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Hal Hooten Pays Tribute to Pal-

The following letter to Wooster Everett, was written by Hall Nooten, and the tribute he paid to Jackie Everett, nepnew of Wooster, we feel merits reproduction:

> France Oct. 15, 1944

Dear Wooster:

I have time for a few lines so I'll get them mailed to you now. I am going to enclose a small poem that I thought you might want. I wrote it while thinking back on days of long ago and present.

What's happening in our fair village these days? I'd sure like to breeze into the post office about now and have a nice long talk with you.

Things are pretty hot around my place this morning, Jerrie has been harrassing us with a little artillery now and then for a couple of nays.

MY PAL JACKIE

It was down in Lometa, Texas in my childhood days, I chanced to meet a life-long

friend. As a child will when he plays.

All say he was a good boy And a great soldier he grew to be For he crossed the Atlantic Ocean.

We had quite a few talks this Jackie boy and me

told-me what he planned to o the next time saw you.

se told me he was to see his folks and a lot of other plans. And how he'd like to be home torn lands.

Jackie was a Sgt. on an antitank crew

And did the guys love him, say not just one or two! That's why they held that road-

block when Jerrie wanted thru

We were nearly surrounded and Could only move one way So Jackie took his gun and crew to guard the road,

While we did some fancy moving Around another way.

I'll never forget the grim smile of determination That was on his face that day,

Those six big tiger tanks couldn't get down the road, For Jackle intended to stay.

and stay he did this gallant lad He and his faithful crew Five tanks they got that day and

But Jackie got hit bad by one or two.

And so he died my childhood friend

But Jerrie paid dearly before his And I proudly say, Jackie used

to say, "When I die I want it this way."

I want you to know how I feel about this whole thing, Wooster. had the pleasure of having all I muss I shouldn't send you this their children home with them but maybe it will let you know how I feel.

If you can find time to write I'd enjoy hearing from you. Sincerely,

Howell. —Lometa Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly of Cultiwaite visited in the Roy Angelo, and Miss Willyne Rags-teriard hone Christmas day. dale of Houston.



Many Items Go Back on Ration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26—(AP) -Housewives will find more ration points are required and their supply of valid points diminished when they shop for

Ration points will be required for six canned vegetables—peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach—in addition to tomatoes, under new again away from these war- OPA regulations. Pound of butter will increase from 20 to 24 red points in value at the same time.

> And beginning Dec. 31, about 85 per cent of all meats will be back on the ration list.

> All red and blue stamps which became good before Dec. 1 and all sugar stamps and home canning certificates except No. 34 are cancelled. That leaves Book Four red stamps Q5, R5 and S5, and Book Four blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2 valid.

Five new red stamps—T5 thru missions in the European thea-X5—and five blue stamps—C2 ter of operations. He has been through G2—will become valid stationed in Belgium and France Dec. 31. Each will be worth 10

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown were host and hostess to the following guests Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hefner, Midland; Mrs. Frances Adams, Austin; Miss Ruby Vollentine, Austin; Mrs. Leon Shield, Coleman; Mrs. W. E. Baxter, Santa Anna; Mrs. H. B. Thompson, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Boone and son, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Boles and son, Brownwood; Donald Shield, U.S. Navy Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; and Miss Kittle Baxter, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale for Christmas. They are Miss Althea Ragsdale of Flagstaff; Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Autry and children of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Parker, Santa Anna, Pvt. and Mrs. W. W. Ragsdale from the Mississippi Ordnance Plant at Jackson, Mrs. Durwood Hartsfield, Santa Anna, Miss Arabelle Ragsdale of San

Watch Night Service at Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church will have the usual morning service, with a New Years message by the

The evening service will begin at 7 o'clock with the Training Union.

At 8 o'clock our young people will have charge of the service. Following that will be a fellowship period in the basement, with refreshments.

A song service will follow and a devotional period near midnight, closing with a beautiful baptising.

The public is invited to attend all these services and to receive the blessing that is sure to come. S. R. Smith, pastor.



LANDS IN NORTH AFRICA-Lieutenant (jg.) Garrett Slaugh-ter, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Slaughter, 809 Avenue B., has arrived safely in North Africa according to word received here. A graduate of Santa Anna High School, and Howard Payne College, Carreit formerly taught school at Archer City, where his wife still cesides. He has been in the service for more than two years.

Chairman of WPB Makes Statement

Mr. W. F. Barnes, Chairman of the Local War Price and Rationing Board in an endeavor to permit more prompt mailing of rations to the public has installed a new streamline rationing procedure designed to cut down the present heavy Board workload.

Under the new plan, all applications are to be mailed or presented in person to the Board office in order that they may go before the proper panels to be acted upon, Mr. Barnes explained. All panels of the Coleman ing. County Ration Board have certain times to meet and all applications will be given considera tion at the regular meetings.

Calling attention to the fact that Board members are all volunteers and not only receive no pay for their services but have business of their own to operate. Mr. Barnes urged that no applications be taken to a board member by a consumer. Such action will only tend to delay issuance besides taking up the valuable time of the board mem-

effect, all approved rations will the list, and it may be necessary be mailed out, and the only rations which will be issued over stances, it is not practical to the counter in the future will be carry deliquent subscribers on those where hardship would result or in the cases of emergencies or furlough rations for service men.

To prevent possible inconvenience, clerks at the local office here suggest that applicants try to anticipate their needs and file their applications for gasoline and the other commodities a few days in advance of the time actually needed.

Bargain Rates Soon to Be Over

papers offering special bargains rates to renewal subscribers during the holidays should not wait pleted his required number of wish to renew your Fort Worth night. The public is invited. Bas-Star-Telegram.

We can take a few new subsiriptions to the Abilene and San Angelo papers.

J. J. Gregg, agent.

from the hospital to her home Whon. He is authorized to wear Wednesday where she has been the Distinguished Flying Cross, being freated for severe burns the Air Medal, the North African the past two weeks. Mother European Theater ribbon with Neal's clothing ignited when a one campaign star. Prior to going small gas stove exploded, inflict- into the AAF he attended Rocking painful burns on her body wood High School, graduating and lower limbs. She wishes to with the class of 1937. express her appreciation to the many friends who remembered her with flowers, cards and other expressions of friendship while in the hospital.

Lt. (jg) John Bob Sparkman came Dec. 20 for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sparkman. He has been overseas 35 missions and 280 operational a year, the last 5 months being spent in France. Recently he received a citation for his part in mand. the D-day operations, landing troops from barges. He crossed the English Channel five times that day.

Mrs. Durwood Hartsfield is. visiting in the J. L. Hartsfield home in Mineola this week.

Greetings for the New Year, 1945

With this issue of the Santa Anna News, we pass the 59th year of service to Santa Anna as a servant of your town and community. The first issue of the News was issued January 1, 1886 and next volume number will be LX and when we have completed 52 issues of that volume, we will have rounded out 60 years of service. Therefore, we think the Santa Anna News is the oldest institution in Santa Anna, and we trust one of the most deserv-

We now have, the largest circulation the paper has ever had except on peak occasions immediately following a circulation campaign when several hundred dollars worth of prizes were given away, and to our large list of subscribers and their families we extend Greetings for the New Year. May your every wish come

During the past few months we have been so badly pressed for time, we have not paid much attention to our subscription list, but immediately after the holi-Under the new arrangement in days it is our purpose to canvass to drop some. Under the circumthe list. A word to the wise should be sufficient, and according to the trend, if you desire to continue getting the paper it is not safe to let it expire and be dropped from the list. We do not think the Postal Rules and Regulations will demand any cut in our circulation, but it is possible that we will be restricted to our present list of subscribers, and also restricted to sending the paper only to those paid up and in good standing. Take that for whatever it might be worth to

Subscribers who take daily HOLINESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT WHON

The Holiness Association will Word has been received that until the last day of grace to re- be held at Whon Nazarene Lt. John B. Lamb of Dallas, for- new your subscription. Please Church 5th Sunday in Dec. Also merly of Santa Anna, has com-bring your name label if you will have service on Saturday ket lunch.

Nellie A. Hill, pastor.

S. Sgt. Edgar I. McNutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McNutt of Goldthwaite, has been visiting Mrs . D. C. Neal was removed his sister, Mrs. Glenn Gill, at

S-Sgt. Leslie H. Douglas of the Army Air Corps, returning from 9 months overseas in the European theater of operations came Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Douglas. Sgt. Douglas is an engineer-gunner on a B-24 with combat flying hours to his credit. He is in the Eighth Bomber Com-

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butchee and daughter, and Miss Nank Bearden from Martin County and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnard from Haskell spent: Christmas Olewalibad with the ladies, parents, Miderion baseson and Mrs. C. H. Richards.

By Mrs. Beula Kingston

There will be a 5th Sunday Holiness Association at Whon, All day services will be held on Mrs. Haynes. Sunday. If interested at all please try to go. For the last few all their children home days we have been feasting on go and get our souls fed.

Our school turned out Thursday for Christmas holidays. The children gave a good program, after which a real turkey dinner was served to 60 or more, and then as Santa Claus had not arrived presents on the tree were ago. given out and every body went home happy.

Mrs. Kilmer of Santa Anna is few days while Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lange are visiting relatives in South Texas. If I have heard correctly, Mrs. Clarence Spence and daughters, Othelia and Mrs. George Thomas and family, all of California are here visiting.

Mrs. Zay Shirley and Gayle left Friday to visit her mother at Paducah.

Lewis Burney and family, Viola Mays and Mrs. Annie See brought their dinner, came to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pages' and all spread their dinner together and had a good time last Friday. Willie and Sallie Page were to have come but failed to get here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Steph-8 and one-third pound baby boy born Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woods McClatchey places east of Trickham, known as the Aldridge place.

Mr. and Mrs. Colvin had several of their children home for Christmas; James from Camp Swift, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sitton and family of Cushing, Tex., Rev and Mrs. E. H. Colvin of Oklahoma City and we had the pleasure of having him speak to us for a few minutes during our Christmas program Sunday night

Our church house was crowded Sunday night for the Christmas program and tree. Really it seemed more like good old times to see so many out.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Downs and Polly of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fiveash and family of Blanket visited their sister, Mrs. Leta Price over the week-end.

