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Hal Hooten Pays Tribute to Pal

The following letter to Wooster Everett, was written by Hal Hooten, and the tribute he paid to Jackie Everett, nephew 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 harrasing 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 do the next time I saw you.

He told me he longed to see his folks and a lot of other plans, And how he'd like to be home again away from these war-torn lands.

Jackie was a Sgt. on an anti-tank 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 Jackie intended to stay.

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

But Jackie got hit bad by one or two.

And so he died my childhood friend

But Jerrie paid dearly before his end.

And I proudly say, Jackie used to say,

"When I die I want it this way."

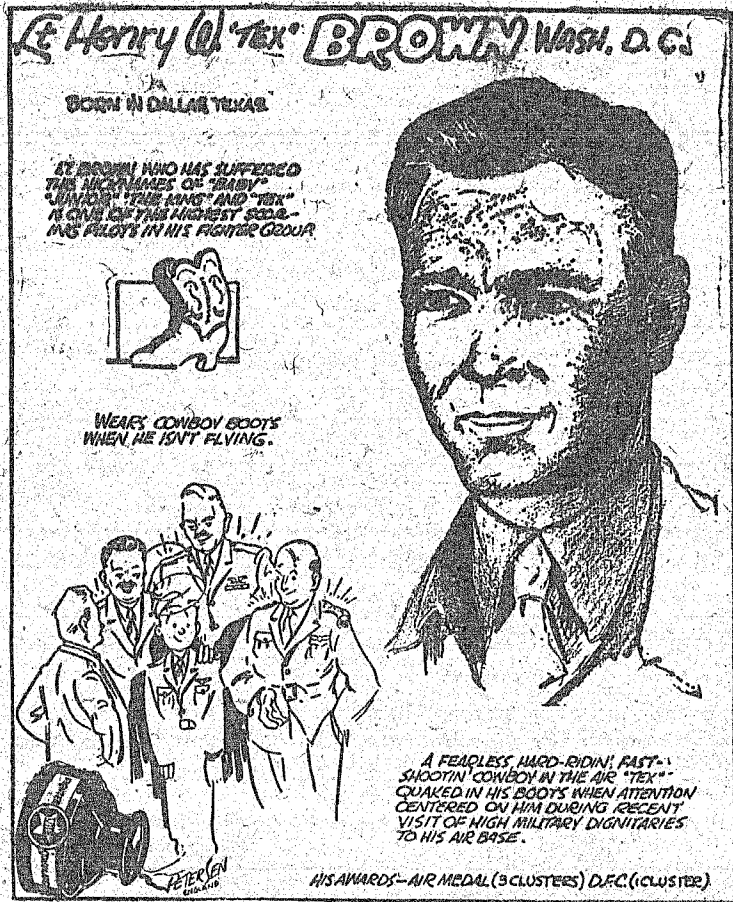
I want you to know how I feel about this whole thing, Wooster. I guess I shouldn't send you this but maybe it will let you know how I feel.

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

Sincerely,
Howell

—Lometa Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kelly of Goldthwaite visited in the Roy Howard home Christmas day.



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 food.

Ration points will be required for six canned vegetables—peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach—in addition to tomatoes, under new 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 X5—and five blue stamps—C2 through G2—will become valid Dec. 31. Each will be worth 10 points.

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 Vollenine, 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 had the pleasure of having all their children home with them 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 Angelo, and Miss Willyne Ragsdale of Houston.

Watch Night Service at Baptist Church

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

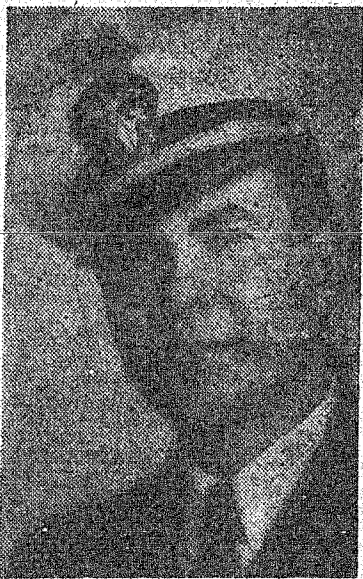
The evening service will begin at 7 o'clock with the Training Union.

