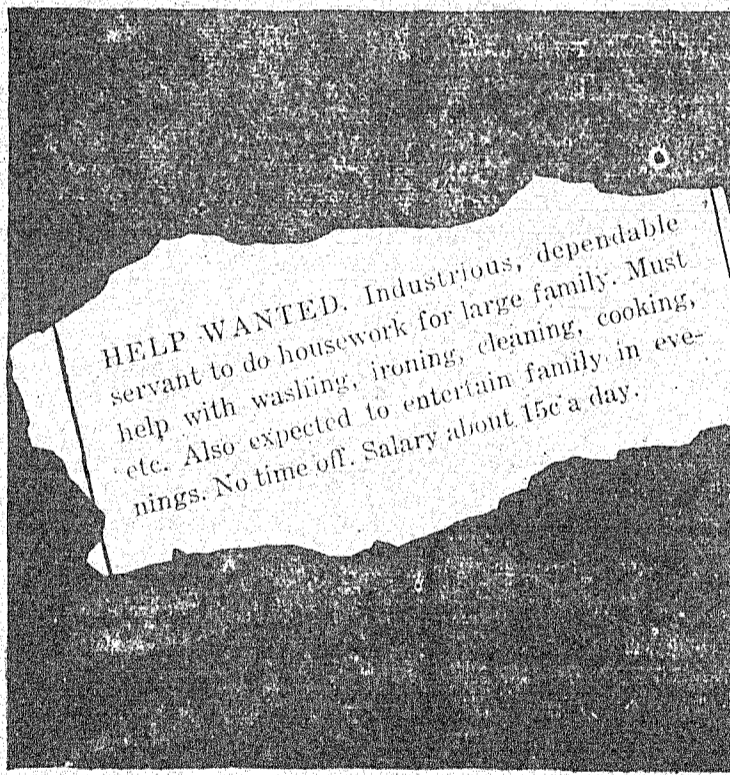
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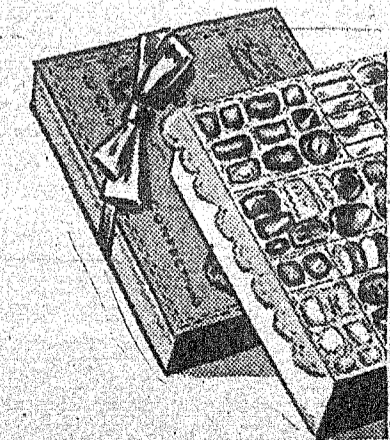


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**What Christmas Means To Me**

To me Christmas means a light in the window, a star in the sky and candle bravely shining on my tree. It means smiles and mysterious packages hidden here and there, merry laughter and smells of spice cake, apples and peppermint through the house. It means mistletoe and fragrant cedar over the fire place; a big tree at the church and neighbors coming from far and near to exchange gifts of love and friendship. Then there is the story of the Christ Child, God's first Christmas gift to man, and the Night, Holy Night. Then home with a glad heart to exchange more precious gifts with those I love best.

This Christmas, 1944, means that thousands of our fighting men are lying on every battlefield in the world today, thinking of home and the joys of the past holiday seasons. As they lie in their foxholes and look at the Christmas stars they dream of home and Mom and Dad, and the last time they helped to trim the Christmas tree. They are praying and fighting, on land, sea, and in the air for the true meaning of Christmas to live on in our hearts and homes.

Though this Christmas means a time of sorrow and grief, it can still be made merry, the bells still ring out their message of faith and hope. The Star still shines again as it did of old, I see the Christmas spirit as it sweeps around the world, enfolding all who can look at a star in the sky and see the shepherds and the wise men as they come to worship, and hear in a Christmas carol the song the angels sang on the hills of old Judea.

**THE PRESS CLUB NEWS**

You are about to enjoy a peek at one of the most important events of the year, Press Club Initiation!  
 Time: 9:45 A.M.  
 Place: Mrs. William's English Room.  
 Scene I.  
 The meeting was called to order by the president, Elizabeth Ann Stewardson, and after much discussion the time and place for the "Initiation Party" was decided and two committees were approved; the refreshment committee—Doretha Fay Casey, Evelyn Bruce and the Game Committee—Vernetta Stephenson, Betty Ann McCaughan and Betty Pritchard.  
 Time: Friday night, 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Basement of the Methodist Church.  
 Scene II.