Mrs. Albert Loudermilk is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. John Grif- their children home for Christ-

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haynes' little daughter has been very ill, and was taken to the Coleman hospital, but is better at this the others names. writing.

Mrs. Gordon Stearns and son family spent Christmas Tommy visited with Mrs. Kings- Odessa ton Saturday, bringing Santa friends. Claus with them. Thanks, Alma, to each of you.

Laughlins as it was Jack's birth-

Carl Sheffield and wife left after dinner to visit his brother, Oran and family in San Angelo.

Fred Haynes and family went Bowden

time during Christmas.

For the lack of space I can't Douglas Penny and son. report all who visited with their famillies for Christmas so I hope las, is visiting her family, Mr.

no one feels hurt. and Mrs. I. E. Mrs. May Rutherford had all of the holidays. her children home Xmas except Billy an T. C. and I had the Oneta and Gladys spent Christplesure of taking dinner with mas day in Camp Bowie visiting the family group at Bangs Sun- their children. day in the home of Ruth and J.

and family, Gordon and wife, ily and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyt and family, Mary and chil- Hester and family all of Waco. dren and Corrine and daughter.

Mrs. Eupha and Helen, Mary Jo, Houston with relatives and Bille's wife and daughter, Frank friends. and wife, Clara and husband,

Mrs. Tom Stacy had all her day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin had

met together with Chelo and his night. family.

Mrs. Lee Vaughan and Nan were happy to have Bille Fay and Izzie home for Christmas. News comes that Ike Vaughan sailed for overseas duty 10 days

Mr. and Mrs. Oll Martin had all their children home but Her-

All the McClatchey families staying with Mrs. Featherston a had Xmas dinner with Wiley and family.

> Hayden Goodgion and family came in to be with his folks. Elvis Ray Cozart is home for

the holidays. Pyts. Talmadge McClatchey, Jr Jack Laughlin and S. C. Wagner came in for Christmas.

Ellie and family home, also her brother and wife.

her mother, Mrs. M. E. Wilson is homes and their country as are no better.

May I try to express my thanks Christmas: I feel so unworthy of your friendship and as the first New York, N. Y. I will go saying God bless my Francisco, Calif. friends who have been so good to me. But maybe they are trying to repay me for all this gossip I send in.

Cleveland News

Loyce Manton

Christmas has come and gone. It was very blue for those who have boys so far away. We are hoping before another one rolls around they will all be home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Radle and family spent Christmas in Yoakum County visiting Mr. and Mrs Pete Hughes.

were very lucky to have all of mas; Sgt. Bill Burden from Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burden Santa Anna. We failed to get there they are. The editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and visiting relatives and

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips had as their guests over the holidays Mrs. J. S. Laughlin had the Mrs. Jimmie Lee Brown and sons privilege of having her children of Brady. Taking dinner with all together—meeting at Bud them Sunday were Mr. Jimmle Lee Brown of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips and family and Mrs. Fannie Anderson of Camp Bowie, Mrs. Cora Phillips and children, Mabel and Sealy.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. to Cherokee Sunday to visit her Sam Moore Sunday were C. T. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Moore and family, Buck Mills and family, D. H. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stearns had family of Santa Anna, Mr. and most of their children home some Mrs. Truman Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hartman and Mrs.

> Miss Omelia Hartman, of Daland Mrs. I. E. Hartman through

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton,

Those visiting in the I. E. Hartman home Sunday were Mr. Mr . and Mrs. Craig had Doris and Mrs. Lewis Wright and fam-

Mrs. J. C. Perry and son, Bob-Mrs. Shield and Robert had bye visited during Christmas in

Mary and Oscar, Walter Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams Pearl Ford and Rankin McIver. were shopping in Brady Satur-

children, but Lula and Sammie. Those visiting in the E. R. Mrs. Jess York had Charles Cupps home Sunday were Mr. and family, Joda and family, and Mrs. J. E. Williams of Bufbeginning Friday night, Dec. 29. Jack and Moya and children and falo and Mr. and Mrs. Casey Herring.

Mrs. Lonnie Knutson, Otis and Odell Woods, Leon Phillips and Mr. Charlie James with Glena Gladys Blanton attended the good food for our bodies, so lets Fay and family, Inez and family show in Santa Anna Wednesday

OUR FAMILY

The editor has been reluctant of late to write concerning our own family, only passing out the information in response to inquiries when friends wanted to write to some member of the family in the service. Not that we hesitated to talk about them, but we felt a bit timid to make mention of our own children too often in the paper.

Notwithstanding, our children are dearer to us than ell else in the world we could not help but feel that some of our readers might think that we were inclin-Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had ed to find more to say about our own children than we are others, who are doing the same thing in Mrs. Hattie Loving writes that effect for the safety of their our own. In reply to the many Roland Williams and family of inquiries about them and con-Grand Prairie are here for Christ cerning their whereabouts we give you the following:

If you wish to write to Jack, to each and every one who sent address him as follows: Captain ens are the proud parents of an me cards or gavt me gifts this Joseph J. Gregg, Jr.-0-409980, I. G. D. APO 4098 % Postmaster

Mrs. Page said—"People must To reach Frances, address her have moved on one of the Tal think I am going to die." (which as follows: Lt. Frances A. Greggshe did soon after Xmas) but if N-735290, 49th Gen. Hospital, do before another Xmas time, APO 920 % Postmaster San

> To reach John, address him as follows: S-Sgt. John C. Gregg-18038707, 6th Troop Carrier Sqdn. A.A.F., APO 920 % Postmaster San Francisio, Calif.

To reach Burton, address him as follows: Ralph B. Gregg, CSKD., 14th U.S.N.C. Bn. Hq. Co. % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

The above applies to those outside the United States, and we have had a number of requests from their friends wanting to write to some of them. We refused to publish this information before the holidays for two read sons. We did not want people to think we were implying a bid for Mr. and Mrs. Homer Burden Christmas presents, or did we care to cause any additional mail to pile up on the overworked people who were looking after and dispatching of the heavy mail of Camp Bowie, Miss Jane of during the holidays. Thank you,

GUESSING

When shall the war be over? Let's all a gutssing go-We're counting on the Allies; may we not be too slow!

We welcome all who enter this novel game of guessing; We promise it shall prove to be most helpful and refreshing.

Men who serve in uniform may change from selfish naturé; With no ambition heretofore may seek the Legislature!

We venture that the WACS and WAVES who serve in grace and beauty.

Shall better, braver, stronger be for all civilian duty. "We the people" dwelling this

side the mightly ocean More heart-felt gratitude shall show; more homage and de-

Enlisted men who gave up home and bravely sailed away Not one shall be content to dwell outside the U.S.A.

Many a southern girl shall dwell in a distant northern clime. While Yankee brides shall call it "home" on a southern border

Three pairs of shoes shall have no soles within a victor nation; Our joy shall be unbounded at

the lifting of the ration. Mr and Mrs. Driscoe Woods And may we have the voice to

give a long, loud, lusty cheer-A glad vibration shall be felt o'er the Western Hemisphere!

Now once again, then shall end this novel game of guessing;-Allies shall kiss the Stars and Stripes

Which bring the world a pleas.

-Contributed.

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Dave Banks of Houston spent Christmas week with his family

Business Change

We wish to announce the purchase of the Lynn May Gulf Service Station on wes main street, and solicit portion of your gasoline, oil and car service business.

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BALE—Used furniture, beds ora; and chairs. P. H. Wil-2p.

LEASE-100 acres of the y Brown estat_e 6 miles east nta Anna, about one-half

Mrs. L. W. Guthrie.

WANTED—Farm and ranch hand; work with laying turkeys through season. Tom Stewardson, Santa Anna 52p.

FOR RENT-Apartment with private bath and bills paid. Mrs. Fred Turner.

FARM FOR LEASE known as G. O. Herring farm. See J. E. Wat-

WANTED—Pasture for saddle horse, or let any one ride horse for pasturage. See Henry Good-

DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

The United States has outbuilt and out-produced the world in ships and planes and other material of war. All of which has created great gratification on our part and has been productive of many complments on the part of our Allies. It has even drawn commendations from Mos been a matter of public policy.

All of which makes the current stage of shells on the Westnote only mortifying to understand. It is pthat this shortage the in part at least to a lack ire of Antwerp remedled to a certain extent.

No one questions but what the United States could have produced shells in any desired quan tax laws that have been passed tity, given a certain amount of advance notice. Our record, already written in the shipyards, tank and plane factories is ample proof of that. It is quite likely the cause lies deeper. Probably no one, last May, saw far chough ahead to realize what military situation would be six months later. Consequently the shells were not ordered when they should have been and were not ready when the military situation took the turn that it did.

Perhaps the wish was father to the thought, but the speed with which France was overrun after the breakthrough at St. Lo gave rise to hopes that the Allies could keep right on going across the Rhine and wind up the Eunn phase of the war right

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Christmas, 1944

With sadness and grief in so many of our homes, the Christmas Season this year is far from stivation, balance grass. See Merry. The hope and prayer of this war will at last be won; and years ago. The inaugration, orthat, thereafter, we may lift our dinarily held in front of the capithat caused this war, and by front of the White House later making a firm, just and lasting in January. peace we can keep faith with

78th Congress Ends

Last week the curtain came down on the last session of the 78th Congress. Many of my friends in the district have asked me about my impressions of Congress after serving a term up here. As a new member, I have felt at times the Congress did not measure up to what the people had a right to expect of their scrutiny of this subect to assure representatives. On the other that it be confined to essential hand. I have been impressed war materials which would other with the hard and conscientious wise not be made available. The work on the part of the vast ma-

Congress being a human institution; it is natural that there are all types of men who compose it. I do know that much of the hard and faithful work is never publicized. Most of it is done in Committee rooms where cow where reticence has always long and exhaustive hearings are held.