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.

Word has been received that Lt. John B. Lamb of Dallas, formerly of Santa Anna, has completed his required number of missions in the European theater of operations. He has been stationed in Belgium and France



LANDS IN NORTH AFRICA—Lieutenant (j.g.) Garrett Slaughter, 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, Garrett formerly taught school at Archer City, where his wife still resides. 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 County Ration Board have certain times to meet and all applications will be given consideration 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 member.

Under the new arrangement in effect, all approved rations will be mailed out, and the only rations which will be issued over the counter in the future will be 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

Subscribers who take daily papers offering special bargain rates to renew subscribers during the holidays should not wait until the last day of grace to renew your subscription. Please bring your name label if you wish to renew your Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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

J. J. Gregg, agent.

Mrs. D. C. Neal was removed from the hospital to her home Wednesday, where she has been being treated for severe burns the past two weeks. Mother Neal's clothing ignited when a small gas stove exploded, inflicting painful burns on her body and lower limbs. She wishes to 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 a year, the last 5 months being spent in France. Recently he received a citation for his part in 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 deserving.

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 true.

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 holidays it is our purpose to canvass the list, and it may be necessary to drop some. Under the circumstances, it is not practical to carry delinquent subscribers on the 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 you.

HOLINESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT WHON

The Holiness Association will be held at Whon Nazarene Church 5th Sunday in Dec. Also will have service on Saturday night. The public is invited. Basket lunch.

Nellie A. Hill, pastor.

S. Sgt. Edgar I. McNutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McNutt of Goldthwaite, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Glenn Gill, at Whon. He is authorized to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the North African European Theater ribbon with one campaign star. Prior to going into the AAF he attended Rockwood High School, graduating with the class of 1937.

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 35 missions and 280 operational combat flying hours to his credit. He is in the Eighth Bomber Command.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butcher and daughter, and Miss Nank Bearden from Martin County and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnard from Haskell spent Christmas with the ladies parents, Elder and Mrs. C. H. Richards.

Trickham News

By Mrs. Beula Kingston

There will be a 5th Sunday Holiness Association at Whon, beginning Friday night, Dec. 29. All day services will be held on Sunday. If interested at all please try to go. For the last few days we have been feasting on good food for our bodies, so lets 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 given out and every body went home happy.

Mrs. Kilmer of Santa Anna is staying with Mrs. Featherston a 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 Stephens are the proud parents of an 8 and one-third pound baby boy born Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woods have moved on one of the Tal 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 Griffith.

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

Mrs. Gordon Stearns and son Tommy visited with Mrs. Kingston Saturday, bringing Santa Claus with them. Thanks, Alma, to each of you.

Mrs. J. S. Laughlin had the privilege of having her children all together—meeting at Bud Laughlins as it was Jack's birthday.

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

Fred Haynes and family went to Cherokee Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stearns had most of their children home some time during Christmas.

For the lack of space I can't report all who visited with their families for Christmas so I hope no one feels hurt.

Mrs. May Rutherford had all of her children home Xmas except Billy an T. C. and I had the pleasure of taking dinner with the family group at Bangs Sunday in the home of Ruth and J. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig had Doris and family, Gordon and wife, Hoyt and family, Mary and children and Corrine and daughter.

Mrs. Shield and Robert had Mrs. Eupha and Helen, Mary Jo, Billie's wife and daughter, Frank and wife, Clara and husband,

Mary and Oscar, Walter Ford, Pearl Ford and Rankin McIver.

Mrs. Tom Stacy had all her children, but Lula and Sammie. Mrs. Jess York had Charles and family, Joda and family, Jack and Moya and children and Mrs. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin had all their children home

Mr. Charlie James with Glenda Fay and family, Inez and family met together with Chelo and his family.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Oli Martin had all their children home but Herman.