**Initiation**  
 The first half of the party was covered by playing games and some of the initiation such as these things. Each new member was given a piece of paper to read and Betty Ann and Willard Allen stood in front just ready to pounce on anyone who gave out with the least little squeak, with a sock soaked in something "out of this world." (Say, what was it anyway? Sure would be an ef-

fective "secret weapon")  
 Then Doretha Fay, Betty Ann, Vernetta and Mrs. Williams served refreshments to forty-five people. The refreshments were sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and a drink. Next we got some more initiation and (being appreciative people) some of the members cleaned dishes and swept the floor.  
 We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. D. F. Williams for the use of the church and the game and refreshment committees for their help in making this one of the most enjoyable initiation parties ever.

**TEXAS HOMEMAKERS**

Hocus, pocus, witches charm, Texas Homemakers do Japs much harm.  
 We save our used fat, to give the Japs a big spat,  
 So our flag can wave over the Philippine soil,  
 And for that we labor and toil.  
 We save our meal and paper,  
 So the enemies will do no smart capers.  
 Our boys across the sea,  
 Are looking forward to Victory.

Hocus, pocus, witches charm, Texas Homemakers do Japs much harm.  
 Jeanette Eubank  
 Reba and Ruby Goodgion  
 Santa Anna High

**F.F.A. NEWS**

At a recent meeting the boys voted to have their next meeting at night, and have refreshments, also to bring their lady friends, on December 15 at the Ranger Park.  
 The date for the Livestock Show has been set for February 24 at the Wool Mohair Warehouse. There are going to be lots of nice fat baby beeves and lambs. Some of the outstanding breeders have said they would put their stock on exhibition. The judges are C. H. Sargent of Bangs and George Powell of Brady. We hope everybody will come.

**THE WAY TO HUNT DEER**

The best way to hunt deer is, first to buy plenty of cigarettes and cigars. It doesn't matter if you run out of anything to eat or not so long as you have plenty to smoke. Then gather up all the shotgun shells you can get and a good 30-30 W.C.F., and get a few spuds and hot onions. Get plenty of bedding and a five gallon can for extra gasoline and be sure that it leaks.  
 Get you an old run down car and a small trailer. About four boys pile in the car and head for Mason for a big game hunt. Stop in every town you come to and buy some more things you want to take with you. Have a flat on the trailer just outside Brady, stop at a filling station and have it fixed, get back in the Ford and start out again. Have a few arguments all the time going and coming. Be sure and keep the "bull" going at all times. Tell a few jokes but don't get to the extreme too much.

Then finally get to the pasture and look back at the trailer and find where the gasoline can had leaked gas all over our bedding and caught fire and was burning all of your bedding. Jump back there and put all the others bedding out, but your own and it has already burned up and you have no bedding and sleep with one of the other boys.  
 Now you are in your pasture, sitting around the camp fire listening to "bull" and talking to Mr. Layman (owner of the pasture.) Mr. Layman suggested that the first one to kill a deer would have the others wash his feet.

Early the next morning we ate breakfast and each went to his stand. Harper picked out a tall oak tree so that he could see all around him and behind him and in the canyon. Then a deer came running by he (Harper) was off balance when he shot the deer and his 30-30 kicked him out the top of the tree. He called one of the other boys to come help him. They carried him for about two miles to a car and then took him to camp. The best way to kill a buck is wait until he gives you the go-to—look and then shoot and you will get him every time.

Then Kenneth and Roland had to wash Harper's feet. Harper killed the only deer and Kenneth and Roland missed theirs.

Be sure the deer has 5-points but not more than twelve. Be sure and kill him a long way from camp so you will have a long way to carry him. Then get ready to go home and pay Mr. Layman for hunting in his pasture and come home and back to school until Christmas holidays, for another deer hunt.

**Book Titles Come to Life**

Too Many Women—Dayton McDonald.  
 Silver Spoon—Doretha Faye Casey.  
 Wolf—Roland Day.  
 Lost Sunrise—Sarah Frances Moseley.  
 This Proud Heart—Howard Lee Lovelady.  
 Yankee Lawyer—Frank Jones.  
 Four Jills in a Jeep—Pat Gilmore, Betty Ann McCaughan, Douglas Johnson, and Elizabeth Eeds.  
 Partners—Vance Cobb and Doretha Faye Casey.  
 Girl of the Woods—Joyce Baugh.