Congress has dealt with many subjects this year. In addition to the passage of war legislation requested by the President and the Military and Naval leaders, Congress has dealt with taxation, report facilities which the cap- habilitation of veterans, postwar reconversion and kindred problems.

A new income tax law, bringing into one Act a dozen income and pyramided on top of each other during the past decade, to simplify the computing and making of returns, was enacted.

A mustering-out pay bill for released veterans was passed, as was the G.I. Bill of Rights. The

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latter measure was designed to munitions and supplies to our NOTICE OF ANNUAL aid returning veterans to con- Allies and thereby help to shorttinue their education, receive en the war and save lives. special training courses where desired; to secure loans for

small businesses, farms and homes; to provide adeuqate hos- that way about it. It seems to pital care and disability compensation, and to meet many and should end when the war other needs. The G.I. Bill is a rehabilitation many problems to face the 79th

measure—an attempt, so far as Congress next year. possible, to restore the veteran to normal civilian life and to ease the economic disadvantage suffered by the veteran because of having been away fighting the war.

Next Congress

The 79th Congress will convene on January 3. The President will probably deliver a peror wate O. J. Brown, Gouldbusk, all is that before many months sonal message, as he did two FOR SALE-My place known as eyes to the light of the star of tol after the traditional parade the Sparks Dairy, good value the first Christmas Day and for- up Pennsylvania Avenue, will be ever eliminate the evil forces rather quiet and will be held in

> The new Congress will then those who have laid down their buckle down to work. There will be 85 new members in the House, which will be 20 fewer than two years ago when 105 new ones were sworn in.

Aside from appropriations and other war measures, there will be the question of post-war military training, continuation of price controls and rationing, lend-lease, etc.

Speaking of lend-lease, there is much demand now for closer program is designed to provide

COLEMAN ABSTRACT CO. Your business appreciated Fred Paddleford, President R. R. Browning Jess R. Pearce, Manager

Some people have urged that lend-lease be continued beyond me it is purely a war measure ends: Anyhow, this is one of

Pvt. and Mrs. Joe Wallace of Camp Hood spent Christmas with homefolks.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Santa Anna the end of the war. I don't feel 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.

Respectively, O. L. CHEANEY. Cashler.



New Year Greetings

THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

This is the sincere New Year wish of your

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January

- 1-Russians move to within 27 miles of
- 1—Russians move of Polish border.
 2—U. S. marines expand hold on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.
 9—American troops capture San Guista.
- Italy. 18—Two new Russian offensives are
- opened. 22—British blast Magdeburg in 1,000 30-
- plane raid.
- 27—LENINGRAD CLEARED OF NAZIS. 30-Hitler in speech anticipates defeat.

February

- 1—Chinese advance in northern Burma.
 3—Marines capture Namur and other islands in the Marshalls.
 6—U. S. army takes Kwajalein atoll in
- U. S. army takes Kwajalein atoli in Marshalis.
- Marshalls.

 16—Heaviest bomb load yet dropped, hurled on Berlin by British bombers.

 17—U. S. naval task force attacks, Truk, main Jap base in south Pacific.

 19—Japanese cabinet reorganized, following attack on Truk.

 23—U. S. naval task force strikes at Marianas islands.

 24—All of western New Britain passes to American control.

 29—Stailin offers page terms to Finland.

- 29-Stalin offers peace terms to Finland.

- 8-Record raid on Berlin made by 2,000
- planes. –Russian army crosses Bug river. –Advancing Russians enter Bessara
- bia. -Russians reach Romanian border. -Palau islands, 1,600 miles south of Japan, attacked by U. S. navy.

April

- 2-Russian troops enter Romania.
- 2—Russian troops enter Romania. American planes bomb Austria. 10—ODFSSA FALLS TO RUSSIANS. 13—Allied troops half Jap drive near Ko-hima, in India. 29—A thousand U. S. bombers raid Ber-
- 30—Japan's mid-Pacific base, Truk, is raided for 35th time.

- 7-Allied forces in Italy turn back German counteraltack near Anzio.
 9—Sevastopol, Black sea naval base, falls to Russians.
 15—Chinese launch counter-offensive in western Yunnan province.
- 18—CASSINO, NAZI STRONGPOINT IN ITALY FALLS TO AMERICANS
- AFTER LONG SIEGE.

 28-Allied bombers strike at German synthetic oil plants in Leipsig area.

MANDY

- 4-AMERICAN TROOPS ENTER
- 8-INVASION OF CONTINENT BE-GINS WITH LANDINGS IN NOR-

- MANDY
 8-Allies in Italy capture port 38 miles north of Rome.
 13-Allies advance into northern France, reaching point 15 miles Inland.
 17-Chinese take Kamaing, Burma.
 23-Week-long German robot bombing reported by British.
 25-American tank units enter Cherbourg, important French port.
 26-Russians capture Vitebsk and Zhlobin.

- 3-Minsk falls to Russians as they sweep
- into Polish territory.

 -Robot bomb casualties and damage in southern England are admitted to
- be serious. British and Canadians enter Caen, France, anchor of German lines for
- weeks. Jacks of German his weeks.

 7 Six Nazi bases, the most important being Lwow, fall to Russians on various fronts.

 26 Brest-Litovsk captured by Russians.

 30 Allied "break through" registers large gains in France.

Amoust

- 1-Resistance in Tinian island in Mar-
- snaus ends.

 -Turkey breaks diplomatic relations with Germany.

 -Guam conquered, giving U. S. control of all important islands of Marshalls.
- shalls
- shalls.

 -A second Allied invasion force lands on southern French coast between Marseille and Nice.

 -U. S. tank units reach suburbs of
- Paris. Southern France invasion force en-
- ters Toulon. —Romanian captial, Bucharest, is en-tered by Russians.

September

- Finns and Russians cease fighting in
- truce. Ruissia declares war on Bulgaria. Britian lifts black-out regulations, considering menace from air con-
- quered. 11—<u>American First army Diab</u>es dve

- mues into German territory. Romania granted armistice by Al-12-
- lies. Russians reach border of Czechoslo-
- 13-Russians reach border of Czechoslovskia.
 14-U. S. Third fleet attacks Cebu and Negros Islands of the Philippines.
 16-Second Quebec conference ends. Plans for quick finish of European war and of marshaling of forces for Japanese front are made.
 10-Finnish armistice signed by Russia and Finland.
 22-Russians take Tallinn, capital of Estonia.
- tonia. 30—Russians gain 60-mile wide bridge-head in Yugoslavia.

- 1-Calais, French channel port, falls to
- Allies.

 -Siegfried line breached at Uebach
 by U. S. Fifth army.
 -U. S. bombers raid Borneo oil fields.
 -Russians cross Hungarian border.
 -East Prussian border reached by
- -East Prussian border reached by Russians.

 U. S. troops enter Aachen, important German border city.

 AMERICAN FORCES UNDER GEN.

 MacARTHUR INVADE PHILIP-PINES, LANDING ON LEYTE IS-LAND.

 Moscow conference between Stalln and Churchill ends.

 U. S. navy meets and defeats huge Jap fleet between Philippines and Formosa.

November

- 4-All German forces driven from
- Greece.
 7-Japs gain in China, advancing on rail city of Liuchow. Meanwhile, British troops drive back Japs in
- British troops grive back Japs in Burma.

 11—U S. planes sink eight Jap warships.

 14—British bombers sink Tirpitz, famous German battleship, in Norwegian port.

 16—Great Allied drive launched on 300-mile front from Holland to Vosges.

 20—French troops reach Rine river in plunge through Belfort gap.
- 21—Lieut. Gen. Patton leads Third army in drive 23 miles beyond Metz.
 24—B-29s. bomb Tokyo factories from base in Marianas, 1,550 miles away.
 27—Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark is made commander in chief of U. S. army forces in Italy
- in Italy. U.S. Third army attacks forts at Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, and Mer-
- zig. First and Ninth armies capture border, towns., -U. S. planes sink 10 Jap transports and three destroyers, drowning 4,000 near Leyte.

December

- 1-U. S. Third army reaches Saar river. 2-Nazis withdraw troops from Norway, leaving only small garrison forces.
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 3-Ainerican armies advance in both
 Roer and Saar valleys.

 4-U. S. Third army enters Saarlautern,
 as entire Allied front of 450 miles
 swings into motion.

 Military and political crisis grips
 China.
- China
 Rioting breaks out in Athens, Greeca.
 Civil war threatens.
 6—B.29s raid Jap bases on Bonin islands.
 Others hit Tokyo again.
 8—Units of 77th division make new landing on Leyte, splitting Jap lines.
 11—MacArthur's troops capture Ormoc, enemy supply port on Leyte.
 France and Russia sign mutual assistance pact.
 13—Greek factional fighting grows in intensity.
 B.29s hit Nagova Japanese aircraft

- B-29s hit Nagoya, Japanese aircraft production center. U. S. tank and infantry units reach outskirts of Duren, key to Cologne
- region. -U. S. Seventh army advances to German border on 35 mile front,

DOMESTIC TOTAL

January

- 3—Twenty-eight men and two women are indicted on sedition charges, 10—Congress reconvenes, 11—Roosevelt asks for National Service
- act.

 13—A budget of \$99,769,000,000 is President's estimate of 1944 needs.

 20—Army allows induction of loyal Japanese-Americans.

 26—Muster-out-pay bill passed, providing for a maximum of \$300.

 29—World's most powerful battleship, the 45,000-ton Missouri, is launched.

February

- 7—Tax bill sent to White House, provides for \$2.315.200,000 of addit It al revenue
- al revenue.

 16—War Relocation authority (WRA) transferred to department of interior.

 17—Army announces more than 200,000 men have been returned from the Pacific fronts on furloughs, besides the sick and wounded, and that the rotation furlough plan is in full swing.

 18—Selective service orders farm workers reclassified.

 22—Tax bill is vetoed as "wholly inadequate."

 24—Congress overrides veto on tax bill. Sen. Alben Barkley, Democratic majority leader who resigned in flareup on veto, is re-named.

March

- 6—Five veterans' organizations com-bine in asking for a bonus up to \$5,000 for all members of the armed
- forces.