All the McClatchey families 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.

Pvts. Talmadge McClatchey, Jr Jack Laughlin and S. C. Wagner came in for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had Ellie and family home, also her brother and wife.

Mrs. Hattie Loving writes that her mother, Mrs. M. E. Wilson is no better.

Roland Williams and family of Grand Prairie are here for Christmas.

May I try to express my thanks to each and every one who sent me cards or gavn me gifts this Christmas. I feel so unworthy of your friendship and as the first Mrs. Page said—"People must think I am going to die." (which she did soon after Xmas) but if I do before another Xmas time, I will go saying God bless my 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 Blanton

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Burden were very lucky to have all of their children home for Christmas; Sgt. Bill Burden from Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burden of Camp Bowie, Miss Jane of Santa Anna. We failed to get the others names.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and family spent Christmas in Odessa visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips had as their guests over the holidays Mrs. Jimmie Lee Brown and sons of Brady. Taking dinner with them Sunday were Mr. Jimmie 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. Sam Moore Sunday were C. T. Moore and family, Buck Mills and family, D. H. Moore and family of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hartman and Mrs. Douglas Penny and son.

Miss Omelia Hartman, of Dallas, is visiting her family, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Hartman through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton, Oneta and Gladys spent Christmas day in Camp Bowie visiting their children.

Those visiting in the I. E. Hartman home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wright and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hester and family all of Waco.

Mrs. J. C. Perry and son, Bob-bye visited during Christmas in Houston with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Driscoe Woods

and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams were shopping in Brady Saturday.

Those visiting in the E. R. Cupps home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams of Buffalo and Mr. and Mrs. Casey Herring.

Mrs. Lonnie Knutson, Otis and Odell Woods, Leon Phillips and Gladys Blanton attended the show in Santa Anna Wednesday night.

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 inclined to find more to say about our own children than we are others, who are doing the same thing in effect for the safety of their homes and their country as are our own. In reply to the many inquiries about them and concerning their whereabouts we give you the following:

If you wish to write to Jack, address him as follows: Captain Joseph J. Gregg, Jr.-0-409980, I. G. D. APO 4098 % Postmaster New York, N. Y.

To reach Frances, address her as follows: Lt. Frances A. Gregg-N-735290, 49th Gen. Hospital, APO 920 % Postmaster San Francisco, Calif.

To reach John, address him as follows: S-Sgt. John C. Gregg-18038707, 6th Troop Carrier Sqdn. A.A.F., APO 920 % Postmaster San Francisco, 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 reasons. We did not want people to think we were implying a bid for 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 during the holidays. Thank you, there they are. The editor.

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 nature; 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 mighty ocean More heart-felt gratitude shall show; more homage and devotion. 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 line,

Three pairs of shoes shall have no soles within a victor nation; Our joy shall be unbounded at the lifting of the ration. 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 bliss sing.

—Contributed

Dave Banks of Houston spent Christmas week with his family here.

Business Change

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

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

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

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. tfc.

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

WANTED—Pasture for saddle horse, or let any one ride horse for pasturage. See Henry Goodwin. 1tp.

DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

The United States has out-built 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 compliments on the part of our Allies. It has even drawn commendations from Moscow where reticence has always been a matter of public policy.


All of which makes the current shortage of shells on the Western front not only mortifying but difficult to understand. It is true that this shortage is due in part at least to a lack of port facilities which the capture of Antwerp remedied to a certain extent.

No one questions but what the United States could have produced shells in any desired quantity, 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 enough 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 European phase of the war right there.

—San Angelo Standard Times.

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Our WASHINGTON Letter



By Congressman C. C. FISHER

Christmas, 1944

With sadness and grief in so many of our homes, the Christmas Season this year is far from Merry. The hope and prayer of all is that before many months this war will at last be won; and that, thereafter, we may lift our eyes to the light of the star of the first Christmas Day and forever eliminate the evil forces that caused this war, and by making a firm, just and lasting peace we can keep faith with those who have laid down their lives.