**S.A.H.S. HIT PARADE**

I'm Looking for a Sweetheart—Fred Oakes.  
 Strawberry Blonde—Minola Martin.  
 Lazybones—Hal S. in geometry class.  
 Scatterbrain—Wayne Horton to Joyce Baugh.  
 Someday, Somewhere, Sweetheart—Elizabeth Eeds and Douglas Johnson.  
 What Is This Thing Called Love—Billy Mulroy.  
 Easy to Love—Joyce R. from Willard A.  
 Don't Get Around Much Anymore—Artie Jean.  
 No Letter Today—Vivian Tucker.  
 Three O'clock in the Morning—James England.  
 Painted Doll—Joyce Gill.  
 Beautiful Dreamer—Dayton.  
 I'll See You In My Dreams—Alvin B. to Billy Jeanette.  
 Thanks for the Memories—Jean S. to T. A. Jackson.  
 Kiss Me Again—Marilyn England.  
 People Will Say We're In Love—Maurine and J. D. Jackson.  
 I Ain't Got Nobody—Bonnie Balke.  
 Little Angel—James Ford to Mildred W.  
 Love for Sale—Vance Cobb.  
 Whistling in the Dark—Marion D.  
 Tears on My Pillow—Sarah Frances.  
 Be Honest With Me—Mrs. Evans to all students who are tardy.

**JUNIOR NEWS**

The Junior Class is planning to have their Christmas party at the home of Mavice Box the night of the twenty-first. That is the last day of school before the Christmas holidays and everyone will probably be in very high spirits and as usual everyone will probably have a wonderful time.  
 The class also drew names for the program to be held in the auditorium.

**WHAT IF**

Bill D. didn't like Lois Fay?  
 George Howard came back?  
 Alice Anna didn't like Billy Campbell?  
 Marion didn't like Ray?  
 Robert Glenn hadn't gone with Jean Rowe?  
 Ann and Jeannie didn't have so many Coleman boys on their hands?  
 Duna Faye went with James Keeney?  
 John Franklin didn't wear boots?  
 Ruby G. didn't like James E.?  
 Vernon U. went with girls?  
 Billy W. didn't have so many flames?  
 Oran wasn't such a good sport?  
 Jeanette didn't like Maurice?  
 W. Horton didn't make eyes at certain soph. girls?  
 Corine Bengé didn't have baby talk?  
 Buford didn't care for Susie H?  
 Gene Ray wasn't so amusing?  
 Billy Campbell liked the blondes in the soph class?  
 Tommy Sue didn't have so many boy friends?

**BAND NEWS**

The band is really working on the program for December 18. It is going to have a variety of musical numbers which everyone will enjoy. The Tonette band from ward school will play, several piano and instrumental solos will be presented and the high school band will have several numbers.

If you want to really enjoy yourself come and hear our program. We'll be seeing you December 18 at the high school auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.

**PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK**

This week our all-around students are Elgean Shield and Wanda Price, and they are both freshman, too!  
 Elgean is 5 ft. 5 in. tall, weighs 117 pounds and has dark brown hair.  
 As a student Elgean has accomplished much. He has won the cup for being the smartest boy for three years. His favorite subjects are Algebra I and Gen. Science.  
 He has no dislikes that he knows of. He enjoys nice juicy steaks, war pictures, snow, blondes, and he enjoys most of all that paper route of his.  
 His favorite sports are football, hunting and swimming.  
 After Elgean finishes high school he intends to study to be an engineer. He doesn't know for sure what college he wants to attend.  
 Wanda is 13 years of age and is 5 ft. 4 in. tall. She has brown hair and weighs 100 pounds.  
 Wanda dislikes corpy music, and newsreels and enjoys school murder stories, and most of all,

**scarey movies.**

Her favorite sports are tennis, swimming, baseball, dancing and skating.  
 After Wanda finishes high school she intends to attend Sul Ross College and be a nurse.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dir santy Klaws  
 I hav bein a verry gode litul bol al yir, whin yu koom too mi howse thise Christmas will yu pleze leev me a two tone green buick club coupe, a trukload ov gas stamups and fore spar tirs, a machine shop, and Hedy Lamarr and Harry James. Pleez inkreez my bnk akkownt \$5000. Pleez remembur my wif also.  
 Thanc yu,  
 Dayton McDonald.