 Draft deferments for men 18 to 26 in essential industry ended except for
- 14—Draft deferments for men 18 to 26 in essential industry ended except for "key men."
 15—"Soldier vote" bill providing for short federal ballots is passed and sent to President.
 21—State department announces that it will have no dealings with the Vichy French government.
- French government.

 Three men and two women are convicted as spies, and sentenced to victed as s long terms.

- April

 1—Army reports that 1,058,000 enlisted men have been discharged between December 1, 1941, and January 31, 1944.

 4—House committee reveals that the federal government now owns one-fifth of, the land area of continental United States.

 5—Wendell Wilkie withdraws as a Republican presidential candidate after defeat in Wisconsin.

 12—Attorney General Biddle reopens investigation of Political Action committee of CIO.

 17—18 new chemical treatment that will give wood any degree of hardness desired, is announced.

 26—Federal troops take possession of the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward Co. by order of FDR when the company refused to obey his order to recognize a CIO union.

May

- May

 1—Pullitzer prize for novels awarded to Martin Flavin for "Journey in the Dark." Musical conedy "Oklahoma" won a special award for authors.

 2-Moet meats are removed from rationing. Steaks and beef roasts are principal exceptions.

 11—New draft regulations defer most men over 20. Those under 25 are scheduled for early induction. Men 28-29 in war-supporting industries gain at least six months deferment, and those 30 and over an indefinite stay.
- stay. Senate voted to delay action on poll
- 15—Senate voted to delay action on poll tax bill.
 20—Communist party votes to disband as a polltical party, but to continue as an "association."
 22—Supreme court decision upholds validity of OPA suspension orders.
 31—Synthetic sugar is produced at the University of California. Process is too expensive to be practical at present.

- 1—Secretary of State Hull pledges that in the postwar world organization, small nations will be kept on an equality with large in every practicable way.
 2—War Manpower commission announces that it will take over "absolute control of all male workers over IT to check turnover in essential industries."
- dustries."

 8—Twenty-one brigadier generals promoted to major generals and 63 colonels to brigadiers.

 "G. I. Bill of Rights" clears con-
- gress.

 13—Democrats tose majority in the house with the election of Rolla Mc-Millen, 19th Illinois.

 21—Senate passes army appropriation bill of \$49,107,735,795.
- bill of \$49,107,735,795.

 Republican convention nominates. Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York, for President, and John W. Bricker, governor of Ohio, as vice president.

 A serum to prevent measles has been developed and will be made available soon, the Red Cross reveals.

- 3—Treasury reveals that war costs for fiscal year total 90 billion dollars.

 7—The Grumman F-7-F, new two-motored naval fighting plane, is tested, and is called superior to the Hellcat.

 8—Roosevelt's conversations with Gen. Charles DeGaulle of France end. DeGaulle reported to be "highly gratified".
- 9-Vice President Wallace returns from
- 9-Vice President Wallace returns from China. He predicts an era of peace in the Pacific, with Russia and China as leaders.
 11-President Roosevelt says that he will run again "it nominated."
 13-Eric Johnston, president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce, returns from Purific
- Duke and duchess of Windsor arrive in New York from the Bahamas. Army reveals that there are now 196,941 war prisoners in the U. S., 146,101 being German, and 50,278
- Italian. Democratic convention in Chicago nominates Roosevelt for fourth term. 21—Sen. Harry Truman (Mo.), is nomi-nated for Democratic vice presiden-
- tial candidacy.

 -Army says that malaria has been reduced to two-thirds of early war

August

- 2—Strike of Philadelphia transit workers is referred to President.

 4—Governors' conference ends, after issuing statement defining limits of state and federal powers.

 6—Philadelphia street cars and busses operate under army control.

 Newly developed calculating machine that will solve problems in higher mathematics is announced by Harvard university.
- Harvard university. President returns from visit to Ha-waii and Alaska. British delegation arrives for talks
- on postwar security.

 14—Strike of midwestern truck drivers ends, following government seizure of lines,

 16—Army ends censorship of soldiers'
- 16—Army ends censorship of soldiers' reading matter
 23—U. S. department of justice files anti-trust suit in Lincoln, Neb., against 47 western railroads.
 25—Secretary of State Hull and John F. Dulles, representing Dewey, discuss foreign policy.
 Senate passes reconversion bill to take care of government surplus sales.
- take care of governments sales.

 29-Republican campaign opens with radio speeches by Governors. Warren of California, Green of Illinois, and Baldwin of Connecticut.

 30-Navy reports the construction of 65,000 ships of all types since September 1 1929

- September 6-Army announces demobilization plans. More than a million men will be discharged when Germany is defeated.
- Seventeen processed foods are removed from ration list.

 Roosevelt meets Churchill in Quebec for military discussions.
- 15—Nineteen coal mines are seized on the President's orders. 21—Congress recesses until November 14. 28—Ration controls removed from all

farm machinery except corn pickers. Birth rate for 1943 increased, census

- October 5-Strike of Detroit maintenance workers, affecting 33 war plants and 50,000 workers, ends.
 6-Super-powered X-ray announced that will photograph through a foot of steel.
- will photograph through a foot of steel.

 Peace conference at Dumbarton Oaks, N. H., ends sessions. A general framework for peace and security agreed upon, it is announced.

 War Production board announces that it has permitted 1,110 manufacturers to resume civilian production. De. Gaulle recognized as head of French Provisional government by the U. S. and other United Nations.

 U. S. and other United Nations resume diplomatic relations with Italy.

- November
- Jovember

 Joseph of Agriculture announces a decline in farm population in last four years amounting to 4,748,600.

 Mationwide elections held. President Rossevelt reelected by majority of 3,000,000 votes, or 53 per cent of popular vote, winning 36 states and 432 electoral votes. Twenty Democrats and 13 Republicans gain senate seats. Democrats elect 242 representatives, and Republicans 185. Eighteen Republican and 13 Democratic governors elected.

 Congress meets. Supplementary appropriations main business.

 Special committee on wartime living costs reports to President that rise is 29 per cent over January 1, 1941, lavel.

- 20—Sixih War loan drive opens.
 27—Strike on two electric railroads serving Chicago area ends after 17 days.
 Edward Stettinius appointed secretary of state to succeed Cordell Hull.
 30—Asst. attorney-general Norman Lite
 - -Asst. attorney-general Norman Lit-tell dismissed by President.
- December
- 1—Strikes in Detroit and Chicago delay production of B-29 bombers. 2—Government halts reconversion plans in 125 cities until munition produc-tion meets schedule.
- tion meets schedule.

 Rear-Adm. Husband Kimmel and Maj Gen. Walter Short. Pearl Harbor commanders, will not be coursmattaled, war and navy boards rule.

 4—Draft of agreement of International Civil Aviation conference is completed, and a ready for signatures of delegates.

 7—Sedition trial of 26 defendants ends in mistrial.

 Prison revolt of 25 Atlanta convicts ended.

- 13-War prisoners at Fort Sheridan, Ill.,
- 13—War prisoners at Fort Sheridan, Ill., go on sit-down strike; 1,300 put on bread and water.
 14—War Labor Board summons leaders of 240 CIO unions in Montgomery Ward and Co. strike.
 14—Production quotas on machine guns reduced to release workers for more critical items.

S SPORTS

- 1—Southern California U., wins annual Rose Bowl game, defeating Washington U. 29-0.

 8—Jug McSpaden wins the Los Angeles Open golf tournament with a scora of 278.

 17—Byron Nelson wins San Francisco Open golf tournament with 275.

February/

12-New manager of Boston Braves, Bob Coleman, named to succeed Casey Coleman, manuscolors Stengel.

25—Joe Baksi outpointed Tony Mauriello in ten-round heavyweight battle.

28—Sammy Byrd wins the New Orleans Golf tournament with 285.

- March
 3—Bob Montgomery regains the lightweight title, as recognized in New York, by outpointing Beau Jack.
 11—U. of Michigan wins the Big Ten indoor track and field meet at Chlcago.
 18—Gilbert Dodds bettered his own indoor mile mark in Chicago, with a time of 4:06.4.

 Alan Ford establishes a new world record for the 100-yard free style swim at 49.7 seconds.
 28—U. of Utah captures the N.C.A.A. basketoall title by defeating Dartmouth, 42-40, in New York.

April

- 13—Montreal Canadiens defeat the Chi-cago Blackhawks for the fourth suc-cessive time in the Stanley cup pro-fessional ice hockey championship
- 5 Charile Grimm becomes new man-ager of Chicago Cubs.

playoff. 18—Major league baseball scason opens

6—Pensive wins the Kentucky Derby, Broadcloth was second, and Stir Up third. 13—The Preakness race was won by

Pensive. 27-U. of Michigan wins western con-ference outdoor championship track

- June
- June

 10-U. of Illinois wins the National Collegiate Athletic association track and field championships.

 18-Francisco Segura of Ecuador wins the national Clay court tennis title.

 24-Mrs. Mildred ("Babe") Didrikson Zaharias defeats Miss Dorothy Germaine to win the Women's Western Open golf championship.

 25-A new world record for the two-mile run set by Gunder Hagg in Sweden. His time was 8:46.4.

August

- 11—National league team wins the All-Star game, 7-1, in Plitsburgh.
 17—Wille Pep outpoints Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion, in a 10-round non-title fight in Boston.
 30—Miss Ann Curtis Improves the woman's 880-yard free style swimming record with a mark of 11:08.6.
- 7—Joe Baksi defeats Lee Savoid in 10-round heavyweight fight.
 9—Yankee Maid wins the Hambletonian
- 9—Yankee Maid wins the Hambletonian harness race.

 12—Miss Dorothy Germaine retains Women's Western Amateuir golf title.
 20—Bob Hamilton wins the Professional Golfers' association title.
 25—Trapshooting championship goes to Leslie Jepsen for breaking 97 targets out of 100.
 28—Byron Nelson wins the All-American golf championship.
 30—Chicago Bears professional football club defeats the College All Stars, 24-21.