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 representatives. On the other hand, I have been impressed with the hard and conscientious work on the part of the vast majority.

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 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, rehabilitation of veterans, post-war reconversion and kindred problems.

A new income tax law, bringing into one Act a dozen income tax laws that have been passed 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 aid returning veterans to continue their education, receive special training courses where desired; to secure loans for small businesses, farms and homes; to provide adequate hospital care and disability compensation, and to meet many other needs.

The G.I. Bill is a rehabilitation measure—an attempt, so far as 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 personal message, as he did two years ago. The inauguration, ordinarily held in front of the capitol after the traditional parade up Pennsylvania Avenue, will be rather quiet and will be held in front of the White House later in January.

The new Congress will then 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 scrutiny of this subject to assure that it be confined to essential war materials which would otherwise not be made available. The program is designed to provide

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munitions and supplies to our Allies and thereby help to shorten the war and save lives.

Some people have urged that lend-lease be continued beyond the end of the war. I don't feel that way about it. It seems to me it is purely a war measure and should end when the war ends. Anyhow, this is one of many problems to face the 79th Congress next year.

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

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

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New Year Greetings

1945

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.

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Chronology of 1944

THE WAR

- January 1-Russians move to within 27 miles of Polish border 2-U. S. marines expand hold on Cape Gloucester, New Britain...

- 12-Lomania granted armistice by Allies 13-Russians reach border of Czechoslovakia 14-U. S. Third fleet attacks Cebu and Negros islands of the Philippines...

- May 1-Pulitzer prize for novels awarded to British playwright C. L. Ingham in the Dark 2-Musical comedy "Oklahoma" won a special award for authors...

- 20-Sixth War loan drive opens 27-Strike on two electric railroads serving Chicago area ends after 17 days 28-Edward Steinfeld appointed secretary of state to succeed Cordell Hull...

- 11-Army football team defeats Notre Dame, 59 to 9 12-Representatives of National and American leagues extend Judge E. M. Landis term as baseball commissioner for another seven years...

DOMESTIC

- January 1-U. S. Third army reaches Saar river 2-Nazis withdraw troops from Norway leaving only small garrison forces...

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Chronology—

DEATHS

- January**
- 1—Ida M. Tarbell, 86, writer, famous for exposing trusts, in Bridgeport, Conn.
 - 20—Walter Hackett, 67, playwright, in New York.
 - 22—William Allen White, 75, famous editor of Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, died in Emporia.
- February**
- 25—Rear Adm. Charles C. Hartigan, 62, naval attaché, winner of Congressional medal, in Palo Alto.
 - 29—Rep. Thomas H. Cullen, 76 member of house from Brooklyn, N. Y., since 1919, died in Washington, D. C.
- March**
- 1—Thomas E. Campbell, 66, former governor of Arizona, died in Phoenix.
 - 10—Joseph B. Eastman, 61, director of Office of Defense Transportation, died in Washington, D. C.
 - 10—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.
- April**
- 24—Mrs. Sarah Jane Swanson, 113, said to be the oldest American-born resident of the United States, died in Chicago.
 - 29—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.
- May**
- 7—Vice Adm. William Rodgers, 84, commander of U. S. Atlantic 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.
 - 16—George Ade, famous humorist, died at 78 in Kentland, Ind.
- June**
- 1—Gen. O. R. Gелlette, 99, Confederate brigadier general, in Shreveport, La.
 - 6—Col. Josef Bekk, prime minister of Poland during German invasion in 1939, died at 49 near Bucharest, Romania.
 - 25—Louis 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 actor who has appeared in more than 100 pictures, died in Hollywood, Calif.
 - 27—Lieut. Gen. Leslie McNair killed in France.
 - 30—Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines, died at Saranac Lake, N. Y. He was 65.
- August**
- 5—Rear Adm. Don Pardee Moon, 50, committed suicide in Washington while suffering from "combat fatigue."
 - 14—Eddie Cherry, 65, last of the Cherry Sisters of vaudeville fame, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- September**
- 2—George W. Norris, former senator from Nebraska, died at 83 in McCook, Neb. He served 40 years in congress, including five terms in the senate.
 - 8—James A. Reed, former senator from Missouri, at 82 in Fairview, Mich.
- October**
- 4—Alfred E. Smith, four times governor of New York and Democratic candidate for President in 1928, in New York city at 79.
 - 8—Wendell L. Willkie, 62, Republican presidential candidate in 1940, and utility executive, in New York city.
 - 22—Richard Bennett, 72, famous actor, in Los Angeles.
- November**
- 6—Miss Christiana Bond, 100, author, artist and lecturer, in Baltimore.
 - 16—Boake Carter, correspondent and radio news commentator, 46, in Hollywood, Calif.
 - 17—Sen. Ellison D. Smith, who represented So. Carolina in upper chamber for 35 years (longest consecutive period in history) at 80, in Lynchburg, S. C.
 - 25—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, committee member of professional baseball for 24 years, at 78, in Chicago.
- December**
- 1—Albert B. Fall, secretary of interior in Harding administration; at 83, in El Paso, Texas.
 - 7—Maj. John Griffith, commissioner of intercollegiate athletics of Western conference, at 67, in Chicago.
 - 14—Lupe Velez, 34, movie actress, kills self in Hollywood, Calif.
- 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 remember our blessings. May your New Year be filled with happiness, health and success.