**Dear Santa Claus**

I have been a good little girl most of the time and I would like to have a bracelet and fountain pen for Christmas. Please remember all the other good little boys and girls in the Senior Class. Don't forget Mrs. Evans.  
 Yours truly,  
 Elizabeth Stewardson

**Dear Santa Claus**

I am a little girl in the Senior Class at Santa Anna High School. I have been very good this year and I would like to have a very nice Christmas present. If you don't think I am asking too much I would like to have a certain Navy pilot home for the Christmas holidays, otherwise my holidays will be very blue.  
 Hopefully yours,  
 Joyce Gil

**Dear Santa**

Please bring me a little doll, a monkey, a pup, a doll, candy fruit, and nuts, an electric train, and a book that I can read.  
 I have been a good little boy so don't bring me any ashes or switches.  
 A little friend,  
 Willie C.

**DEER HUNTERS**

Oran Lewellen—One 4-point buck.  
 Kenneth Moredock—None.  
 Pat Gilmore—None.  
 Roland Day—None.  
 Eilly Day—One turkey gobbler.  
 Harper Hunter—One 5-point buck.  
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**Lesson for December 17**

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**CHRISTIAN LIVING AT ITS BEST**

**LESSON TEXT**—Galatians 5:22-6:10. **GOLDEN TEXT**—If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Galatians 5:25.

Life and profession must be in accord. To follow Christ means more than embracing a creed, or following a ritual; it calls for daily living of the highest type.

Herein Christianity differs from all other religions. It is a living faith in a living Lord which produces a living testimony. Such a life is:

**I. Spiritual (Gal. 5:22-26).**

The Christian receives his new life through the ministering of the Holy Spirit. Since that is true, "let us also walk by the Spirit" (v. 25). Every child of God (not just a few, as some suppose) is to live this kind of spiritually fruitful life.

The works of the flesh, horrible in their wickedness and lust, are listed in verses 19-21, and then by striking contrast we have the fruit of the Spirit in the life of the Christian. Note the distinction: work is something we produce; fruit is something that grows.

Walking in the Spirit the Christian finds in his life the inward graces of love, joy, and peace. These then express themselves outwardly in love, suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. The Spirit-filled man is not only a good man, he lives a good life.

**II. Gentle (Gal. 6:1-2).**

Christianity is not harsh and unrelenting toward one who has sinned. Certainly there can be nothing but stern condemnation of continued, flagrant, impenitent sinning. But toward the one who has failed, the winsome attitude of loving restoration should be the first reaction.

There is good reason for this, for God is kind, and Christ would not punish the smoking flax (Matt. 12:20). Then who are we, weak and fallible human beings, to treat an erring brother with hardness?

**III. Kind (Gal. 6:2-5).**

We are to help the brother in need, lift his burden and bear it for him (v. 2). At the same time do not go around expecting anyone to bear your burden (v. 5). Ask God for grace and bear it yourself. If your brother helps you—good. If not, do not be offended. Too many Christians expect others to help.

Then there is the need for kindness in thinking of oneself, and one's neighbor. Pride is self-deception (v. 5). It puts God against us (James 4:4). We will have no time or occasion to judge our neighbor if we honestly appraise our own life (v. 4).

**IV. Honorable (v. 6).**

While the Christian will not be awaiting any "pay" or reward for himself, he will always be honorable in caring for those who serve him in the gospel. Salvation is free, and to true preacher or teacher of the gospel would set a price on it. But the necessities of life must be provided, and it is the obligation of the one who is served to "communicate" of that which he has to his teaching brother.

It need hardly be said that if the church had obeyed this and similar admonitions found in many places in Scripture, we should not have the disgrace of an underpaid ministry, of an understaffed church, and of missionaries waiting to go with no money to send them. Let us be honorable about this matter.

**V. Consistent (Gal. 6:7, 8).**

There is an inexorable law which rings only the harvest which is sown. Too many Christians are trying to reap the fruit of spirituality when they have sown only the seed of indifference and worldliness. It can't be done!

Self will is always struggling against God's will in the life of the Christian. Sowing to the flesh means reaping to self. And the result? Corruption. Yes, even in the life of a Christian. How much there is of that, and how it hinders God's work!

There is here the important truth that the one who sows to the Spirit reaps eternal life. That speaks of salvation itself, but it also speaks of spiritual development.