- September 6—Ike Williams outpoints Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion.
 10—Baltimore captures the International
- league pennant.
 -Nashville wins the Southern league playoff, defeating Memphis.
 -St. Louis Cardinals clinch National league pennant.
 29 Wille Pep refains world feather-weight boxing title by defeating Chalky White.

October

- October

 1.—St. Louis Browns win American league pennant.

 3-San Francisco takes Pacific league series, four games to two.

 9—ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WIN WORLD SERIES, FOUR GAMES TO TWO.

 10—Most valuable baseball players, chosen by Sporting News, are Martin Marion, Cardinal shortstop, and Bobby Doerr, second baseman of Boston American league club.

 11—Little world series of International league won by Baltimore.

 4—Francisco Segura wins Pan-American tennis title for third straight time.

November

10—Jimmy Daniels defeats Sammy Aagott, former lightweight boxing chamnion.

- 11—Army football team defeats Noire Dame, 59 to 0.
- Dame, 59 to 0.

 18 Representatives of National angeometrican leagues extend Judge K.

 M. Landis' term as baseball commissioner for another seven years.

 20 Collegs Scollable champions: Ivy league, Yesle, Big Teo, Onio State; Big Stx, Oklahoma; Southern, Duke; Pacific coast, Southern California.

 21 Hall Newbouser Detard Transportation.
- Hal Newhouser, Detroit Tigers pitch-er, named most valuable player in American league.

- December

 2—Army defeats Navy 23-7, Notes Dame beats Great Lakes by 24, Georgia Tech wrecks Georgia 24-1 to win Southeastern title.

 13—Major baseball club owners vots to bar football games in ball parks to till the baseball season is ove.

 14—Welker Cochran wins, world thres cushion billiard championship.

 15—Big League baseball owners divided on successor to K. M. Landis as commissioner, and on other questions.

DISASTERS

- 7—Thirty seamen drown when a navy patrol vessel sinks in collision of Cape May, N. J. A freight train strikes army bus at Kingman, Arlz. killing 25 aviation
- Twelve persons were killed and 40 injured when a passenger train crashed into the rear of a standing train near Novice, Texas.

February

April

- 11—Crash of an airliner into the Mis-sissippi river carries 21 passengers and three crewmen to death near Memphis, Tenn.
- 12—Collision of the Liberty Ship J. Pinkney Henderson and a tanker cost.
 many lives.
 13—An accidental explosion of a surface mine killed 10 soldiers in training maneuvers at Camp Robinson,
 Ark.
 20—A bus pludge over the Passaid rate.

of a bridge over the Passaic river; in New Jersey drowns 19, persons. An explosion in a coal mine near Shinniston, W. Va., kills 16 miners.

- 6—A blast in the naval ordnance depot in Hastings, Neb., kills eight workers.
 7—Thirty-nine merchant marine crewmen and 23 naval gumers drown, when a Liberty ship struck a reef offshore and broke up on the English coast.
 9—Fire following a collision causes the deaths of 29 crewmen and 16 naval gunners on a tanker traveling in a convoy.
- convoy.

 11—A tornado cutting through Arkansas takes lives of 34 persons.

 27—Fifteeh workmen die of suffocation while repairing naval ship in Portsmouth, Va.

16—Ten members of a naval blimp crew died when the alreship bit a hangar in its takeoff at Lakehurst, N. J. lune

May

- 25—One hundred and forty-six wer and 1,000 injured by a forn swept over parts of Penn West Virginia and Marylan July 6-A fire in the main tent of the Ring-ling Bros. circus in Hartford, Conn., causes deaths of 167 persons, mostly-women and children. Two hundred others were injured.
- others were injured.
 Sixty-six miners trapped in a burning coal mine near Bellaire, Ohlo, had to be abandoned to their fate, when the entrance was sealed to check the
- fire.

 Wreck of a troop train near Jellico,
 Tenn., killed 31 soldiers and 2 civiltans, and injured 100 others.

 Explosion of two munition ships at
 Navy loading pier in Port Chicago,
 Calif., results in 319 deaths among
 naval and merchant marine person
 nel, and property damage of \$7,000,000.
- 26—An army hospital plane was reported lost at sea between Iceland and New-foundland with 26 aboard.

4—Twenty-eight persons, including 24 army pilots and 4 mechanics are killed in crash of transport plane

August

- killed in crash of transport plane near Atkinson, Neb.
 5—Train wreck near Stockton, Ga., kills
 45 and injures 30.
 13—Fire sweeps Palisades, N. J., amuss-ment park, killing 3 and injuring,
 100. In another fire at Coney Island, Brooklyn, N. Y., 35 persons was injured. September
- September

 14—Hurricane sweeping over Atlantic coast from South Carolina to Canada-causes 40 deaths and property damage of \$100,000,000.

 17—Navy reports sinking of a destroyes and two coast guard cutters in the hurricane with "heavy loss of lits."

 28—Eight persons are killed in conticon of freight and passenger trains petr Missouri Valley, Iowa.

 29—Collision of two trains near Terre Haute, Ind., kills 29 and injures \$5.

 Most of the dead were solders.

October 20—Fire in Cleveland, Ohio, following explosion of liquid gas storage plant causes 121 deaths and 200 injuries.

November 4-Air-liner crash near Hanford, Calif. takes lives of 24 passengers. 8-Nine die and 75 are injured in train wreck when limited leaves track 50 miles northeast of Sacramento, Calif.

14—Army transport plane hits mountain west of Harmon field, Newfoundland, killing nine and injuring nine U. E. 20—Fire of incendiary origin kills seven-in Chicago.

27—Army plane crashes near Madison.
Wis., bringing death to three air-corns men army personnnel.

corps men. December

1—Airliner crashes near Barbank, Calif. with 23 passengers. Seven killed. Freight car loaded with bombs explodes in Toler, N. M., weeking buildings and starting fires. 14—Three small children burned to death in Chleago, a fourth perhapsy injured.

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Chronology



Ida M. Tarbell, 86, writer, famous for exposing trusts, in Bridgeport,

Conn.

20—Walter Hackett, 67, playwright, in New York.

30 William Allen White, 75, famous editor of Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, died in Emporia.

February

28—Rear Adm. Charles C. Hartigan, 62, naval attache, winner of Congressional medal, in Palo Alto.
29—Rep. Thomas H. Cullen, 76 member of house from Brooklyn, N. Y., since 1819, died in Washington, D. C.

1—Thomas E. Campbell, 66, former governor of Arizona, died in Phoenix.
16—Joseph B. Eastman, 61, director of Office of Defense Transportation, died in Washington, D. C.
19—William H. Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, Ill., died at 74 in Chicago.
28—Stephen B. Leacock, 74, internationally famous author and economist in Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Swanson, 113, said to be the oldest American born resi-dent of the United States, died in

Chicago.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, who has held that cabinet post since 1940, died in Washington, D. C., at age of 70. He was a newspaper publisher in private life.

7-Vice Adm. William Rodgers, 84, commander of U. S. Adriatic fleet in World War I, died in Bethesda, Md. 12-Brig. Gen. Henry D. Styer, 81, commander of Allied troops in Siberia in World War I, died in Coronado, Calif.

Calif. —George Ade, famous humorist, died at 78 in Kentland, Ind.

1—Gen. O. R. Gellette, 99. Confederate brigadier general, in Shreveport, La. 6—Col. Josef Bepk, prime minister of Poland during German invasion in 1839, died at 49 near Bucharest, Romania.
25—Louisa E. G. Thorp, 86, internationally known artist and art-teacher, in Los Angeles.

July

12—Mrs. Betty Compton Knappen, 37,
former musical comedy actress, in
New York.
17—Alan Dinehart, 54, film and stage

-Alan Dinehart, 54, film and stage actor who has appeared in more than 100 pictures, died in Hollywood, Calif.-Lieut. Gen, Leslie McNair killed in France.
-Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines, died at Saranac Lake. N. Y. He was 65.

5—Rear Adm. Don Pardee Moon, 50, committed suicide in Washington while suffering from "combat fatigue."

Effic Cherry, 65, last of the Cherry Sisters of vaudeville fame, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

September

George W. Norris, former senator from Nebraska, died at 83 in Mc-Cook, Neb. He served 40 years in congress, including five terms in the senate. James A. Reed, former senator from Missouri, at 82 in Fairview, Mich.

4—Afred E. Smith, four times governor of New York and Democratic candidate for President in 1928, in New York city at 70.

8—Wendell L. Willkie, 52, Republican presidential candidate in 1940, and utility executive, in New York city.

22—Richard Bennett, 72, famous actor, in Los Angeles.

8-Miss Christiana Bond, 100, author artist and lecturer, in Baltimore. 16-Boake Carter, correspondent and ra dio news commentator, 46, in Holly wood, Calif.

wood, Calif.

Sen. Ellison D. Smith, who represented So. Carolina in upper chamber for 35 years (longest consecutive period in history) at 80, in Lynch burg, S. C.

Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, commissioner of professional baseball for 24 years, at 78, in Chicago.

1—Albert B. Fall, secretary of interior in Harding administration; at 83, in El Paso, Texas.

1—Maj. John Griffith, commissioner of intercollegiate athletics of Western conference, at 67, in Chicago.

14—Lupe Velez, 34. movie actress, kills self in Hollyway, Calif.

28 leased by Western Nauyanne Haior.

Released by Western Newspaper Union

Rockwood News

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

I hope each of you have had a Merry Xmas and that for a time we could set our cares aside and Blackwell spent Christmas Day remember our blessings. May your New Year be filled with well and family of Coleman. happiness, health and success.

I was made happy when my San Antonio spent the holidays daughter, Janice and son, Ardis with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. of Houston came in to spend Sam Estes. Hardee, Mr. Hardee and Mary Santa Anna spent Christmas day ardson. Helen of Dallas came just loaded with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ridle of

down with gifts and a cheerful Colemans

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox, Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardee and and Mrs. Arthur Box and their family families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Sgt. Ray Harkey all spent Russ and son all of San Angelo, ter. Billy Jo of Abilene spent the Christmas Day with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell Box holidays here with relatives and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Steward. | and family of Velasco spent friends.

