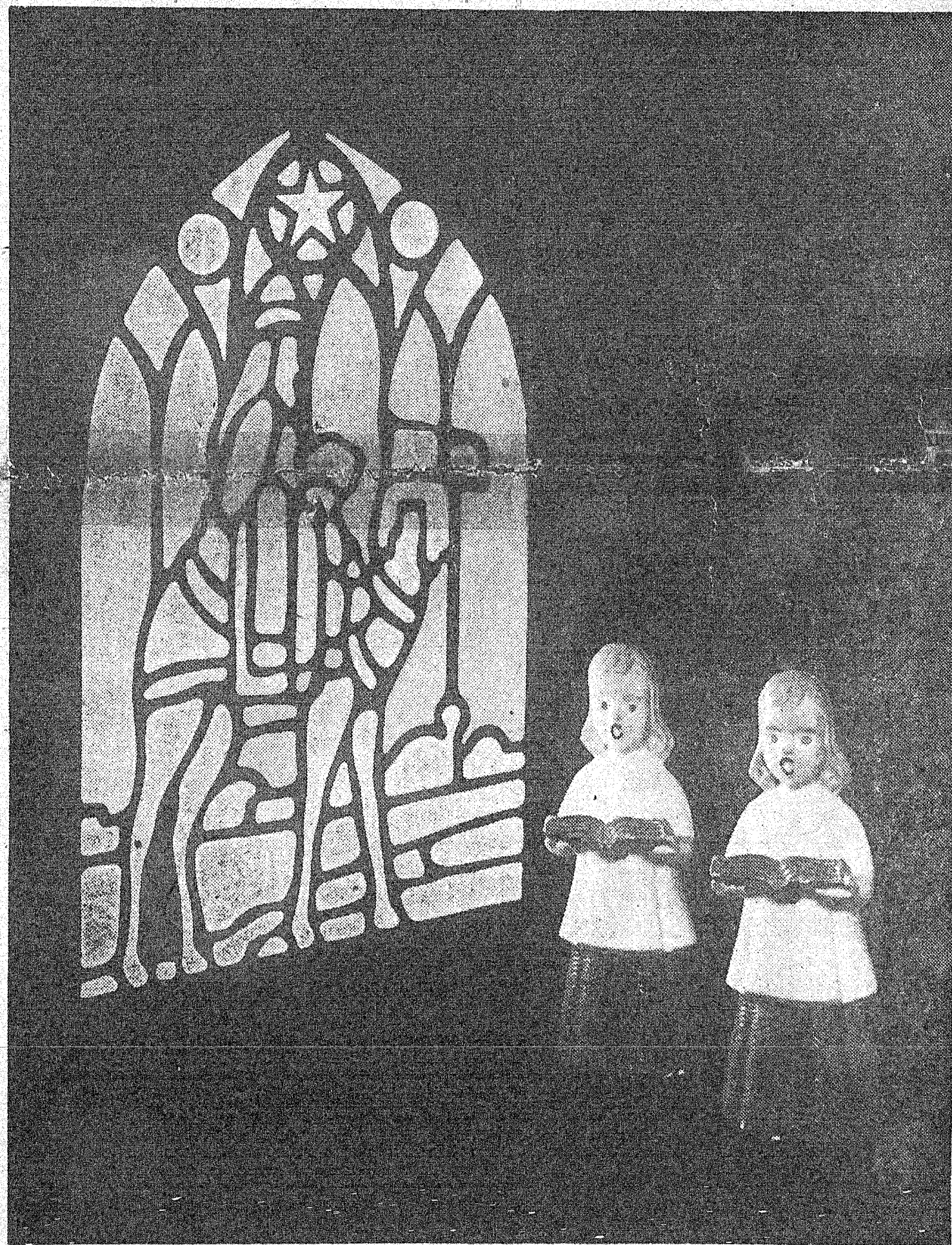


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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

Merry Christmas

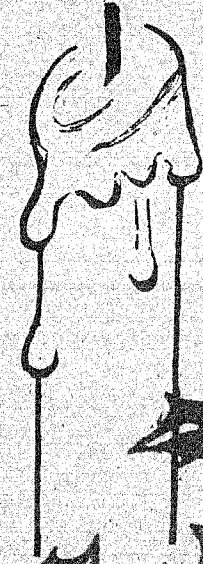
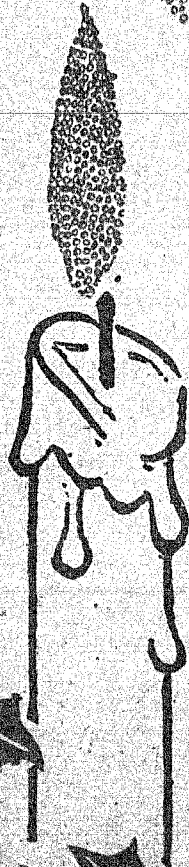


SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright,
 Round yon virgin mother
 and Child!
 Holy Infant, so tender and
 mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,

Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the
 sight!
 Glories stream from Heaven
 afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia,
 Christ, the Saviour, is born!
 Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy
 holy face,
 With the dawn of redeem-
 ing grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,



CHRISTMAS EVE on a Hospital Ship at Sea

(Capt. Frederick A. Jostes USNR, of St. Louis Mo., who wrote the accompanying story for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, entered the armed service as head of a medical specialists unit. Formerly he had been director and chief surgeon of the Missouri State Crippled Children's Service).

By CAPT. FREDERICK A. JOSTES

THIS is the story of the young marine who lost one hand and most of the fingers on the other when a Japanese soldier tossed a hand grenade back at him. The grenade exploded as it left the marine's hands for second time.

He was with us at sea last Christmas. For days he was not happy; his future as he saw it was almost black. He was facing the realization of home.

He seemed to be making a great effort to adjust himself, but got nowhere. On the evening of December 22 I found him sitting in his cabin in the semi-darkness of the red glow of blackout lights, weeping quietly to himself. "It is almost Christmas," he said. "I am used to doing things with my hands for Christmas. We were all taught how to trim a tree well and how to decorate the house. We all made things for one another. What can I do now? There will be no Christmas on this ship for us."

Then I told him quietly of our plans for Christmas and told him that I needed his help; that we would keep it a secret so that the other wounded would have the beautiful surprise and uncertainty of the Christmases of their youth.

There was little he could do with one hand, with only thumb and third finger left, but he helped me make selections of things from my trunk in the way of toilet articles, bits of candy, cigarettes, etc. I was going to wrap in gay red and green and white paper and gold and silver ribbons which I had

hurriedly bought months before when I realized that Christmas might find us at sea and unprepared.

Hundreds of Packages

I did not tell him about the hundreds of small packages which Red Cross gave our chaplain on a last-minute call when we realized that we might have wounded as well as a crew aboard for Christmas. Each of these packages contained an exciting game, a bright handkerchief, some notepaper, a pencil, a miniature volume of a good book, a package of cigarettes, a bar of candy and a Christmas greeting card.

At the time I bought the colored paper and ribbons I also bought a small artificial tree and some no-n-breakable ornaments, a string of lights and some old-fashioned Bavarian paper creches similar to those which were the magic of my youth—the kind that, when adjusted, lend life and depth to the story of the Child in the manger. I remember I had given my "aunt," Mrs. Lille Bell Bassett, the time of her life helping me to buy these things during the last half hour I had before sailing from the port where she was living. I had offered as an excuse for the hurried purchases the fact that I had

the duty watch.

I showed all of these purchases to our marine and warned him he must help me put them to the best possible use. It was such a joy to see how he went about trying to find the most advantageous use for what little I had to offer. I told him of the plans for the Christmas party in the mess halls for everybody on the ship except those who were on watch, and that even those on watch would have relief for a short time at least.

Plan Is Outlined

I told him of how we planned to carry all the stretcher case patients to the mess hall and give them the choice seats by placing their stretchers on the mess tables. From there they could see the movie screen, the large Christmas tree, the speakers' stand. This would give them a good view of everything that went on.

Soon he took on a new life.

On December 24 I appointed him to go about and spread the news of the party to all the stretcher cases—and there were hundreds—asking him to urge all of them to come to the party. As a wounded man, he could do more to arouse interest than we could. All were in a receptive mood, for all said they would attend, even those who were requiring 24-hour-a-day bedside care... some who did not know it, but whom we could count lucky if they lived until we reached port.