**VI. Diligent (Gal. 6:9, 10).**

It has been said that we have three classes in the church—workers, jerks and shirkers. The shirker does nothing. One wonders whether the one who is really saved, since there is no sign of life. The worker is the one upon whom one can always de-

**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 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching services 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union 7:00 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.

**Assembly of God Church**

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Evangelistic Service 8 p. m.  
Young Peoples Service Sat. 8 p. m.  
Midweek Service, Thurs. 8 p. m.  
You are always welcome at the Assembly.  
Pastor, Gladys Lutke.

**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 7:00 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.

**Ration Reminder**

Meats, Fats—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5, good indefinitely. The four red stamps validated October 29 totaling 40 red points will have to last for at least a 5-week period. No new red stamps until Dec. 3.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5, good indefinitely. S5 through W5 become good November 1 and remain good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 1.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, and 33 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline—In 17 East Coast States, A-11 coupons, good for 3 gallons each through November 3. In States outside the East Coast Area, A-13 coupons in new "A" book, good for 4 gallons each through December 21.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons and new period 1 coupons good throughout coming heating year.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely. Airplane stamp 3 becomes good November 1 and remains good indefinitely.

The jerker is the one who aches hold mightily, and then is gone when you most need him.

Christian living at its best calls for consistent, persistent, diligent application to the work of God—not only today, but tomorrow, and the next day, and the next!

Note the suggestion of special thoughtfulness toward our fellow Christians (v. 10). Some folk operate on the opposite principle. They treat their fellow believers with a little extra coldness—a special degree of suspicion and criticism. That surely is not Christian living at its best.

**THE WORLD'S SAFEST INVESTMENT WAR BONDS**

**DEFENDS DR. RAINEY**

Note by Editor: The muddle in Austin and throughout the state of the firing of Dr. Homer P. Rainey from the presidency of the Texas University has been aired by press and radio, but this editor has refrained from taking part in the controversy, because there is always two sides to a question and we do not act hastily and exhort from jumped up conclusions. The following seems sensible, and we pass it on for your information and consideration.—Editor.

Austin, Texas  
December 9, 1944

Dear Citizen:

We who are writing you this letter feel that because of the charges, contradictory statements and half truths that have been broadcast about matters concerning your State University, you might be interested in conclusions reached by three women who were born in Texas, and have been long-time residents of Austin, who have obtained the facts in the case first hand, and who are not connected with or obligated to either side in the controversy.

Two of us are ex-students and the children of all three received their college training mainly at the University, but even the all are beyond school age now, our interest in the college continues as loyal Texans eager for our state to maintain its proud tradition of freedom and justice and for our university to continue its progress into becoming one of the greatest institutions of learning to be found in these United States. "Let the chips fall where they may."

When the recently deposed president, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, brought into the open rumors that had been hinted at and whispered about for some time, each of us—unaware that the other two were doing likewise—gave the facts brought to light by the Senate investigating committee, and by others, our most serious attention and study.

We found our conclusions to be identical, tho sperately arrived at, and we assume full responsibility for passing them on for what they are worth to interested persons over the State who may have had to depend on very meager accounts for their information.

To begin with, most of the charges, when reduced to what the regents were willing to make under oath, seemed foolish and far-fetched.

Dr. Rainey was definitely proven to be neither a communist, a socialist, a fascist, an atheist nor a "man with a Messiah complex" as contradictorily claimed by his critics.

He has never favored or proposed putting negroes in the University of Texas nor has he advocated social equality for them. To his credit be it said that he has united with Southern leaders of both races in an effort to secure better training and educational facilities for Negroes.

One accusation was so sordid and far from being true that the impression left was that the Regent making it had become so enraged over failing to make a case against Dr. Rainey that he was willing to smear the students faculty and entire University in order to obtain his "wilful way." Such an uproar of condemnation followed his testimony that he then attempted to shift the blame onto what he termed "yellow journalism" for publishing what he had openly stated—somewhat amusing if not so tragic.

Limitations of space and postage prevent treating of other accusations. As you know from the press, not one was proven.

We hope you heard all of Dr. Rainey's talk, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. and that you will read all of the facts obtainable on the matter; for if you do, we feel certain that you will agree with us that the deposed executive is a cultured Christian gentleman, a courageous, patriotic citizen and one of the most capable, forward-looking presidents Texas University has ever been fortunate enough to secure.