Legion Geared To Meet Problems Facing Veterans of World War II

With 159 specific activities in behalf of veterans of World War II and their dependents underway or put into effect, The American Legion is gearing its entire program to easing the impacts on men and women now on the fighting fronts when they return to civilian life.

Outstanding national business, labor and civic leaders in every section of the country—veterans of World War I-are mobilized in the directing force behind the Legion's effort to speed the return of our fighting men and ease their transition into peacetime jobs. Their experience is bulwarked by men and women of World War II who have intimate knowledge of the needs of their comrades.

Convinced that all the experience obtained in meeting conditions confronting veterans over the twenty-five years since the last war and all the facilities of government and business in providing care and jobs for return. ing men must be merged into a pattern for quick and prompt action, Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of The American Legion said that problems facing veterans of World War II are being given first attention in Legion activities.

With thousands of returning veterans turning to the Legion. for guidance and assistance and with countless thousands of inquiries pouring into Legion posts, departments and national headquarters, The American Legion has already set up and has in operation facilities to handle the problems confronting those already coming back from battlefronts. It has the full backing of the 2,000,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members and 20,-000 nosts and units.

"Whether hospitalization or jobs," says National Commander Scheiberling, "veterans must

India, and this is the third time

ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

merset, Texas is here with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall.

and his sister, Mrs. Maybtline Mc

Tyler were greeting friends here

Mr. and Mrs. Polly Wise and

family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard

Pierson of Ft. Worth spent

Mrs. J. W. Wise and other rela-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stew-

tives.

holidays.

and other relatives.

Lucy Shamblin.

tives in Lampasas.

Lt. H. F. Holland of Oregon

Miss Minta Jane Hall of Som-

he has had malaria.



EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING

come first. The Legion intends to see that all legislation, Federal and state, is sound and workable; free from red-tape and delays in administration. The GI Bill of Rights is no exception. Men and women now facing enemy fire must not return home to be ham-strung by rules and regulations, forms and applications, discourtesy and inattention. They have merited

more than that. "However, as the country can be no stronger than its communities, the Legion can be no stronger than its posts. Every Legion post needs cooperation and assistance in the community job of reestablishing veterans in civilian life. This one activity alone overshadows everything else ahead in the post-war era. It is of far greater importance than anything else that will face the American people in the years ahead."

I had a letter Xmas day from | Christmas with their mother, my son, S-Sgt. Charles Caldwell Mrs. Velma Box and sister, Miss stating that hy was in the hos- Linnie. pital ill with Malaria. He is in Mrs. Celesta Steward and baby

in Marshall with relatives. Misses Charlotte of Austin, Mr. A. N. McSwane received a message from his daughter, Mrs. Bert and Alpha Mae of Freer, J. L. Trotter of San Angelo stat-Ina Grace of Abilene spent ing that her husband had suf-Christmas Day with their parfered serious injuries in an auto-

mobile collision. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snodgrass and son of Coleman and Miss Lois Moore of Santa Anna spent Christmas with their parents, Mr and Mrs. C. H. Moore. Knight and daughter Linda of

Misses and Joyce and Bobbye June Wise of Ft. Worth and Pvt. Joe Wesley Wise of Camp Barke ley spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise

Miss Claudia Wise of Ft. Worth Christmas with their mother,

Mr. an Mrs. Roy Smith of is spending the holidays with her Waco visited here during the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lovelady Miss Elton Buttry of John Tarof Velasco spent Christmas with leton College is spending the holidays here with her parents, his mother, Mrs. J. C. Lovelady Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry. They Mr. Polk Lankford of Brownalso had as their luncheon guests wood was a dinner guest of his Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Porter and family of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes Mr, and Mrs. Dean Ward and and family spent Christmas in family.

Miss Marjorie Ruth King of Ft. Worth with her mother, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Cummins Arnold of Santa Ana, and Travis King of Mrs. Jack Bostick and boys spent Christmas with her mother U.S. Navy, San Diego, are spending the holidays with their par-Mrs. E. C. Simon and other relaents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackwell Charles Rains of the U.S. Navy is here on leave with his parents, and Howard and Mrs. Linnie Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rains. Mr. Rains' brother and family is also with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Blackvisiting them, but I failed to get their names. S-Sgt. and Mrs. S H. Estes of

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Roger Dudley of Ft. Worth and Miss Edith Richardson of Forsan are spend-Christmas with us and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Claud Box and ing the holidays with their parafternoon my sister, Mrs. Claude Mavice and Mrs. Arthur Box of ents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rich-

Mr. George Trotter was laid to rest here last Friday afternoon. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. Sallie Rhodes and daugh-

Whon News

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Well another Christmas has come and gone. It has been a good Christmas for some, but for most every one there has been some disappointments and sorrow come their way. But we truly hope that every one had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

Rev. Nellie Hill and Miss Laura went to San Antonio to spend Christmas with Miss Laura's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benge

and family went to Millersview Monday to visit with Mrs. Benge's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Cheatham, Sunday dinner guests of Mr

and Mrs. Tom Rutherford were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rutherford and Alpha, Pvt. Harvey (Dumpy) Rutherford of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Montgomery of San Antonio. Sammie Shields and S-Sgt. Jim Rutherford of Camp Maxey and Ramon Rhem of Utopia were afternoon visitors.

Sammie Jack Black of Brownwood is visiting his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney.

Mr. and Mrs Jack Black spent Saturday and Sunday nights with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal entertained the young folks Thursday night with a party. A large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith had all their children with them Sun day. The children present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and family, Whon; Mr. and Mrs. Dee Smith, Iraan; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith and children, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. I, O. Smith and children, Iraan; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin and son, Monahans; Cleta Faye, Austin; Rev. and Mrs Howard Smith and family, Tokyo Texas and Elder of Whon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lovelady and son, Ted have visited with Elfrieda are spending Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady during the past week, also Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fiveash and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn and boys spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rutherford of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze and son went o Mullin Sunday to have Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schulze.

Those to take Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and family, Mr. ents, Mr. and Mrs. Demby Wise. and family of Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. who were members of their fami-Mrs. W. C. Black of Ft. Worth Jack Black of Brownwood, Mr. lies.

and Mrs. Jim Carter and Bert. Sammie Shields and Pvt. Harvey H. Rutherford of Camp Hood.

Pyt. Rutherford had to leave soon after dinner for Camp Hood Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. Walter Smith and sons of Mexico and Rex Cooper of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and family and Rev. Howard Smith and family spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Smith's mother... Mrs. Dora White of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith returned to Brownwood with them.

Pvt. L. J. Lovelady spent Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Holmes and sister, Tommie Sue?

Mr. and Mrs. Nebs have returned to their home here for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and family spent Christmas at Melvin Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster and children attended the school program here Saturday night. Also Mr. Guy Ellis of Woodson attended the program and greet-

ed friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport went to San Angelo Friday for their son, J.R. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Davport had/all their chil-

dren here for Christmas. A large crowd enjoyed, the party at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cart-

ers Friday night. Several parents attended the school Christmas tree at the school Friday afternoon. School will resume work Jan. 2, which

will be Tuesday morning. Friends and relatives of Mrs. Tom Cooper are glad to hear she has been able to leave the hospital at Brownwood and is at the home of her son, Alfred Cooper at Bangs, Mr. and Mrs, G. Montgomery (niece of Mrs. Cooper) visited with her Saturday afternoon.

Mr. T. J. Adkins was able to be moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gill from the Sealy hospital Friday, Mr. Adkins is improving.

Mrs. Kate Holmes' sister, Ozell and her husband, of Texas City, visited her Wednesday night and Thursday.

Mrs. Maye Gill and girls are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McNutt of Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Mary Avants and Mr. and Mrs. Dick McFarlin of Gouldbusk visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs Aaron Avants.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady were business visitors in Santa Anna Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simmons had as their goests Christmas and Mrs. G. Montgomery of San Day Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry spent the holidays with her par- Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Smith of Sanderson and 19 other guests.

New Year Greetings

1945

1945 is just around the corner. All hail to the New Year! This is the season for new resolutions.

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Lesson for December 31

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THE BASIS OF COURAGE FOR THE FUTURE

LESSON TEXT-Matthew 15:13-20; E

Peter 3:14-18; I John 3:1-3. GOLDEN TEXT—Wherefore, my below ed brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.—I Corin-thians 15:58.

A significant year-1944. But now it is gone. We look into the future and ask ourselves, what next? Shall we enter the new year with fear and trembling, or may we face it with courage?

If man's knowledge and dependability are all we have to stand on. we had better be afraid, but there is a real basis for courage and assurance if we look to God, and to His Word. We have:

I. An Unfailing Christ (Matt. 16: 13-20).

It is not enough that men recognize Christ as a teacher, a moral leader, or a man willing to die for His convictions. He must be more if He is to deliver mankind, and, thank God. He is more.

Peter, speaking by the guidance of God, declared Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God," "Is this what Christ is to you? There are so many shabby, inadequate, inaccurate, limiting views of Christ today. Men will give Him-praise, butrefuse to give Him the honor due to Him alone. The only Christ that ever really lived is the Christ of the New Testament, and that Christ is the omnipotent and eternal Son of God. Any Christ less than that is a false Christ, a Christ of man's imagination. The Christ of the New Testament can save, but no other Christ is the saviour of men" (Felezbet's Netes).

This Christ, the unfailing One, established a victorious Church, built on the acceptance of Him as God. That Church marches on into 1945, as it has entered every other year, assured that as it follows Christ, and preaches God's Word, there is reason for encouragement and joy even in this awful day.

II. An Uplifting Faith (II Pet. 3:14-18).

Christianity is not just a set of rules and regulations. It is a life. It must grow, and it does grow. The really born-again believer cannot stand still in his spiritual experience. He has a faith which must move him forward and upward for the glory, of God.

This experience is called growing in grace, which means that each day of this new year we as believers are more like our Yord Wa are to have stronger convictions, and at the same time we are to be kinder and more loving. We are to be more forgiving, tenderer, hore eager to serve Christ.