A Different Party

While I hoped that all would be present for a grand family party, deep down I knew that in spite of heroic effort some would never make the grade. The devastating afternoon temperature took its toll. At 4 o'clock 10 men could not be moved. For them we had prepared a different kind of party, a bit of a surprise.

Again in the darkness of the red glow of the blackout lights we crept around the ship carrying on a portable surgical dressing table my three-foot artificial Christmas tree. My electrician's mate would steal quietly into each cabin, having located the light socket in advance, and as soon as our carolers, made up of four officers and four enlisted men, began to sing, "Silent Night," the electrician's mate would stand, as if by magic, a blazing Christmas tree in all its fascinating colors and twinkling stars of light. As sick as they were, each man did his

best to smile, even though many times it was through uncontrollable tears. For those of us who stood by, singing was sometimes difficult, too.

Practiced Secretly

The carolers, who had practiced secretly in the library for days in advance, assembled on Christmas Eve on A deck forward and sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" to the ship's officers quartered on that deck. Then we wound our way up the ladders and through narrow deck passageways top-

cabins of the 10 desperately sick men, which took us all over the ship from sick officers cabins on A deck aft to prom deck to B deck portside and to the ship's company sick bay on C deck starboard forward. We had sung "Silent Night," here; "Noel, Noel," there; "We Three Kings," to Bill, and "Adeste Fideles" to little Joe; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" to Vitali, the lad whose mother and father still lived in Italy; "Away in a Manger" we sang to the Swedish boy whose legs were held fast in plaster casts and whose bones were badly infected.

Later my fine marine came to me that evening and declared: "It would be nice if you would give little Joe one of those small paper cribs—I have been talking with him."

"It's a funny Christmas," remarked Joe. "Instead of looking at the Child in the crib, I can only look at the crucifix on my rosary."

Secretly I had planned to give Joe one of my precious creches, and I did, realizing only too well that that would be the last creche he would see and enjoy. He, too, was a young soldier, 20 years old, a member of the Hospital Corps who was shot down by Japanese snipers as he helped carry a stretcher case back and hopelessly paralyzed from the chest down.

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CAPT. FREDERICK A. JOSTES.



"In the red glow of the blackout lights we crept around the ship carrying my artificial Christmas tree."

side to the boat deck and to the dark foyer before the skipper's cabin. The marine orderly stood rigidly at attention, as did the captain's negro steward.

10 Desperately Sick

We had completed the rounds of the

NATIVE Pecan Tree 24 Feet Circumference

By B. F. HINES

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AT Christmas time our thoughts turn to trees, especially evergreen trees, but all trees are interesting and none more so than pecan trees. Texas is noted for its prolific growth of native and cultivated pecan trees, and Texas leads all States in pecan production. Next to Texas in pecan output is Oklahoma.

The largest native pecan tree in the world is said to be in Texas. It is the Jumbo Hollis, near Bend, in San Saba county. This tree stands 120 feet high, as tall as a ten-story office building. It has a 24-foot circumference, measured four and one-half feet above the ground. This monarch of the forest has a 100-foot branch spread, and a clear length of 41 feet to the first limb.

When the first white explorers pushed up the Colorado river, they rested under the spreading boughs of this tree, ate its big fine nuts and marveled at its huge size. Generations before them, nomadic tribes of Indians camped under the tree and left arrowheads and other signs of their presence.

There are other big pecan trees in Texas, but they are merely runners-up compared with the Jumbo Hollis which is owned by Mrs. Hassie Morris, of Bend, San Saba county.

Buds Are Grafted On Other Pecan Trees

As early as 1910 buds from the Jumbo Hollis tree were sent all over the South and used for grafting onto other pecan trees. The nuts from this tree are round, large, well-filled and have a rich and tasty flavor. Thirty-three pecans from the tree usually weigh one pound.

In a history of San Saba county, written by Mrs. Lawrence Hamrick, the tree was described as follows: "Standing on the banks of the Colorado river at Bend is the world's largest pecan tree, the Jumbo Hollis. It is located on the property of Mrs. Hassie Morris. In 1919 it produced 1,015 pounds of nuts and for several years has reached close to this number of pounds. Mrs. Morris has been paid as much as \$1.00 per pound for these nuts."

The historian might have added that in 1910 a shipment of pecans from the Jumbo Hollis was sent to the Queen

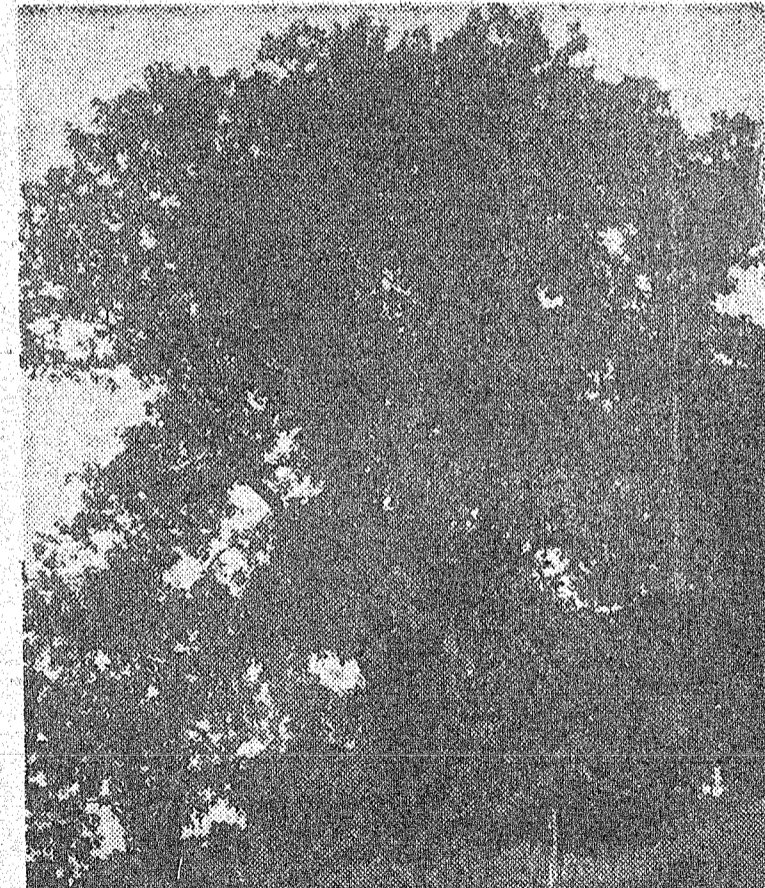
of England who wrote the owner a letter of appreciation in which she praised the splendid quality of the nuts.

The farm upon which this tree stands was bought long ago by the late Phil B. McCourey who willed it to his daughter, Mrs. Hassie Morris, the present owner, and she still lives there.

Tree Big Pecan Producer

The tree always has been a big producer. Eight hundred and sixty pounds of nuts were gathered from the tree in 1915, and they were sold for 30 cents a pound, bringing the owner \$258. This year the Hollis pecans sold for 35 cents a pound.

San Saba county, on the northeast border of the Edwards Plateau, Southwest Central Texas, from early days has been noted for its pecan production. The San Saba river bottom



—Photo by W. W. Mitchell, San Saba, Texas.

Jumbo Hollis, reported largest native pecan tree in the world. Circumference 24 feet, height 120 feet. This fine native tree, recently damaged by storm, lost several large limbs and part of its top.

is lined from head to mouth with native pecan trees, and is the heaviest native pecan producing area in the State.

J. H. Burkett, director of the pecan division of the State Department of Agriculture, says it was in San Saba county that the first effort to top-work (bud) a native pecan tree was successfully accomplished. The county has been the focal center of pecan improvement in Texas. The Jumbo Hollis pecans now are produced throughout the South from buddings of this one tree.

There is no certain way to find out the age of Jumbo Hollis without boring into the tree to ascertain its number of rings and this might kill the tree. San Saba citizens assert that the tree is "centuries old." When the first white man saw it the Jumbo was an old tree.

Thrived in Remote Geologic Times Well drillers in the San Saba Valley, (Continued on Page 4, column 5)

YULETIDE THOUGHTS of the Little Christ Child

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

BOSTON GLOBE (The Bell Syndicate)

CHRISTMAS seems to me this year quite different from all the other Christmases I ever have known. We shall have gifts, holly and the tree, roaring open fires, and all the family gathered for the feast. It has always meant special music and special services at church, and—of later years especially, much serious wondering thought of the little Christ Child whose life was to be the most important ever lived by man.