Furthermore, by his fearless disclosure of conditions, and refusal to "bend the pregnant hinges of the knee, that thrift might follow fawning," he has become a symbol at home of the

**Central Colorado Soil Conservation District News**

**District Supervisors**

B. B. Fowler R. V. Willis  
Andy Broyles R. A. Miller  
Jim Dibrell

Seth Bucy has purchased two single-disk plow type of terracing machines to operate in the district on a commercial basis.

This makes three full-time terracing machines available in the district. In addition, one part-time piece of equipment is operated by commissioner Hub Warren in the Eula group in the north part of the district.

During the past two years, farm plows have been the main source of equipment for building terraces. In 1943, seventy-five percent of the terraces were built with farm plows. On many farms from 2 to 10 miles of terraces were built during periods of time when the equipment would otherwise have been idle.

Additional terrace lines have been recently staked for construction on the following farms: Vernon Walker, W. J. Curry, Raymond McElrath, H. E. Jones and W. E. Millorn.

Request received at the local Soil Conservation Service office for lines to be run later in the season indicates a large acreage will be terraced next year.

Terrace fills can be satisfactorily made by removing the lister bottoms and attaching a grader blade onto the foot pieces of the lister beams, then attaching boards above the grader blade. This contraption serves as a bull dozer attachment on the farm tractor and is operated with the power lift.

Gordon Pearce, Bowen group, reports unusual results from terracing. He has one field on which crops usually "burned" and the highest yield of oats did not exceed 40 bushels per acre. Since he has terraced the field, his oats yield as high as 72 bushels per acre.

freedoms for which our sons are giving their all in foreign lands.

Had any man been fired as President Rainey was, summarily dismissed without a real hearing, and for such flimsy, unsupported reasons, we would still be indignant and aroused at the injustice of it—the unAmerican way of doing it.

Why were the six Regents who voted to dismiss President Rainey so bitterly oppose to him?

Two distinguished witnesses, Major J. R. Parton of Houston and former Attorney General Robert Lee Bobbitt of San Antonio friends of theirs had told them about four years ago, of a meeting in Houston of a prominent politician and a group of wealthy business leaders, in which meeting plans were discussed for getting control of the educational institutions of Texas and putting out of them those who held too liberal views to suit this group.

Both men stated that the scheme seemed so absurd that they paid no attention to it at that time. One of them stated that, upon request, he had even urged the confirmation of two of the new appointees. However, when this trouble arose, he looked into the matter and found that every one of the last six men put on the University Board by O'Daniel and Stevenson was either a big corporation lawyer or a millionaire, or both, and that they at once started in to put out the liberal thinking president and several liberal thinking members of the faculty.

Please never forget that this is your University; that what you personally do in this crisis in its affairs may determine whether it is to continue to be the great institution, "of, by and for the people," that was left "in trust" with us by our fighting sons and daughters or whether during their absence it is to degenerate into a tool of special, selfish interests, the flame of freedom smothered by their greed.

Write your senator and representative; call meetings; pass

resolutions; give interviews to the press. You are at liberty to read this before your clubs or to use in any way you please.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. A. N.) Jane Y. McCallum  
613 W. 32nd St.  
Mrs. Sam J. Smith  
3210 Duval St.  
Mrs. W. T. Decheder  
3404 Guadalupe St.

**THIRD ANNUAL STATE SANITATION INSTITUTE TO MEET**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11—The third annual State Sanitation Institute will meet in Austin, Texas, December 14, 15, and 16 with health officials from state and county agencies participating in the program. Mr. V. M. Ehlers, Chief Technical Supervisor of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, State Health Department, will be in charge of the first day's meeting.

In the afternoon of December 14, Dr. Lewis Robbins, Director San Antonio City Health Department, will discuss the responsibility of the director in the sanitarian program. Mr. C. H. Billings and Dr. T. E. Dodd will discuss proposed public health

legislation which is to be presented at the next session of the Legislature.

Saturday morning Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, will address the assembly on the responsibilities of the sanitarian in public health work.

These annual meetings are considered to be of great importance in the advancement of public health since they bring together public health officials and sanitation experts from every section of the State for a discussion of state-wide as well as local problems and the formulation of plans and methods of procedure of benefit to the public health program as a whole. All sanitation problems that have arisen throughout the year are presented for discussion and possible solution by the local sanitarians where such problems exist. Dr. Cox has announced that he expects at least 200 sanitarians and other health officials to be present.

It is even harder to conceal your elation than it is to hide your grief.