Christian, have you made any spiritual progress in the year 1944? If not it is because you have failed to take God's provision for your life. You have let the enemies of your soul mislead you (v. 17). You have not been diligent in your Christian Tife TV 141

God does not want any believer to live a defeated life, not growing in grace and in knowledge. And there is the secret-study God's Word in: 1945. Learn more about God, and you will grow. That's something to look forward to.

Then note that this is to be in the light of the promised return of Christ (v. 14). He may come in 1945.

III. An Inspiring Hope (I John 3:1-3).

We have already touched on the great hope of the Church-the coming again of our Lord Jesus, and here it is presented as the inspiration to holy living.

Sometimes the world points a finger of scorn at Christians, exposing their weaknesses and failures, It makes us ashamed and we resolve to do better, but we are not discouraged. The world doesn't understand spiritual truth or Christiani experience. We believers are "the children of God," born again through faith in Jesus Christ.

All that is involved in this new ille dose not yet oppess. It is bidden under the imperfections and the

Church Notices

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School 10 A. M. Geo. Richardson, Supt. Communion and preaching service 11 A. M.

Ernest H. Wylle, 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 Presbyterlan 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

__v_ 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

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

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

Choir practice Sunday afternoons 5:00 o'clock, Gale Collier, director.

family enjoyed having Mr. and killed in the European theaten Mrs. Raymond Neal and son of Nov. 21, and Cpl. John P. Flem-Houston visit them on Christmas ing, killed in Germany Nov. 29.

Carroll Holt left Tuesday to return to Great Lakes Naval Training Center after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Holt.

Mrs. Jimmie Knight and in the Roy Stockard home Thurs-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards of Dallas spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A.

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failures of our lives. But it is there, and one day when Jesus comes again it shall be made known. "We shall be like him." Ah, that makes one square his shoulders and lift up his head to meet 1945 with assurance.

Observe that this hope of Christ's return is not just a theological doctrine to discuss, or a religious slogan to proclaim. It has a tremendously practical application.
The one who expects Christ to come back seeks that holiness of life

which is spoken of in verse 3. He is coming. I must be ready to meet Him with joy. So my life-yes, the details of my daily life-must be right. What an incentive to real holy

living! Well, here is real courage with which to meet the new year. May it be a blessed one in your life, no matter what the experiences and circumstances may be. God is in the new year. Let us move forward



One of Texas' fighting sons recently received a symbolic gift. The man: Adm.Chester W.Nimitz of Fredericksburg. The gift: A huge Lone Star flag, presented by the sons of the Republic of Texas.

Adm. Nimitz, who left the Hill Country to become in due course commander of the far-flung American Pacific battle fleet received the flag at his Pacific headquarters.

Just as proud of Texas as the admiral is Marine Pfc. Joe F. Bunte of Smithville. Wounded on Saipan, Joe got the Purple Heart from Lt. General Holland M. Smith, commander of Marine forces in the Pacific. On arriving at the hospital, young Bunte issued a historic statement: "I say to hell with Saipan; give me

The Smithville Marine got an bious tractor was, hit on the beach. Only three members of the crew managed to get out. Matter of fact, those three were blown out. But it wasn't until 18 days later that Bunte got the wound that temporarily removed him from action.

ed on Saipan received the Purple; Heart in an impressive mass, ceremony at a Pacific base, called bottom moldboard plow. one of the largest affairs of its kind in Marine Corps history. He was 1st Lt. William A. Day of Lometa, former principal at Rochelle High School. Hit by sharpnel on June 17, Lt. Day received his decoration with 371 other Marines and now has re turned to duty.

Sad messages came in clusters last week to Elgin relatives of fighting Texans who made the supreme sacrifice. To the Gold Star list were dded: Sgt. William H. Allen, Jr., officially reported to be dead after being missing in action' since June 12; 1st. Lt. Sidney J. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Neal and Pvt. Donald E. Schwarz, both

Cpl. Fleming was the second son of County Commissioneer and Mrs. Hardy Fleming to die in World War II. Last August they received the Purple Heart awarded posthumously to their son Roy James Fleming, seaman second class, USNR, who had been miss ing since Nov. 3, 1942. His ship was torpedoed and sunk by a daughter, Pat, of Lubbock visited Jap submarine off the coast of South Africa.

Texas sports followers this week mourned the death of one of their greatest gridiron heroes -Capt. Joe Routt of Chapel Hill. all-American guard at Texas A and M in 1936 and 1937. Capt. Routt was killed while leading his infantry company in action on the German front.

One of the armed services' rare honors came recently to Gilberto Villarreal of Brownsville—a commission on the battlefield.

T-Sgt. Villarreal became Lt. Villarreal on Nov. 14, according to an announcement from headquarters of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy, He is now serving as an antitank platoon leader.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" proved to be more than the title of a popular song for Sgt. Marcus N. Simkins of Austin. A prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines, Sgt. Simkins was one of the 82 who escaped death when their prison ship was sunk by American submarines. He reached Austin in time to eat Christmas turkey with his mother, Mrs. A. L. Simkins. His father, Petty Officer A. L. Simkins, is stationed at Porte

land, Ore. Foxholes are considered places by plane.

Central Colorado Soil Conservation District News

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

Terrace building with farm plows has progressed during the past few years to the extent of being used nation-wide by farmers in terracing their own land,

In some sections of the nation this conservation practice, considered by many a difficult task, is becoming established on the list of major rural sports along with corn-husking as a source of fun at farm gatherings.

Fifteen hundred farm) people watched with approval 15 farm abrupt initiation into the dan-tractors and plows in the angers on Saipan when his amphi- nual Midwest Plow Terrace build ing Contest, sponsored by the Mills County Soil · Conservation District in southwestern Iowa this fall, as reported in Soil Conservation magazine for Decem-

> 300 feet of 94% perfect terrace in less than two hours with a two

This farm-gathering of 1500 people served a two-fold purpose by (1) demonstrating the use of farm plows for building terraces and (2) entertaining and training the farm youth of the community.

of relative safety on the battle- The use of farm plows for terfield, but Pfc. Ernest E. Lehman race construction has been deof Warda found otherwise. A monstrated in the following con-German Messerschmidt strafed servtion areas of the local dishis position just before the oc- trict: Rockwood, J. P. Hodges, Jr. cupation of St. Lo. The Nazi didn't get him, but it was too others; Whon, Ford Barnes close for comfort. Later he was ranch; Mozelle, M. L. Boyd and slightly wounded by sharpnel W. G. Boyd; Echo, Dibrell ranch, and transported back to England R. G. Hollingsworth and Y. /B. Johnson; Lawn, M. A. Patterson; Buffalo, W. J. Curry; Trickam, W. E. Colvin.

> Wayne Haynes was a Santa Anna visitor Wednesday.

> Preston Bailey of the USN is visiting his family here this:

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WHEN I was nine years old, my father sent me horseback on an erraind to a nearby farm. Our neighbor, an elderly man, was socing in his vegetable garden when I dismounted, but he came to the barn gate to talk with me. While we stood there, a cattle buyer passed in a single-seated wehicle pulled by a spirited horse. The salutation between my two elders was cool and stilted.

Childlike, I inquired with frank-ness, "Don't you like Mr. Moore?" Then my neighbor began "edu-cating" me. He informed me in a low tone (implying a great deal) that Moore was a rich man. Without saying it in so many words, he hinted that the trader was not to be trusted and that his wealth proved the point. My next question was from the heart:
"How much money can a man have and be honest?"

Monestly THOUGHTFULLY he Mistaken said, "In these parts a man can't get together more than \$10,000 in a lifetime unless he carries on some right shady business." He did not say how he arrived at the figure; probably he was speaking from a long life's wealth of observations, I knew he was sincere, but many years had passed before I knew how wrong he was. His words were a figment of class prejudice.

Even in the United States we the very the class prejudice, and it's a curse. A high executive of the U. S. Treasury recently permitted himself to say, "No man who works with his hands can be sporth \$5,000 a year." People who worth \$5,000 a year." People who

work with their hands think, too In fact the most effective thinking to achieve military victory in this war has been done at the workbench and between plow han-

Thinking Pays_Well AN equipment manufacturer in Cleveland, Ohio, has used wage incentives for 20 years. In his plant, workers get more pay when they do faster and better work. They like the idea and so does the employer. The men put their thoughts on increasing vol-ume so they could draw better wages and the price of a welding machine that used to exceed \$500 slid down below \$200. Even the buyer was benefitted.

Under pressure of war demands and hurry-up orders, this pay-for-thinking plan really shined. Output increased. Users bought new equipment 60% cheaper. The firm lowered its percentage of profit and still upheld earnings. Average wage of workers climbed above \$100 a week. The govern-ment didn't like it, however, and assessed the company an extra 1.6 million dollars a year.

This firm is using our only safe pattern for post-war prosperitywages up and prices down. Both depend on production efficiency. This plan means buying power at home and ability to compete in foreign markets. Labor and industry both favor the principle. Inefficiency, child of class prejudice, after the war, will bar us from foreign markets, make goods costly at home, jobs scarce, and pay low.

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

Marketings of most southwest farm products decreased during the week before Christmas, with trade toward the close assuming the usual dull holiday characteristics, but prices maintained a steady to firm trend on practically all products except livestock, according to the War Food Administration.

Fruit and vegetable values show ed little change either at consum ing centers or shipping points. Spinach in the winter Garden-Eagle Pass area of Texas brought 75 cents to \$1.00 bushel Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and shippers received \$2.59 per cwt for potatoes and 95 cents to \$1.10 per 50 pound sack for onions of No. 1 quality. Farmers stock peanuts throughout the Southwest continued to bring schedule prices with most of the crop already in the hands of oil mills and

Most southwest cattle markets. except Oklahoma City, closed on the downgrade in spite of an up- lots, in Ft. Worth and Texas comward movement at Chicago and mon rate points. Sorghums other large midwest centers. brought \$1.72 to \$1.74 per cwt.