I have marveled anew every year over the facts of the Saviour's life; the poverty and obscurity, the complete unimportance of all His associates, even of His persecutors, the strange teaching that was received by a few poor peasants, and the death of a common criminal that they made of Him.

Strange teaching indeed. It contradicted everything that men had ever believed. It discounted force and hate. It voiced the incredible doctrine that love was the only power, and that love fulfilled all the laws of Heaven and earth. They didn't believe Him, and they killed Him, and His forlorn obscure followers faced the great warring world of that day, and of the new worlds and the expanded days to come, with just a few quoted precepts as their heritage.

And that heritage grew and spread and thundered down the ages and reached unknown countries and unborn peoples

—O, yes, polluted and twisted and misinterpreted and betrayed sometimes, it is true, but still the doctrine of forgiveness and brotherhood of man. Human weakness delayed it, but nothing could kill it, because it is the truth.

So much we all know, so much we all feel, at Christmas time.

Our Debt to Christianity

But—like a window opening to sudden new light, it has come to me in these terrible past years of war that we owe Christianity a tremendous debt over and above the spiritual value it gives us. That Christianity, and the passionate love it awakened in men's hearts, is the actual ark of civilization, and that it ought to be fostered as a

sacred possession by everyone who hope for a new world, believer or non-believer.

The great Hebrew religion, from which the life of Christ was derived, did more than build temples. It built libraries, schools, hospitals, churches, colleges; it laid down a public and a domestic law. What other element ever did? These things do not exist in Oriental countries, where the great masses of the people even today live and die in squalor and superstition.

They do not build cities, railways, bridges, roads. The Orient is almost without these things, as it is without modern conveniences, sewers, tele-

that the miraculous life of Jesus Christ had anything to do with Europe's scientific and material progress, and the unbelievable growth of our own world, yet the fact remains that the believing nations, the Europe of yesterday and the Western Hemisphere of today, are the nations that cling to Him, profess fidelity to Him, no matter how far they fall away from the humility and charity that He preached.

Faith Built Cathedrals

It began, of course, with the brotherhood of the early church, with the sharing of bread and wine. It went on to those early documents, to that wealth of priceless paintings, to the great cathedrals that simple men built for love of Him. Even today our painters do not rival those early expressions of love and devotion to the Madonna and her Baby; even today our architects marvel at the beauty of Chartres Cathedral and Canterbury and Rheims. Faith built all these; faith inspired the great musical compositions, and the chorals and requiems, and afterward the secular world took hold of these patterns and gave us all we know of modern art and music.

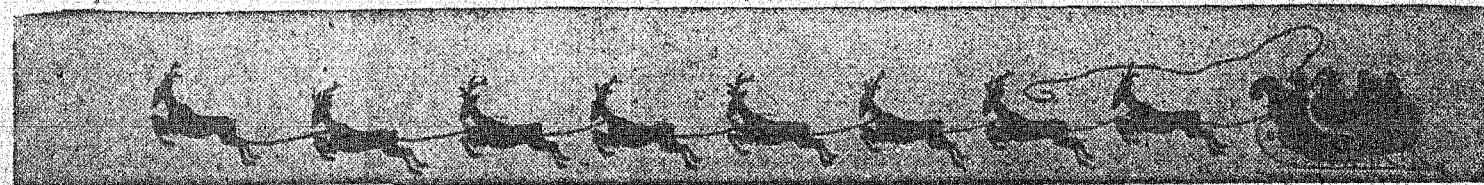
It may be now that, since the war is over, we shall have to begin all over again; in a stable with a Baby; begin with forgiveness and brotherhood, begin to realize that not only do His churches carry His name down the ages to us today, but that every other good and wise and beneficent thing we have all stem from that one life. If this could be brought home to our children; this incalculable debt that they owe to Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate this Christmas, it might solve some of the great problems that we mothers face. It may even solve the atomic bomb problem. Civilization will increase only when we get back as close as we can to the law that tells us that by this shall we be known as Christ's followers, that we love one another. That love fulfills the law. That He is the way and the truth and the light. That ye shall have only to seek ye shall find Him.



IF THIS COULD BE BROUGHT HOME This incalculable debt that they owe to Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate this year, it might solve some of the great problems we mothers face.

phones, paving, electric lights, etc. I have seen swarming dark communities, hundreds of them, in India and China, into which no one of these things ever had been introduced; where the compounds are icy puddles for eight months a year, and even such simple luxuries as a gas stove or bureau, a change of shoes or a potato had actually never been seen.

Extraordinary as it would be to state



CURRENT COMMENT

By STAFF EDITOR

Memory of Gallant Men

THIS Christmas there will be the dark shadow of tragedy on many homes. Husbands and sons went forth to war never to return. They have made to their country the greatest and most costly gift man can make—their lives. All the gifts which we make or which we may receive are as nothing when weighed in the balance against their gift. Bells will ring and candles will gleam and little children will be glad; there will be festivity in our houses; for we must keep Christmas—it is a holy time. Our spirits are tenderer than at any other time in the year.

We must keep Christmas. The dead would not have it otherwise. But let us not forget them and in our prayers for our own households there should be a more ardent prayer that those who sorrow may find comfort. Let us, too, thank the Giver of all good and perfect gifts that He has enriched us by the memory of all these gallant men, who beyond our sight in the unknown land of everlasting light have found peace and rest.



Christmas Eve, 1945

At its best Christmas Eve is a night when the lights burn a little brighter along the crowded streets; when shop windows are everywhere vivid with red and green, and the last dark cedars stand ranked on the sidewalk awaiting a purchaser and bringing an aromatic breath of the forest to the town and city. The snow may sift down; the air be still, clear and cold—but the spirit of Christmas Eve is impervious to the weather. There is a heartier tone in the greetings of friends, and even strangers smile and exchange good wishes. The lights of home shine out through windows hung with wreaths, and within there is a great bustle of preparation—the wrapping of multi-colored packages, the setting forth of cakes and candies, the filling of stockings and, climax of the ritual, the trimming of the tree. There is noise and happy confusion, great pretense of secretiveness about gifts; music fills the air as the old carols come from singers, who sing with the spirit of Christmas in churches decked with evergreen and holly, the happy story of the first Christmas as told in familiar songs and cherished words.—New York Herald-Tribune.

The Nation's Christmas Tree

The United States takes pride in several factors linking us closely with the Yuletide holiday. The evergreen, with its perpetually green leaves are the

symbol of undying faith and life, abounds in this land. The oldest of the species in the world—the Sequoia trees—grow in California, and one of the most famous of these is the General Grant Tree which stands in the national park of the same name. Sequoias are the oldest living things on earth. Experts declare the age of the General Grant Tree to be between 3,000 and 4,000 years. It was flourishing hundreds of years before Christ was born. The General Grant is known as the Nation's Christmas Tree and each Christmas Day since 1926 services have been conducted at the base of the giant Sequoia.

Also we have the largest tree to be trimmed each year. It is a 70-foot oak in Wilmington, North Carolina, where the climate keeps the tree green over Yuletide. The community makes a festive of decorating it and singing carols.

Then each Christmas the bell in St. Miguel Church, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is rung. The bell weighs 780 pounds and bears the date of 1356. It was cast in Spain of copper, iron, silver and gold to the thickness of four inches, and brought to this country in 1712.

American Soldiers at Bethlehem Manger

Last year on the Sixth Christmas of the greatest conflict the world has known more than 500 American warriors gathered to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at the Bethlehem manger, where it occurred.

They started coming in by plane fresh from the mud and gore of the battlefields in France, Germany and Italy, from North Africa, from stations in the Middle East and from the bleak coast of the Persian Gulf.

There weren't many officers among these pilgrims. Most of them were just plain GIs—winging in from scenes of violent death to honor the One who promised eternal life.

They followed the winding road to Bethlehem soon after their arrival in Jerusalem, for they were eager to see "the place." In the Church of the Nativity they descended a short flight of stone steps and shown the exact spot where the manger stood.

A bright metal star is laid in rock marks the place.

Many attended the midnight mass in the Church of St. Catherine, the Roman Catholic Church adjoining the Church of the Nativity, which is the common property of Roman, Greek and Armenian churches. They heard the Christmas hymns sung by a choir of 2,000 Polish Army men and the Bethlehem bells and an American choir inside

the church broadcasting to the world. They came, not for a riotous weekend, but to observe a ceremony at the place where peace on earth and good will toward men was heralded to the world.