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# A Prayer

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 And quiet shrouds the battle-rubbed West . . .  
 The enemy has laid away his arms, and Death and Pain  
 are done in France.  
 But I go on . . . for I must fight and kill . . .  
 And work and sweat . . . and hide and run . . .  
 For here the enemy is very much alive . . .  
 His bullets still are made of lead . . .  
 Their angry whispers still foretell of sudden death  
 For me and others crouched in slime and mud . . .  
 The end for us is yet to come . . .  
 And so we pray to God to give us strength  
 To fight and win . . . without the waste of Time . . .  
 And with His Will . . . to see our homes again.

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Personals

The Board of Directors of the Texas Baby Chick Association met at Stephenville, Dec. 12th. Among those present were W. B. Griffin, Santa Anna, and Charlie Schietinger, Sanitary Hatchery, Weimar, Texas. Much of the meeting was a discussion of the turkey program and plans were outlined for the coming year.

Mrs. N. C. Watson, of Seguin, here visiting her mother, Mrs. Ch. Hull.

Ira Earnhart, defense worker, Texas City, returned to his job last week after visiting here a few days with his mother, Mrs. Pat Earnhart and family.

Mrs. James McDaniel, of South Texas, visited her cousin, Mrs. Pat Earnhart last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Houston are here for the holidays with their father, H. W. Turner and other members of the Turner family.

Mrs. E. K. Thomson, of Coleman, visited friends in Santa Anna Tuesday.

J. M. Hardy of Abilene and S. Murray of Clovis, N. M. are visiting in Santa Anna for several days.

Little Miss Lajuana Burgett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Burgett, returned home Saturday from Medical Arts Hospital where she was operated for appendicitis. She is recovering nicely and will return to school soon.

Mrs. Minnie B. Pinney left Tuesday for Marathon to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Jewell Hill and family.

Mrs. Myron Hays and little son Lesley left last Wednesday to join her husband, Lt. (jg) Myron Hays, who is stationed at Groton, Connecticut. They reached their destination Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ollie Floyd of Ballinger spent two days last week visiting friends in Santa Anna.

M. D. Pinkerton of the Santa Anna Silicia Sand Company, went to San Antonio last Thursday and is receiving medical treatment there.

S-Sgt. Byron McDonald and Mrs. McDonald are here from Camp Butler, N. Carolina for a visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McDonald and other relatives. They are also visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Davis, near Coleman.

Sam H. Collier and mother, Mrs. J. W. Collier, Mrs. Jeanette Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin were in Fort Worth first of the week.

Mr. Charlie Schietinger, pioneer hatcheryman of Weimar, Texas, visited the Griffin Hatchery here this week. The visitor, a German by birth, was reared in the United States, his parents both passing on during his early childhood, and he became an adopted son of the U.S.A. at the age of twelve years.

Mrs. Maud Patterson came in this week from Rallings, Wyoming, to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Ema Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kingsley have moved back to Santa Anna to make their home for the present. Howard is an employee of the Triple A Agricultural program and the family has been living at Bryan for seven years, moving there to give their three fine sons the benefit of a higher education at the Texas A. and M. College. The three sons are now in uniform, serving in Uncle Sam's Army and will not be back in school for the further duration of the war.

This nice, cool weather is fine for hog killing and we hear a number of porkers have been butchered. We're not one bit hungry, but wonder if some good farmer friend has in mind bringing the editor a few chunks of backbone with a little pork left thereon, or just a few good slabs of spareribs. Not too spare.

Our Victory Day Salute

MISS GALE COLLIER HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

A red and white color scheme and Christmas motifs were used to decorate the Collier home last Sunday, Dec. 10 when Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Collier honored their daughter, Gale, with a birthday dinner, at which the guests helped out by each bringing a "covered dish."

The dining table was laid for sixteen and was centered by a huge white birthday cake on which was placed red birthday candles. Tall red Christmas candles in red candelabra surrounded the cake.

After everyone arrived Gale was blindfolded while those present sang "Happy Birthday to You." When the blindfold was removed the honoree found that a huge box had been placed at her feet, which looked as tho it might contain even a coffee table or love bench. After searching thru reams of paper and many boxes of various sizes, and being almost convinced it was all a joke, Gale found a lovely gift and birthday card which had been prepared as a surprize by the guests.

The dinner consisting of baked chicken with all "the trimmings" was beautiful and delicious and made one wonder if there was really "rationing" and "shortages."