Medium grade cows ended the Cotton markets closed up week in Fort Worth with a top price of \$9.50, Houston and Oklahoma City \$10.00, San Antonio \$8,75, Denver \$10.50, Wichita \$9 per cwt.

dependent trend at individual cents a dozen with graded kinds fortune.

markets according to day-to-day variations in demand and volume of supply. Light weight hogs generally were lower in the Southwest while other hogs and sows held fairly steady. Top prices varied less than quotations on other weights and grades and stood at 14.55 per cwt. in Fort Worth and San Antonio, \$14.45 in Oklahoma City and Wichita, \$14.-50 in Houston, and \$14.75 in Den-

Most sheep and lamb markets, except Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and National Stockyards, closed steady to higher. Best ewes sold up to \$6.00 per cwt. at according to quality. Colorado Denver, with medium and good grades as high as \$5.00 in San Antonio. Fairly active wool buying on the Boston market included large lots from the Southwest.

> Grain demand was about normal for the pre-holiday period. Prices maintained a fully steady trend. No. 1 hard wheat ordinary protein content closed the week at \$1.701/2 per bushel, bulk, in car

> Cotton markets closed un changed to 25 cents a bale higher for the week. New York March futures ended at 21.94 cents.

very firm. Hens and turkeys sold Hog trends continued unpre- at the ceiling under a good dedictable. Markets were very un- mand. Current receipt eggs even with prices following an in- ranger mostly around 40 to 45

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Goldston have returned to their home in San Antonio after a nice visit with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holland were happy to have with them their two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Arnold and Mrs. Louise Mallette, during the holidays and the past two weeks. Louise has been recovering from a tonsil operation. They have returned to their work in Brownwood.

Earl B. Clark and Jerry Johnston, the latter from Abilene have purchsed the Lynn, May Poultry and egg prices held Service Station and have their announcement in this issue of the News.

A pretty girl's face is a miss

F. R. Pledges Nation's door in the windows. All to End War

By Charles B. Degges, United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP)-President Roosevelt Sunday night pledged to United States fighting men around the world that the nation will give its all to help them make this the last

featuring the national commun- here at home continue to do our ity Christmas tree ceremony as the men and women of the armed forces prepared for the yuletide at remote battlefields and bases throughout the world.

"We all know how anxious they are to be home with us," the President said, "and they know how anxious we are to have them -and how determined every one of us is to make their day of home-coming as early as possible God."

The annual Christmas tree ceremony was held on the south lawn of the White House and featured the Marine band and carols in which the audience joined a mixed chorus of WAVES and seamen from the Navy school of music. As a conservayou measure, the traditional lighting of the tree was dispensed with.

White House officials estimated that 15.450 people crowded behind ropes well back from the wouth portico to hear the President's speech, which was broadcast nationally and short-waved overseas.

The celebration was apparent inside tht White House, where a white-trimmed and white-lighted Christmas tree dominated the East Room. Imitation snow and white streamers completed the tree's decoration.

Wreaths hung between the columns in the mansion's lobby and a big sprig of mistletoe awung invitingly beneath the big light. Poinsettian glowed from the usnal potted palms in the lobby, days with her parents, Mr. and and wreaths hung over the main | Mrs. F. Z. Payne.

The President said he was unable to predict when victory will come but he hopes that when it does it will bring permanent peace and a new family of nations.

"On this Christms Day, we cannot yet say when our victory will come," he said. "Our enemies still fight fanatically. They still have reserves of men and military power. But they themselves Christmas marred by the tragedy know that they and their evil works are doomed. We may has-Me spoke in a radio broadcast ten the day of that doom if we full share.

"We pray that that day may come soon. We pray that until then, God will protect our gallant men and women in the uniforms of the United Nationsthat He will receive into His infinite grace those who make heir supreme sacrifice in the cause of righteousness and love of Him and His teachings.

"We pray that with victory will And above all they know the de- come a new day of peace on termination of all right-thinking earth in which all the nations of people and nations that Christ- the earth will join together for mases such as those that we have all time. That is the spirit of known in these years of world Christmas, the holy day. May tragedy shall not come again to that spirit live and grow through beset the souls of the children of out the world in all the years to

Grateful for Advances

. The President was grateful for the fact that this Christmas, although still marred by war. finds the Allied cause further advanced than it was at past yuletides. He cited the dark days of the fall of France, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Corregidor and Singapore.

"Since then the prayers of good men and women and children the world over have been answered," he said. "The tide of battle has turned, slowly but inexorably, against those who squght to destroy civilization."

Acknowledging that it was not easy to wish a Merry Christmas to a world torn by strife, he felt sure that the spirit of the season would buoy the morale of the fighting men who observe it against a backdrop of shellfire. mud and bitter weather.

Miss Helen Payne, student at Southwestern University at Georgetown is spending the holi-



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Personals

Rev. Glen Smith and Mrs. Smith of Seminary Hill, are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Smith.

R. L. Mitchell and daughter, Frances and Dorothy Jean West visited in Little Rock, Ark. several days this week.

William Yates of the USN who is attending Storekeeper School at Sampson, N. Y. is visiting his wife and little sons

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith, recently of Fort Worth spent Smith, Christmas with relatives here. They moved this week to Monument, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weathers of Cisco spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hewlett and daughters and Mrs. J. W. Jordan week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lowry went to Fort Worth Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pieratt and children.

Rev. and Mrs. Hal C. Wingo and children from San Antonio spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. H. Stephens.

last week-end for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mrs. Turney Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Horner. They returned to Hobbs Wednesday.

Miss Margie Nickens, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is spending ard. the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and family went to Odessa Sunday to Bible. spend Christmas with relatives there. They plan to return home Friday.

Mrs. R. O. Carroll and Miss Barbara Carroll and Davy of Coleman visited with Mrs. D. E. Carroll in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing.

Mr. W. A. Hagood of Hillsboro, and daughters, Mrs. Joe Dillard of Waco and Mrs. L. W. Burdick of Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore and Mrs. D. E. Carroll of Henderson visited the lady's parents and Dallas spent Christmas with her Mrs. Carroll's grandparents, Mr. mother, Mrs. J. J. Kirkpatrick Ewing through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and daughter of Coleman visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing.

Mrs. Guy Heptinstall of Olden, Texas spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Blanton.

T-4 Add T. Walker wired his mother, Mrs. Boots Walker that he had arrived in San Fsancisco from the Philippines on Christ-Camp Howze spent Sunday and mas day, saying he would be Monday with his parents, Mr. home soon.

Mr and Mrs. Stanly Price and daughter, La Rita, of Ballinger, baby went to Dallas Tuesday for spent Sunday night in the home a visit with relatives. of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mrs. Mace Blanton, Jr., of Abilene, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mace Blanton, Sr.

Miss Wilma Mills, teacher in spending the holidays with her John Harper of Hamilton spent parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Christmas with relatives here.

ofter visiting her cousin, Miss Miss Florence Harper of Denver, Colorado. *lais*illa Taylor.

Jake Davis spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills of near Santa Anna last week-end.

Mrs. Eunice Longbrake, of Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Taylor Wheeler.

Miss Vera Horner, of Abilene spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Horner.

Pvt. Glen Smith from Camp Hood spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Mrs. Sybil Nichols of Dallas spent last week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Harry Hood of McGregor spent several days last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frances

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starkey and visited relatives in Ingleside from Children and Mr. John Snider of Tuesday until Thursday this Portales, N. M., spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

> daughter and Miss Allene Jones Calif., visited friends and relaof Austin spent Christmas with tives here this week. their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Mr. and Mrs. Audas Smith and son of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins and Jackle and Mrs. H. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith K. Harrison of Port Arthur and and sons of Hobbs, N. M. came Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Standley of Crockett spent Christmas with Watkins.

> Miss Opal Mae Stockard, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stock-

Mr.and Mrs. Roy Bible of Gatesville spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Cassie

Capt. Archie Dean Hunter from the Naval Base at Corpus Christi spent Christmas with his, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch

Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee Hunter returned to Austin Wednesday after visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter.

Edwin Hunter of Ft. Worth spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reid of and Evelyn. They were accom panied here by Mrs. T. L. Reid and the twins, who will visit her mother, Mrs. A. D. Pettit.

Miss Doris Belle Turner of Ft. Worth spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schwartz of Homewood, Ill. came last week for an extended visit in the S. H. Duggins home.

S-Sgt. Billy Jo Harvey from and Mrs. Joe Harvey.

Mrs. Charles Mathews and

Rev. and Mrs. Loyed R. Simmons and Betsy from Fort Worth spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harper, Jr., the Del Rio public schools, is of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. The Harper family had Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. Miss Virginia Sheffield has re- T. R. Sealy. All the children were turned to her home in Fox, Okla., present for the occasion except

Mrs. Jack Gregg of Brown-Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

James Eubank, student at McGregor visited relativts in and A&M is spending the Christmas man: holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Eubank.

> Miss Emma John Blake of Midland is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blake.

Mrs. Chet Holcomb returned to Bronte Thursday after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross and family of Brownwood were Santa Anna visitors Christmas Day.

Sgt. and Mrs. Adrian Speck of San Angelo spent Christmas with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Speck and Mr. and Mrs. L. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gay spent Christmas in Austin with their son, Coleman Gay and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleg Gassiott of Pear Valley spent, Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Cassie

Willis Pace of Richmond, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Nye Reid and and Cody Eubank of Vallejo,

> Hays Hefner, of San Angelo spent Christmas with his family

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Curry of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hise and wood spent Sunday with Mr. and San Diego, Calif., formerly of the family of Bangs and Mr. and Buffalo community, are visiting Mrs. Roland Hise of Abilene were their children here and in Cole- Christmas visitors in the J. L. Harris home,

New Year's Dinner

Santa Anna



Pecan Valley, 16-ounce jar only

East Texas

SORGHUM Gallon

Crackers

SUNSHINE KRISPIES 2-lb Box

SALAD DRESSING

Miracle Whip---pint

Thompson Seedless

Two-pound Package

Grapefruit Juice

46-ounce can