Santa Claus Stresses Holiday Safety

"Stay alive in '45" is a holiday message that Santa Claus has delivered to the National Safety Council. Most of the message is devoted to a warning against fire hazards from holiday decorations.

Santa doesn't want any deaths or injuries, always more tragic at holiday time, in that big bag of gifts he'll be toting this year.

Said Santa: "I am counting on all peoples to observe safety rules during the holidays. Please remind them to—

"Use only fireproof decorations. "Check all electric lights and wires. "Keep all lighted candles away from curtains—

"Be sure that the Christmas tree is in a firm stand and not placed in a doorway or near a stove or fireplace.

"Pick up all wrapping paper immediately and save for the paper salvage collection.

"I have tried to select safe gifts and toys for everybody, so please see that they are used safely.

"A Merry Christmas to all, and remember—Stay alive in '45."

Army Report On Discharged Men

The Army reports that 3,114,000 of the 8,300,000 men in the Army when the European war ended have already been discharged. Navy, marine and coast guard discharges bring the grand total to 3,950,000. The Navy has released 670,132, the Marine Corps, 107,389 and the Coast Guard 52,623. Discharges now are running at the rate of more than a million men a month.

The Navy point score for discharge for enlisted men dropped from 41 to 38 December 1. It will go down to 37 December 15 and to 36 January 1, 1946.

Motorists Warned On Winter Hazards

Regardless of mild or severe weather this winter will bring the most perilous conditions in the history of motoring, Carroll E. Mealey, director for the Eastern region of the National Safety Council, said.

He warned that adverse factors in winter driving had reached a new peak and might increase before next spring. Only the utmost caution exercised by motorists can avert a ghastly toll of death and injury, he added.

"The over-all situation is abnormal even when compared with 1944," he said. "Due to lack of maintenance and replacement the average highway has deteriorated 10 per cent and the motor

vehicle at least 30 per cent, which means both are about 40 per cent off standard. Add to this summary the menace presented by thousands of cars now in service which should have been in the junk piles long since.

"The upswing in traffic due to the free flow of gasoline and the worn tires are major hazards which will contribute a percentage to each of the rest of the dangers that confront drivers. I am alarmed at the tendency to speed prevailing in many areas. If this condition is carried into the winter I shudder to speculate on results during the coming months."

Food Prices

OPA promises a new drive to keep food prices in line, now that sugar alone remains on the rationing list. There will be price chiseling, since all meats, butter, fats, and cooking oils are point free. The worst trouble will come in parts of the country which are remote from centers that produce these food-stuffs.

And for some time there will be local shortages in butter, fats and oils. OPA intends to "crack down" on merchants who boost the prices of these items above the legal ceilings.

Sugar, incidentally, may stay on the ration list for some time along with automobile tires. These two are the only items remaining in the ration point system set up early in the war.

The fats salvage program sponsored by the government since soon after Pearl Harbor is to continue.

Housewives and other consumers will be paid four cents a pound for salvaged fats. These are sold to soap

manufacturers and other industrial users.

Pearl Harbor Inquiry

It was not a lack of warning about the aggressive intentions of the Japanese that contributed to the success of their Pearl Harbor attack, but rather a refusal on the part of high military and civil authorities in this country to credit them with the audacity to strike at this American stronghold.

This was one of the most significant points developed by the appearance of venerable ailing former Secretary Cordell Hull before the joint Congressional Committee that investigated Pearl Harbor.

Hull told of his early conviction that the Japanese were bent on war and recalled a series of warnings about this danger which he conveyed to the Roosevelt cabinet.

He said it was November 25 that he abandoned all hope that the Japanese would accept peace. On that day he told the war council:

"That the Japanese were already poised for attack. They were likely to break out anywhere at any time at any place, and I emphasized the probable element of surprise in their plans. I felt that virtually the last stage had been reached and that the safeguarding of our national security was in the hands of the Army and Navy."

Nevertheless, Mr. Hull told the committee, as did former Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles in later testimony, he heard at no times in the weeks preceding December 7, 1941, any suggestion from a military source that Pearl Harbor was a likely target.

The MOST Beloved CAROL

By TRUDI McCULLOUGH

(Baltimore Sun)

THE night before Christmas in 1818, "Silent Night"—most beloved of Christmas carols—had not yet been composed. But on Christmas Day it was sung for the first time by children in an Austrian village to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That Christmas Eve the village priest, young Josef Mohr, sat reading the story of the Nativity when a peasant woman knocked at the door. A child had been born in one of the humble homes in his parish in the Alps. He was named Jesus and returned with the meaning of the Christ.

He sat down to write what he felt. The lines kept turning into verse: "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright..."

A second knock at the door brought his friend, the organist and schoolmaster Franz Gruber, with word that the church organ had broken down. If there was to be music tomorrow it must be a very simple hymn since there was little time to rehearse the children. Gruber there and then composed the music for "Silent Night," later erroneously attributed to Hayden. Next morning, with only a guitar to guide them, the village children sang the song that was to become the carol of the world.

Sung at Court of Saxony

Nearly twenty years later four brothers and sisters were asked to sing it at the court of the King and Queen of Saxony. The journey of "Silent Night" had begun. It was introduced to America by bands of Tyrolean singers and bell ringers who toured the German-American communities that sprang from Boston to Milwaukee.

And yet "Silent Night" and most of the other Christmas songs America knows are not really carols at all. They are Christmas hymns set to solemn music by such famous composers as Bach, Handel and Mendelssohn.

Strictly speaking, carols are to be sung merrily and the term originally meant a dance. Perhaps the only real Christmas carol known to many Americans is "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly." Other real carols that appear as favorites are "Boar's Head Carols," the "Cherry Carols," the "Hunting Carol," and "Good King Wenceslas."

Simplicity of Music

America seems to be the one country in the world where the terms "carol" and "hymn" become interchangeable at Christmas time. But all the songs Americans have claimed as their favorite carols have one thing in common—extreme simplicity of the music. There is almost no choir or group any-

where that can make "Silent Night" or "Little Town of Bethlehem" sound unattractive.

The origins of all these songs are obscured and varied. As in the case of "The First Noel" or "Nowell," books engage in a genteel battle as to whether its genesis is English or French. Thus the two different spellings. It was first printed in England, but perhaps even there few people realize that the complete text of all its stanzas tells the entire Nativity story as told to the shepherds by an angel.

Tune From Handel's "Messiah"

Another founded on biblical text is "Joy to the World." Based on the ninety-seventh Psalm, it was written by an Englishman named Isaac Watts in 1719. Its tune is from Handel's "Messiah."

Charles Wesley, brother of the great John Wesley, wrote "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The melody comes from the second chorus of a Mendelssohn cantata that was originally composed to celebrate the birthday of printing.

Luther Wrote Words

And Martin Luther wrote that children's favorite "Away in a Manger" for his own children, who formed a domestic choir. The origin of the music is in doubt.

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" has no clear history, but its Latin origin is attested to by the fact that all present-day Latin countries have their own versions. It is believed it was once sung to a fast tempo and danced around the "creeche" or crib that was always set up to commemorate the Nativity. The carol's certain history began in 1751 when it was sung at Stonyhurst College. It was sometimes referred to as the Portuguese hymn because it was a favorite at the Portuguese chapel in London as well as at other Roman chapels.

Only one of the favorites is of strict American origin: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Written by John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal clergyman, in 1857, its dramatic stanzas imply that it may originally have been meant for a home-made drama in the village church.

Originally Song of Happiness

Some of the most interesting histories belong to the songs that are properly carols. "Good King Wenceslas" was originally a springtime song of happiness. In Bohemia, where Wenceslas ruled in the Tenth Century, street singers used to make their appearances in warm weather and sing these words about the King's extreme generosity as a hint to passers-by to loosen up their own pockets. Being associated with generosity, it naturally became a song of Christmas and gifts.



Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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THIS would be the happiest Christmas in America in a quarter of a century if it were not for industrial warfare. After brilliantly winning a war on two fronts we start a war at home among ourselves, thereby holding up reconversion. Labor and capital could settle disputes if motivated by the Christmas spirit. Good will goes a long way toward smoothing out differences and disagreements.

Yes, good will now is sorely needed—not only at home but abroad. Hate almost destroyed the world. A Third War can wipe out the human race as it exists today. Atomic bombs would do the job and do it quickly and completely.