The birthday cake was cut and served by Gale and each guest found a favor and their fortune in their serving.

The afternoon was spent taking pictures, playing games and just visiting. Those who enjoyed the occasion and left wishing Gale many more happy birthdays included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin and Coyita, Mrs. Lula Johnson, Mrs. Jeanette Hensley, Miss Louise Purdy, Miss Margaret Schultz, Mrs. Arch Hull, Drs. Dave and Muriel Gardner, Mrs. Glenda Riddle and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Williamson.

Otis Dee Simmons, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner, is leaving with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dee Simmons, of Galveston, for a short visit with relatives in San Angelo.

FACULTY MEMEBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Some members of the Ward School faculty met Monday night December the 11th at 8 o'clock in Hotel Santa Anna, where a very appetizing Christmas dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Byrne, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Burgett, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Howard, Mrs. May McDonald of Coleman, Mrs. Byrl Sparkman, Mrs. J. Frank Turner, Mrs. L. A. Singleton, and Misses Corrine Wallace, Lonella Taylor, Mary Gladys Pope and Alta Lovelady. Following this dinner an exchange of gifts was enjoyed by the faculty members who attended.

THE WSCS HAS INTERESTING MEETING

The Womens Society of Christian Service met Monday, Dec. 11 with Mrs. Rex Golston in a social and business meeting. The subject was "Christmas in our Settlements." Mrs. Mills gave the devotional. Others taking part were Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Ethredge.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres. Mrs. Blake; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Sealy; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Ethredge; Recording Sec., Mrs. Payne; Treas., Miss Elsie Lee Harper; Sec. Missionary Education, Mrs. Hays; Sec. Student work and youth work, Mrs. Williams; Sec. Childrens work, Mrs. Cheaney; Sec. of Literature and Publicity, Mrs. Golston; Sec. Supplies, Mrs. Blue; Sec. Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Griffin; Sec. Spiritual Life, Mrs. Morgan; Soc. Publicity, Mrs. Mills. Refreshments of open faced sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their help and acts of kindness to us and our loved one, during her long illness and death. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each of you in our prayer. Gardner family.

Strowd-Williams

Miss Wanda Strowd, of Collinsville, Okla., became the bride of R. C. (Dutch) Williams, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly of Santa Anna, December 2 at 8 o'clock in Collinsville.

The bride wore a winter white suit with black accessories and carried a gardenia corsage.

Mrs. Williams is a 1943 graduate of the Collinsville High School and at the time of her marriage was employed by the LeRoi Company in Collinsville.

R. C. (Dutch) Williams, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams of Santa Anna, and graduated from the Rockwood High School in 1942. He is employed in the Douglas plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The young couple are making their home in Collinsville, Okla., after spending a brief visit with his parents here.

THE MOUNTAINEER

GOSSIP

Come on, folks, put your gossip in that little white box. We don't hear everything that happens, so help us a little.

Well, it seems as if Buford Dodgen has been trifling on Suzy Holmes. Better watch him, Suzy.

What's this we hear about Virginia Lewellen? By the way, whose watch has she been wearing? Could it have been Jim Tom Simpson's?

Mary Lois Leady was seen with Harper Hunter, Sybil and Willard Allen. Tom Boy, you're losing out.

Who is Dayton's heart throb? Now could it be Mary Mason? Maybe so.

Melba Johnson and Melba Walters have been seen with two certain Coleman boys for the last two Saturday nights. Looks as if they're doing o.k.

Marie Heilman and Noland

Fulbright seem to be doing o.k. these days.

Billie Warren and Bobby Hewlett are still on the beam.

Have you heard? James England lost his Kitty. If anyone sees it, please return it to him for Mrs. Crabtree would love to see it, as he wrote a three page theme calling his Kitty.

Dorothy Rains and Claud Barrington sure have lots to talk about on the bus these days.

Speaking of the "Girl Haters" who are those pretty girls Billy Mulroy and Willie Calcote have on their strings?

What's this we hear about Bonnie Balke and Vance Cobb?

Thomas Newman really has his eyes on a certain freshman girl. Could it be Earl Jean Woodard? I bet it could be.

Well this is all. Please put that ideal talk in that Gossip box in the study hall.

Yours truly, Nitty and Witty

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Goldston of San Antonio are visting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simmons and other relatives here.

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