I was made happy when my daughter, Janice and son, Ardis of Houston came in to spend Christmas with us and Sunday afternoon my sister, Mrs. Claude Hardee, Mr. Hardee and Mary Helen of Dallas came just loaded down with gifts and a cheerful Xmas spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardee and Mary Helen and my entire family and Sgt. Ray Harkey all spent Christmas Day with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Steward.

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 returning 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 posts and units.

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



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 my son, S-Sgt. Charles Caldwell stating that he was in the hospital ill with malaria. He is in India, and this is the third time he has had malaria.

Misses Charlotte of Austin, Bert and Alpha Mae of Freer, Ina Grace of Abilene spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Miss Minta Jane Hall of Sommerset, Texas is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall.

Lt. H. F. Holland of Oregon and his sister, Mrs. Maybline Mc Knight and daughter, Linda of Tyler were greeting friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Polly Wise and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pierson of Ft. Worth spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. J. W. Wise and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Waco visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lovelady of Velasco spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Lovelady and other relatives.

Mr. Polk Lankford of Brownwood was a dinner guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Steward.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes and family spent Christmas in Ft. Worth with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Shamblin.

Mrs. Jack Bostick and boys spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. E. C. Simon and other relatives in Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackwell and Howard and Mrs. Linnie Blackwell spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Blackwell and family of Coleman.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Box and Mavis and Mrs. Arthur Box of Santa Anna spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ridle of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Box, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russ and son all of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell Box and family of Velasco spent

Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Velma Box and sister, Miss Linnie.

Mrs. Celesta Steward and baby, Elfrida are spending Christmas in Marshall with relatives.

Mr. A. N. McSwane received a message from his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Trotter of San Angelo stating that her husband had suffered serious injuries in an automobile 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.

Misses and Joyce and Bobby June Wise of Ft. Worth and Pvt. Joe Wesley Wise of Camp Barkeley spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evar Wise.

Miss Claudia Wise of Ft. Worth spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Demby Wise.

Mrs. W. C. Black of Ft. Worth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stafford.

Miss Elton Buttry of John Tarleton College is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry. They also had as their luncheon guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Judd Porter and family of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ward and family.

Miss Marjorie Ruth King of Denton, Mrs. Cummins Arnold of Santa Ana, and Travis King of U.S. Navy, San Diego, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King.

Charles Rains of the U.S. Navy is here on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rains. Mr. Rains' brother and family is also visiting them, but I failed to get their names.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Roger Dudley of Ft. Worth and Miss Edith Richardson of Forsan are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Richardson.