Therefore, at this glad Christmas time let's stop hating one another for once and forever. Let's put good will into our hearts and keep it there. Let's read over and over the "Sermon on the Mount," by the Apostle of the golden rule who said nineteen hundred years ago: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Christ came into a world of hate and revenge, a world that sought an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But He taught a new doctrine—a doctrine of brotherly love and good will to all men. Nevertheless, most of his teachings still go unheeded. When the human race accepts and lives the philosophy of life as laid down by the

Saviour, there will be no more race hatred and no more wars.

Despite the labor rumpas, we are going to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because troopships are bringing home thousands of our soldier boys to be with their loved ones again. This homecoming is the best of all Christmas gifts. We welcome them with exceeding great joy. They fought a good fight, won a glorious victory. No braver men ever faced an enemy in defense of their country.

Turkey on the table Christmas and New Year has been the most popular meat. But not so this Christmas. The most popular meat, if you can get it, is cured ham. The old weather-beaten smoke-house with ham, bacon and sausage hanging from its rafters will look like a mansion these wintry days while you hunger for fried ham and brindle gravy. Songs and poems have been written about the odor of new mown hay, but it's a flop compared to the odor of ham sizzling in the skillet while wife pulls a panful of fluffy biscuit from the oven and says, "Breakfast is ready!"

Speaking of eats at Christmas time, you can't beat the traditional pumpkin pie and pound cake. Some housewives serve new fangled pastry with hifalutin names, but I haven't run across a thing better than old-fashioned ambrosia, boiled custard and cookies. I can eat my weight in cookies—and that is why wife hides the cookies. Some-

times I discover where she has hidden them and slyly eat my fill. Once I heard her say to herself: "That hound (meaning me) has been eating my cookies again!"

One of Ripley's cartoons recently pictured a plain bar of iron worth \$5. This same bar of iron, when made into horseshoes, is worth \$10.50. If made into needles, it is worth \$3,285, and if turned into balance springs for watches, it is worth \$250,000. At the same ratio a bale of cotton is worth \$3,500 if made into shirts, and worth \$6,200 if made into socks.

The 28-year-old new president of Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford II, said recently to a nation-wide radio audience:

"We have come out of this war with monumental proof that our country can discover and invent and build and produce at a rate that no human being thought possible. Are we now going to sit back and listen to prophets of gloom? Actually, all we need to do is to direct our creative energy into new channels to bring to our country a life richer and better than any of us ever have known."

Henry Ford II is right. Opportunity knocks at our door. Shall we open the door or shall we close it? The answer is up to you and me and all other men in these United States.

The coldest spot on earth is reported to be the Yakutsk region in Siberia where the temperature drops as low as 95 degrees below zero in winter. The next coldest spot on earth is right here in the Southwest if you are caught out in a norther without an overcoat. A good neighbor of mine lost his life because he failed to heed his wife's advice to take along his overcoat when going on a long journey. He ran into a norther, got chilled, took pneumonia and died in a few days.

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS---from Over the State

DEER DAMAGE CROPS

Sixty farmers and ranchmen attended a meeting in San Antonio early in the fall to talk over ways of protecting their corn and other crops from marauding deer. The animals increased during the war. Some farmers reported their corn field losses as high as 100 per cent.

GALVESTON WINS SAFETY PLAQUE

For the third time in four years, Galveston has won the safety plaque awarded by the State. During 1941, 1942, 1944 the city had fewer traffic fatalities than any other city in Texas in the 50,000 to 100,000 population bracket. So far this year Galveston has had only one traffic death in the city limits.

TEXAS OFFERED "BATTLESHIP TEXAS"

Secretary of Navy Forrestal is reported to have offered the " Battleship Texas" to Texas, as the grand old warship is to be retired from service. Representative Thomas suggested that the warship be sailed up the Houston Ship Channel and permanently berthed off the San Jacinto battle ground.

PENNY PARKING METER

El Paso has been giving the penny parking meter a trial. The meter will take either a penny or a five-cent piece. One penny will buy 12 minutes of parking time; two pennies will pay for 24 minutes of time; a nickel buys an hour's time at the curb. Five hundred parking meters of this variety recently were installed in Mexico City.

CHINAMAN SAYS "NO" IN 3 LANGUAGES

Houston police questioned a transient Chinaman concerning \$7,000 found in his hotel room. Although he declined to answer questions as to where he obtained the money, he spoke freely in three languages, Chinese, English and Spanish, on all other subjects.

RIO GRANDE GIVES TEXAS 200 ACRES

Thanks to whims of the Rio Grande, Texas is 200 acres bigger than it was a while back. The shifting river in a recent flood cut a new channel and added a good sized farm, 200 acres, to the State near Los Indos, Cameron county. Three families, cut off, will become non-resident citizens of Mexico. The Boundary Commission will establish the new border line and life will go on as usual in the lower Valley.

LANDED A GOOD JOB

C. B. Hogan, Jr., of Dallas, is 30 years old. He was discharged from the Army Air Forces with the distinguished service cross, the air medal and four oak leaf clusters. He didn't walk the streets hunting for a job. He simply inserted the following advertisement in a Dallas newspaper: "Are you crazy? Discharged veteran wants job with high salary. Comes recommended as lazy, inefficient, not too bright, plus other debatable qualities. Heaven help you. Come and get me."

EARLY DAY BUFFALO STAMPEDE

In early times a stampede of bison left an untold number of dead animals in a Texas stream channel running near Plainview, Hale county, and Texas University Museum Director, Dr. E. H. Sellards, is trying to find out about it. Bones of the animal, piled in layers, lie under 12 feet of valley soil in what once was a stream, and from spears found there it is believed the pile-up occurred when Indians first started hunting buffalo in Texas. Bones so far uncovered indicate the animals were larger than the later day buffalo which roamed the plains of Texas.

UNWELCOME TAXICAB PASSENGER

Near the end of a long, uneventful night, R. L. (Red) Engkeling, a Houston taxicab driver, delivered two passengers to West Alabama street and when they stepped out of the cab a ferocious-looking bulldog jumped in. The bulldog, occupied the seat, refused to alight. In desperation the taxi driver rolled up to the nearest police station where several officers removed the animal from the cab. Kinny Poston, of the Humane Society, who knows nearly all Houston dogs, undertook to return the taxicab-riding bulldog to his master next morning.

FFA BOY HONORED

At the 18th annual convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Marion F. Baumgardner, of Wellington, Collingsworth county, was elected vice-president of the national organization. At a banquet given by The Kansas City Star, he was awarded one of the 150 American Farmer degrees given for Future Farmer work. As a vice-president, Baumgardner represents twelve Southern States. He is the second Texan ever elected to a national office in the FFA. Roy Martin, of Cotulla, served in 1936. In this position, Baumgardner will direct the work of 200,000 Future Farmers in 6,500 departments.

BIRTH RECORDS SOAR

Texas recorded 164,033 births in 1944, highest in history. The 1944 rate of 23.9 per 1,000 population is larger than the 1943 rate of 23.4. Death rate for the year, 8.9 per 1,000, remained unchanged.

COUPLE LIKES FARM LIFE

Sixty-six years ago Mr. and Mrs. William Arnett were married in Alabama and came to Anson, Texas, December 1, 1891, where they settled on a farm which they bought. They have lived on this farm 50 years. Once they moved to town for a short time but did not like town life.

CYCLIST CLAIMS 300-MILE RECORD

Jack McDonald, of Dallas, claims the record bicycle-time of 15 hours and 48 minutes actual-riding time from Dallas to San Antonio. He made the trip on a special bicycle of his own make, with six 30-minute stops for food and rest.

CITRUS CROPS ENRICH RIO GRANDE VALLEY

More than 9,000,000 citrus fruit trees are enriching farmers in the Rio Grande Valley this year. The crop is expected to cash in for more than \$60,000,000. P. J. Neff, Houston, vice president of the Missouri Pacific lines, says perishable shipments from the Valley increased 50 per cent between 1940 and 1944, and added that his railroad expected another 50 per cent increase in the coming five-year period. Cannons are credited with having done much to stabilize the market for citrus products.

GI PIGEONS FOR SALE

Thousands of Army homing pigeons have been for sale in five-pair lots for \$25 the lot. Any person may apply to the Office of Surplus Property of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., for detailed information regarding the GI message bearers. Many of the pigeon's were taught to fly at night, all are of exceptional breeding and have been carefully trained. Many are descendants of the nation's finest homing pigeon stock.

GROWS SWEETER

Beets grown in the Brazos river valley between Waco and Navasota contained a higher sugar content than beets grown in the western sugar beet States, according to Representative Poage, a member of the House Agriculture Committee. The report was based on tests made by F. G. Blake, of Cameron, Milam county, a soft drink manufacturer. Saccharine content of the Brazos valley beets is said to be about 21 per cent.

ALAMO GIVEN VALUED COLLECTION

Three thousand books about Texas, valuable old Texas paintings, documents and early-day newspaper clippings have been presented to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by Dr. William E. Howard, of Dallas. The priceless collection represents the work of a lifetime and a large cash outlay. The collection is to be placed in the Alamo. Some of the first maps of Texas and letters from Bowie, Travis, Crockett and Houston are included in the collection. Portraits of 62 Mexican viceroys who ruled Texas for Mexico and letters from each are among the valued articles. There are 75 different portraits of Sam Houston.

"UPSTAIRS" SUPER-HIGHWAYS FORECAST

High land costs and increasing traffic are going to force some of Texas' super-highways "upstairs" after a while, says W. J. Van London, State highway engineer. "Skyways would be extremely useful in some places in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio right now," the engineer says.

WATCH OUT FOR MAD DOGS

Rabies is more prevalent in winter than in the "dog days" of summer and fall, says Geo. W. Cox, State health officer. He reported that in February last year the State laboratory examined 312 animal brains for rabies and more than 37 per cent tested positive, while in August only 155 brains were examined with 30 per cent positive. If all stray dogs were destroyed and all pet dogs vaccinated, the disease could be more easily controlled, doctors say.

COUPLE WED 65 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Adkins were married October 15, 1880, in Petrilla, Ill. Forty years ago they moved to Texas and made their home at Eagle Lake, Colorado county, where they raised six children. A daughter, Mrs. William Spalinger, of Eagle Lake, and her husband, entertained the couple on their 65th wedding anniversary.

ATTACKS AND KILLS CATTLE

Henderson county farmers are on the lookout for a panther, or other large animal, which has attacked and killed one or two calves and which attacked, but did not kill, a grown cow on the farm of M. R. Renfro between Baxter and Flat Rock. Panthers have been reported in the vicinity over a period of years but none have been killed there recently.

100-YEAR-OLDSTER KEEPS UP TO DATE

Although more than 100 years old, having lived through four wars, H. S. Hilburn, of Graham, Young county, keeps posted on the news of the world and manages to walk to town frequently to chat with other early day settlers of the county. He celebrated his 100th birthday with a party at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Matthew, of Graham. His first home there was a dugout. Later he built a house, and at a still later date erected a modern house on the land which he still owns. Mr. Hilburn was born at Paris, Texas, September 27, 1845.

OWNER CONSERVES TIRES

Tire rationing never bothered Wesley Richards, of McAllen, Hidalgo county, and he never worried once during the war about his car wearing out. Mr. Richards drives a 1929 Ford which is as spick and span as it was 15 years ago when he bought it and his tires, the same ones that came with the car, are in fine shape. He simply takes good care of his car, never drives faster than 30 miles an hour and keeps his tires in the shade when not using them.

BUFFALO-BRAHMAN CROSS-BREED BULL SOLD

Chris Smith, who operates a service station at Four-Way, 30 miles north of Amarillo on the Dumas highway, has sold his crossbred buffalo-brahman bull to an Oklahoma concern for show purposes. The cross-breed, probably the only one in existence, is a 4-year-old and weighed more than 3,000 pounds. For a while Mr. Smith kept the animal on a ranch in Colorado, but he became unruly and was returned to Texas.

NO INFLATION THEN

From an issue of The Texas Coaster, dated 1895, the following prices were taken from advertisements of leading merchants:

Shot guns, from \$5 to \$25, at Dyer and Ransom's.

Fresh fish, dressed 10 cents a pound, every day at A. Kaulfers.

Best quality American sardines, 5 cents, at Baker & Hirsch's.

Children's hose at Dyer's for 5 cents a pair.

Every day, fresh oysters, at 75 cents a hundred. Cooked, 25 cents a dozen, at A. Kaulfer's.

Numsen's Clipper brand tomatoes, 4 two-pound cans for 25 cents, at Baker & Hirsch's.

Good syrup at 30 cents a gallon, at Baker & Hirsch's.

The Reliable Dairy, J. W. Cornett, manager, delivers the purest milk at five cents a quart; butter, the best, at 25 cents a pound.

You can get a fine cassimere suit of men's clothes at Dyer's for \$4.75.

Baker & Hirsch will sell you one barrel of good flour for \$3.85.

CAPITAL POURS INTO BUSINESS

During the first nine months 1945, domestic firms incorporated in Texas had authorized capitalization of \$9,932,000, compared with \$8,344,000 for the same period in 1944. In September alone 83 new firms were incorporated with authorized capitalization of \$1,679,000. For the most part the new concerns are merchandising and building companies.

KILLS LARGE BOBCAT

John McCreary, of Palestine, was hunting for squirrels in the Trinity river bottoms. An animal came creeping toward him as he still hunted the squirrels and when it was close enough he shot and killed it. It was a bobcat, three feet long, and about 18 inches high.

BANANAS GROW IN LOCKHART

Several years ago some banana trees were planted in Lockhart, Caldwell county. The trees grew, but never produced until this year. Due to recent mild weather, 12 fine bunches were harvested from the trees.

FORMER SLAVE PREACHES

J. W. Thompson, negro Baptist preacher who lives in the rear of an apartment house at 111 N. Winnieka Avenue, Dallas, celebrated his 96th birthday in December. Born a slave in Victoria, Texas, he has lived through four wars. For 20 years he worked for a packing company in Dallas. Now he spends his time preaching and occasionally performs a wedding ceremony. He enjoys fine health.

MEXICO BUYS TEXAS KARAKULS

Jose L. Sanchez, of Mexico City, has bought 50 head of Karakul sheep from Mrs. Alex Allbright, of Dundee, Archer county, for the Mexican government. Mexico is to conduct breeding experiments with the Karakuls from which many fine "fur" coats are made. Alex Allbright established the Karakul ranch in Archer county, Texas, 43 years ago. Mrs. Allbright has managed the ranch since his death in 1936, and now has 800 sheep on the ranch. The Allbright ranch is well known in New York where the fine pelts from the new-born lambs are fashioned into many fine fur garments. Original stock for the Allbright ranch was imported from Astrakhan in southern Asiatic Russia.



THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS!

TALE OF 19 POSTHOLES

An old story going the rounds is about an accountant in Dallas, checking the voluminous inventory files of the Defense Plant Corporation, says he found listed by the government, in addition to millions of dollars worth of other property, an item labeled: "19 postholes."

BEAR KEPT COMING

Charley Bazzell, of Longview, Gregg county, is showing a fine dressed bear hide from a 225-pound bear which he killed in the Cellwags district of northern Idaho last winter while visiting his sister. He shot the bear at a distance of 200 yards with a 30-30 rifle. But the bear kept coming, and at 10 yards stopped and stood up. Then Mr. Bazzell gave him another shot which laid him out.

NUECES RIVER DAMS TO BE BUILT

Two of six dams to be built on the Nueces river will be started within 14 months, and cost approximately \$20,000,000, according to F. W. Pulliam, of Crystal City, president of the board of the Nueces River Conservation and Reclamation District, which met recently. Water from the first two dams is expected to irrigate nearly 40,000 acres of land, 21,500 acres at Cotulla and 18,500 acres at Uvalde. The other four dams will be built at Concan and Sabinal and will irrigate more than 30,000 acres.

TO CELEBRATE 103RD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary Holcomb, of Tyler, Smith county, will celebrate her 103rd birthday the day after Christmas. Of her nine children, three are still living. Mrs. Holcomb was born in Skipper county, Alabama, moved to Kentucky Town, Grayson county, a number of years ago. She now lives in Tyler with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Carr.

STEEL BOAT FOR FISHERMEN

In Abilene, Taylor county, a manufacturer soon will start turning out a boat made of 22-gauge steel which may be taken apart easily and carried in the back of an automobile. The parts can be reassembled in about five minutes, the maker said, who claims it is an ideal boat for fishermen.