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

Mrs. Sallie Rhodes and daughter, Billy Jo of Abilene spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

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 Bengé and family went to Millersview Monday to visit with Mrs. Bengé'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 and Bert.

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 Sunday. 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; Clea 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 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 to 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. and Mrs. G. Montgomery of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Smith and family of Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black of Brownwood, Mr. and

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

Pvt. 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 greeted 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 children here for Christmas.

A large crowd enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carters 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. Mary 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 guests Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry of Sanderson and 19 other guests who were members of their families.

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 16:13-20; I Peter 3:14-18; I John 3:1-3.
GOLDEN TEXT—Wherefore, my beloved 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 Corinthians 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, but refuse 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" (Felsch's Notes).

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 (I 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 to become more like our Lord. We 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, more 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 life (v. 14).

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 Christian experience. We believers are "the children of God," born again through faith in Jesus Christ.

All that is involved in this new life does not yet appear. It is hidden under the imperfections and the

Church Notices

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching services 11:00 a. m. Training Union 7:00 p. m. Evening Worship 8:00 p. m. Prayer Meeting 8:00 p. m. S. R. Smith, pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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

Assembly of God Church

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

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. J. T. Oakes, Supt. Preaching service 11 a. m. on first, third and fifth Sundays by Rev. Ben H. Moore, pastor. Auxillary meets on Mondays following second and fourth Sundays. Choir practice Sunday afternoons 5:00 o'clock, Gale Collier, director.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Neal and family enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neal and son of Houston visit them on Christmas Day.

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 daughter, Pat, of Lubbock visited in the Roy Stockard home Thursday.

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

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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 with Him.



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 Texas!"

The Smithville Marine got an abrupt initiation into the dangers on Saipan when his amphibious 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.

Another Texas Marine wounded on Saipan received the Purple Heart in an impressive mass ceremony at a Pacific base, called 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 returned 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 added: Sgt. William H. Allen, Jr., officially reported to be dead after being missing in action since June 12; 1st Lt. Sidney J. Cochran and Pvt. Donald E. Schwarz, both killed in the European theater Nov. 21, and Cpl. John P. Fleming, killed in Germany Nov. 29.

Cpl. Fleming was the second son of County Commissioner 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 missing since Nov. 3, 1942. His ship was torpedoed and sunk by a 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 Rott of Chapel Hill, all-American guard at Texas A and M in 1936 and 1937. Capt. Rott 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 Fort Land, Ore. Foxholes are considered places

of relative safety on the battlefield, but Pfc. Ernest E. Lehman of Warda found otherwise. A German Messerschmidt strafed his position just before the occupation of St. Lo. The Nazi didn't get him, but it was too close for comfort. Later he was slightly wounded by sharpnel and transported back to England by plane.

Central Colorado Soil Conservation District News

District Supervisors
E. B. Fowler R. V. Willis
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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 tractors and plows in the annual Midwest Plow Terrace Building Contest, sponsored by the Mills County Soil Conservation District in southwestern Iowa this fall, as reported in Soil Conservation magazine for December.

The contest winner received a \$100 war bond for constructing 300 feet of 94% perfect terrace in less than two hours with a two bottom moldboard plow.

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.

The use of farm plows for terrace construction has been demonstrated in the following conservation areas of the local district: Rockwood, J. P. Hodges, Jr. Carl Buttry, Uless Maness and others; Whon, Ford Barnes ranch; Mozelle, M. L. Boyd and W. G. Boyd; Echo, Dibrell ranch, 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 week.

LOST: Black suede purse, square bottom. Identification card. Margie Nickens. Has about \$3.00 in cash. Reward. Return to this office.

GREETINGS for 1945

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Secoy, Arkansas



WHEN I was nine years old, my father sent me horseback on an errand to a nearby farm. Our neighbor, an elderly man, was hoeing 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 vehicle pulled by a spirited horse. The salutation between my two elders was cool and stilted.