TO PLANT OIL-BEARING TREES

Oil-bearing trees, from Mexico are being planted for experimental purposes in the Rio Grande Valley. E. D. Cook, of Southern Methodist University agricultural department, supervised the planting of a truckload of "Garcia Nutans" on a farm owned by Carl Hobbittzelle. Similar trees have been planted on property owned by Dr. C. L. Luidell, of SMU.

THIEVES INVITED TO TAKE CARS

A classified ad in the Daily Sun of Goose Creek, Harris county: "The party or parties responsible for the theft of seven wheels and tires off two cars parked in the driveway at Slapout Gulley, are invited to come and get the rest of the cars. No questions asked." The thieves did not accept the invitation.

CHRISTMAS EVE ON A HOSPITAL SHIP AT SEA

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After repeating our performance in the cabin of each of these very sick men, the carolers proceeded to the mess hall, singing "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly." Here we had a good movie and an inspiring talk by our skipper, who spoke of the Christ Child as One for whose principles of life we are fighting. After this talk we had a feast.

Just think of it! Real steak, sandwiches, coffee, coke, ice cream, cakes, candy, Christmas cookies baked by our own ship's baker, all you could hold. During all this time my fine marine with but two fingers carried sandwiches, one by one, around to the stretcher cases.

The next day the patients slept late as though inebriated with good food and pleasure. Few of them waked for breakfast. They were still in a daze when I saw them at about 10 o'clock, as though they had been out all night and kicked up their heels. When I came to the bed of my fingerless marine I found him looking up at the ceiling, smiling. He jumped out of bed at attention and said: "Sir, I really believe that was one of the finest Christmas Eves I have ever had. And a Merry Christmas to you, sir; a Merry Christmas to you."

NATIVE PECAN TREE

24 FEET CIRCUMFERENCE

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near Bend, have brought up petrified pecans from great depths, proving that pecan trees thrived there in remote geologic times.

The great size of the Jumbo Hollis is best appreciated when compared to other large pecans trees in Texas.

In San Antonio, on South Flores street, there is a pecan tree with a circumference of 15 feet, standing 62 feet high.

Thirteen miles northeast of Breckenridge, Stephens county, is another pecan tree which measures 22 feet in circumference, and has a spread of 120 feet.

A large pecan tree, just found and measured at Toledo Bend, Newton county, is 15 feet six inches in circumference, 119 feet high and has a spread of 119 feet.

The Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, is conducting a continuing search for largest trees in Texas, including pecan, of all species, and will welcome information about big trees of any sort in any part of the State.

THE FLOP FAMILY



By SWAN

A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Under Cover

A first grade class was asked to draw a picture with a horse in it. One small urchin did nothing, declared he couldn't draw a horse and flatly refused to try. Suddenly without further urging, he got to work. When the teacher looked at the picture later Johnny's achievement was a large barn, doors closed, covering the entire paper. "But where is the horse, Johnny?" inquired the teacher.

"In the barn," said Johnny confidently.

Ole's Rejoinder

Ole had bought a tractor but couldn't run it in spite of the fact that the dealer had shown him again and again how to operate it. The dealer finally quit in disgust. "I can sell you a tractor, but I can't sell you brains to run it," he said.

"Shoor you can't," retorted Ole. "You can't sell vat you haven't got."

Uncle Zeke's Wisdom

The late Simon Bolivar Buckner used to tell a story of an old resident in his Kentucky home who was celebrated for his wisdom.

"Uncle Zeke," a young man once asked, "how does it come you're so wise?"

"Because," said the old man, "I've got good judgment. Good judgment comes from experience, and experience—well that comes from poor judgment!"

The Small Son

The small son of the house had been told that he must always wait patiently till he was served at meals, and not draw attention to himself.

One day he was dining out at a friend's house with his mother, and somehow he was accidentally overlooked. Nobody noticed, and for a time he was patient, but at last he could stand it no longer. Leaning across to his mother, he said in a low voice:

"Mother, do little boys who starve to death go to heaven?"

Sweet Land of Liberty

Lord Halifax, who once said that it seemed to him every airman he met in London was an American, now is telling this story:

A man died and went to heaven where amid all the delights, he was startled to find four men in chains. "Men in chains, in heaven?" the new arrival gasped.

"Oh, we had to put them in chains," he was told. "They're dying to get back to America."

Sandlot Baseball Story

My favorite story is of a sandlot baseball game that lasted into late twilight. The trailing home team had finally managed to fill the bases. Two men were out and two strikes had been called on the batter. At this crucial moment, the pitcher and catcher of the rival team held a conference:

"It's so dark, nobody can't see nothin'," said the pitcher. "I'm going to wind up and make believe I'm throwing the ball, but instead I'll slip it to you now. After I go through the motions you pound your glove and pretend to make the catch."

The men retired to their positions and went through the elaborate motions, as proposed. The umpire peered over and bellowed: "Str-r-ike three! You're out!"

At that decision the batter became enraged. He pounded his bat on the plate in disgust. "Strike!" he wailed. "That was no strike—it didn't come within two feet of the plate!"

Sales Solution

A resourceful packaging man was able to make a hair-growing preparation sell after it previously had had a sorry sales record. The solution: Printing in red on the label, "Do not place this preparation on any part of the body where you do not wish hair to grow."

GOOD TIDINGS

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.—Luke 2:8-12.

WORLD SERIES INCOME

The world baseball series income from selling of tickets to games totaled \$1,400,000. While players' shares can only be estimated, it is believed the victorious players will receive about \$6,500 each while the losers will get about \$3,900 apiece.

Savannah, Ga., has a theater in active use which was established in 1818.

One after another... they all reach for Hi Ho because of their finer flavor!



LOOSE-WILES BISCUIT COMPANY—Brown Cracker and Candy Company Division

Poultry News

Written by

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I have been thinking seriously this year, as in other years, of things that should have been done in November on my poultry place. This year, I am reminded more than ever, that too few of us poultrymen have brought our breeder birds into production in December. All experienced poultrymen know that flocks for market egg production as well as those for hatchery flock purposes should be housed and in laying quarters by December 1st of each year. Any blood testing, selecting, treating for lice, mites and so forth should have been done well along before the 1st of December. When we have had a moderate fall such as this year up to November 22, too much is put off getting the layers under way on time.



In November roosts should have been treated with carbolineum. But if you still have the job to do, I would rather be late than not at all. This month, you still may have a day of moderate weather when you can do the job. Paint the roosts or spray them, and the house early in the day, feeding the flock and watering them outside for eight to ten hours so the house will have plenty of time to air out and, then, you should have no blistering of birds and consequent molt or drop in production as a result. A great many manufacturers of carbolineum give you this warning printed on the containers: "Be sure to use a carbolineum with an anthracene oil base if you wish to spray it." The coal tar base-carbolineum, and there are a lot of them advertised to be used with poultry, are effective but they must be painted on only. If labor were plentiful, this might be okay.

If you did not dust your hens for lice in November, as all of us should do, December is sure

the dead line for you to get busy. There are a good many dealers in every locality that sell a good dusting louse powder and have a booklet they can give you on the use of the product.

If you didn't worm your birds in October or November or in some instances both (depending upon the amount of contamination), you may find your hens are not in production in the house in December as they should be. There is no dodging it, so now is the time to do some worming. If you don't think they're wormy, however, pick up several of the worst looking birds, pen them, and give them a pill. Place these birds in a coop with a wire bottom so that nothing can get to any worms they might pass through to the ground or floor underneath. If these ten or more specimens pass worms, then I would not hesitate to go to the expense of buying pills and worming the whole flock. Use a worm pill with a coating that will carry the medicine into the bird's system far enough that the dose will be effective at the right place or where the worms are. Several commercial worm pills of this type are on the market.

If any of your birds have scaly shanks so frequently seen in warmer weather and you did not treat their legs by dipping them and bathing them in kerosene several times daily until healed when it was warm, you still have the job to do.

In catching birds for any of these operations, handle them carefully. You have frequently heard it said, "I don't believe in phlegm birds, because it is too severe." Often the severity is a result of harsh treatment in catching the birds. Use a wire trap in your house or a good standard culling coop.

For winter litter, I believe there is nothing that will wear as well or prove more sanitary in the laying house as shucks. They should be placed about one foot deep and replaced when worn to the point that they no longer look like shucks, but shreds. You can buy commercial litter if no other.

Winter is coming on so now is the time to stop all cracks on the sides and ends and on the roof. A warm, well-ventilated house is what you should have.