Childlike, I inquired with frankness, "Don't you like Mr. Moore?" Then my neighbor began "educating" 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?"

Honestly 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 have some 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 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 handles.

Thinking 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 volume 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 government 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 prosperity—wages 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.

F. R. Pledges Nation's 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 Christmas marred by the tragedy of war.

He spoke in a radio broadcast featuring the national community 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. And above all they know the determination of all right-thinking people and nations that Christmases such as those that we have known in these years of world tragedy shall not come again to beset the souls of the children of 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 conservation 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 south portico to hear the President's speech, which was broadcast nationally and short-waved overseas.

The celebration was apparent inside the 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 swung invitingly beneath the big light. Poinsettias glowed from the usual potted palms in the lobby, and wreaths hung over the main

door in the windows.

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 Christmas 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 know that they and their evil works are doomed. We may hasten the day of that doom if we here at home continue to do our 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 Nations—that He will receive into His infinite grace those who make their supreme sacrifice in the cause of righteousness and love of Him and His teachings."

"We pray that with victory will come a new day of peace on earth in which all the nations of the earth will join together for all time. That is the spirit of Christmas, the holy day. May that spirit live and grow through out the world in all the years to come."

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 sought 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 holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Payne.

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 showed little change either at consuming centers or shipping points. Spinach in the winter Garden-Eagle Pass area of Texas brought 75 cents to \$1.00 bushel according to quality. Colorado 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 shellers.

Most southwest cattle markets, except Oklahoma City, closed on the downgrade in spite of an upward movement at Chicago and other large midwest centers. Medium grade cows ended the 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.

Hog trends continued unpredictable. Markets were very uneven with prices following an independent trend at individual

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 Denver.

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 Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and 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 \$1.70 1/2 per bushel, bulk, in car lots, in Ft. Worth and Texas common rate points. Sorghums brought \$1.72 to \$1.74 per cwt.

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

Poultry and egg prices held very firm. Hens and turkeys sold at the ceiling under a good demand. Current receipt eggs ranged mostly around 40 to 45 cents a dozen with graded kinds

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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 purchased the Lynn, May Service Station and have their announcement in this issue of the News.

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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 here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Smith, recently of Fort Worth spent 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 visited relatives in Ingleside from Tuesday until Thursday this 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith and sons of Hobbs, N. M. came last week-end for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and 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 the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips and family went to Odessa Sunday to 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 Mrs. Carroll's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don 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 Francisco from the Philippines on Christmas day, saying he would be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Price and daughter, La Rita, of Ballinger, spent Sunday night in the home 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 the Del Rio public schools, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mills.

Miss Virginia Sheffield has returned to her home in Fox, Okla., after visiting her cousin, Miss Legalla Taylor.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills of McGregor visited relatives in and 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 Smith.

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 Teel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starkey and Children and Mr. John Snider of Portales, N. M., spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Nye Reid and daughter and Miss Allene Jones of Austin spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Audas Smith and son of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins and Jackie and Mrs. H. K. Harrison of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Standley of Crockett spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watkins.

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

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

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

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 Dallas spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Kirkpatrick and Evelyn. They were accompanied 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 Turner.

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 Camp Howze spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harvey.

Mrs. Charles Mathews and baby went to Dallas Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

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., of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. John Harper of Hamilton spent Christmas with relatives here. The Harper family had Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. T. R. Sealy. All the children were present for the occasion except Miss Florence Harper of Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Jack Gregg of Brownwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg.

James Eubank, student at A&M is spending the Christmas 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 Cassiott of Pear Valley spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Cassie Bible.

Willis Pace of Richmond, Calif. and Cody Eubank of Vallejo, Calif., visited friends and relatives here this week.

Hays Hefner, of San Angelo spent Christmas with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Curry of San Diego, Calif., formerly of the Buffalo community, are visiting their children here and in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hise and family of Bangs and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hise of Abilene were Christmas visitors in the J. L. Harris home.

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