ISN'T *Good Living* JUST A MATTER OF CHOICE?

Good foods carefully selected and properly prepared are the basis of good living. Among all the foods you serve, good coffee is probably the most important. It's the "backbone" of many menus, notably breakfast and supper; it's the one part of any meal that must be good if other foods are to be enjoyed. Hence don't take chances by trying to save a penny or two a pound. Buy the choicest, most skillfully blended coffee the market offers. Such a coffee is *Admiration*—superb in quality, rich in flavor, delightfully aromatic and inviting. More people in the Southwest drink it than any other brand. There's a reason.



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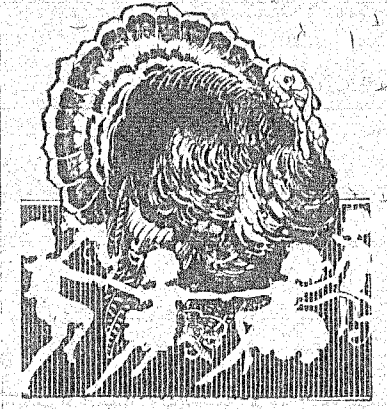
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Texas Farm News Reports

Many States have egg-grading laws, but there is none in Texas. Jesse Bass, of Crosbyton, has installed an egg-grader in his Crosby county hatchery. He says there are three main grades of eggs with two minor ones, and he grades his eggs both for hatching and for commercial selling.

An International Harvester Company cotton picker, purchased by George C. Chance, one of the big planters of the Brazos River Valley, was demonstrated near Bryan, Brazos county, during the picking season. The cotton had been defoliated in a demonstration by the American Cyanamid Company and was clean of foliage. The picker harvested an acre of cotton in approximately one and a quarter hours, traveling at the rate of two miles an hour. Cotton men estimated the crop harvested by the new machine would average three-fourths of a bale to the acre, or about 1,200 pounds. At prevailing rates for pickers, \$2 per hundred, the machine was earning money fast. It is estimated that under all sorts of conditions the machine will pick cotton at from \$9 to \$25 per bale cheaper than hand pickers.

Texas bees contributed 7,392,000 pounds of honey to the nation's dinner tables this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. This is 820,000 pounds more than the State's honey output in 1944. Nine thousand additional colonies, plus increased production of one pound per colony, brought about the large production this year. Texas ranks tenth in honey output for the nation.



In an open letter to farmers of Freestone county, Charlie V. Hanning, agricultural agent, says too many farmers are "fire bugs" and advised the farmers to quit burning grass, weeds and stalks that are good fertilizer and also, when turned under, hold the soil together, hold water and permit air to reach the roots of growing plants.

At the beginning of fall Texas had 1,500,000 fewer laying hens than a year ago but still led all of the States in number of producing birds. U. S. Department of Agriculture counted Texas egg layers at 21,888,000 and Iowa next with 21,478,000. Minnesota was in third place, with 18,387,000. But Texas' honor was an empty one in production per hen, Texas being in 39th place, with Vermont leading.

From a one-acre demonstration Jillian Reynolds, member of the Lessburg boys' 4-H club of Camp county, harvested 245 bushels of marketable sweet potatoes this year. Heavy application of fertilizer on good soil plus clean cultivation were responsible. County Agricultural Agent Ross H. Brison does not claim a record, but characterizes the yield as "unusual."

There will be no cotton acreage quota in 1946. U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced in November. Earlier in the month the Department of Agriculture estimated the 1945 crop at 9,368,000 bales. Estimate for Texas was slightly over 2,000,000 bales, a decrease of about 100,000 below September 1 expectations. This is the smallest Texas crop in 50 years.

Thirteen new applications for soil conservation assistance in Austin county have been approved by the Austin - Washington county district of the Soil Conservation Service.

Hybrid corn in the field may look light, but "the yield will fool you," says Troy Hiller, Jr., of Sanger, and Alex Collins, of Cooper Creek, Denton county, in a report to Denton County Agent G. R. Warren. Both harvested more corn than their fathers who used different varieties on nearby land.

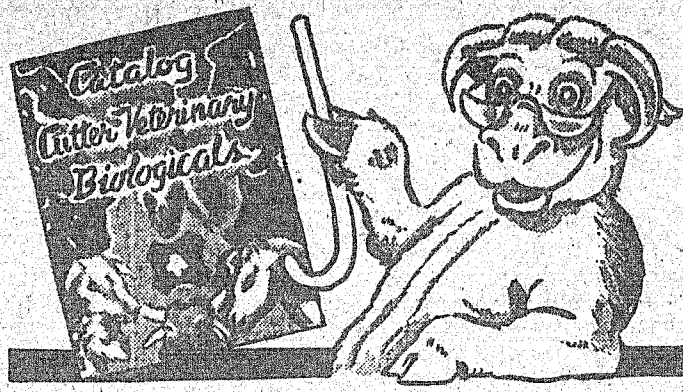
Texas rice mills are running 20 to 24 hours a day, the Eagle Lake Headlight, Colorado county, reported. All varieties have been pouring in, including the late Roxoro. Fifty-five per cent or more of the crop goes to the government, while some is going to Cuba. Not all orders can be filled.

The new drug, "Phenothiazine," developed in Texas and used for the first time in doctoring sheep, is now being used under direction of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Husbandry for prevention of worms in cattle, horses and hogs. Thirty members of the Progressive Farmers Club met at Victoria, in Victoria county, recently and saw a special picture and heard instructions on use of the drug.

Steve Murrin, of Mansfield in Tarrant county, is loud in praise of soil conservation and rotation grazing. He reports that his stock go through the winter with little or no feed as a result of improved methods. He has been mowing weedy areas of his pastures, overseeding residue, and using bottom land for alfalfa and around feedlots, clearing out undesirable trees and contour furrowing buffalo grass pasture.

Turkey poults and baby chicks don't grow well together. Farmer county 4-H club boys who received awards of poults in the cow-sow-hen program last spring, were advised by County Agricultural Agent Lee H. McElroy, and not to place them with their chicks. Those who followed his advice raised 60 per cent, and those who did not, raised only about 30 per cent. The surviving turkeys were fed on waste grain and skimmed milk and went to market at weights of 20 pounds and better, McElroy says.

In times gone by Texas turkeys, like old-time Texas longhorn cattle, ran wild on the range and were rounded up periodically. Usually hens sold for 50 cents and toms for 75 cents regardless of size, age or condition. But times have changed and turkey raising is a new industry of almost incalculable value to the State. One turkey egg can bring a farmer \$10, if it is the right kind of egg. It is estimated there are more than 4,700,000 turkeys in Texas, worth approximately \$28,000,000. Production this year is 25 per cent above last year.



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OVERSEAS GIFTS for Folks Back Home

By CHARLES W. DUKE
As a consequence of the global war there will be a more bewildering array of gifts under the Yule trees of the United States on Christmas Eve this year than ever before in history.

For weeks every ship returning to this country has been laden with the Christmas offering of GI Joe and his fellows of the Army, the Navy, the Wac, the Coast Guard and other units for

analyzed by Philadelphia and New York perfumers from samples submitted by wives and sweethearts of soldiers.

Variety and novelty have made up in most instances, however, for any lack of quality in the gifts from foreign lands. And many a doughboy has managed to get a real bargain from a grateful merchant or an individual in one of the liberated lands. The list includes Glengarry caps from Scotland, Oriental slippers from the North African countries, real Irish linen handkerchiefs, white kid gloves hand made in Naples, sabots of wood from the Low Countries, mosquito boots of leather from Natal, Brazil, Kashmir robes and exotic items from many other foreign lands.

In the Pacific area the soldiers have had much less choice of gifts to bring home. Nearly all of them have managed to acquire grass skirts, however. They also have sent home highly-flavored native sweetmeats and decorative articles. Included are ear and nose rings which will be kept as mementoes. When nothing else is available they serve the purpose of reminding wives, mothers and sweethearts that the thoughts of their fighting men, always turning back home, do so



their loved one at home. Millions of these returning service men and women have been ransacking the world's shopping centers.

The doughboys have been raiding the shops in such numbers that it has been necessary for the Red Cross to organize shopping brigades.

The news reels recently have shown films of GI Joe lined up as apparent spectators at fashion shows in liberated Paris. Couturiers and perfumers and specialists in other French trinkets have been reaping a harvest—if they had anything to sell after hiding it from the Germans for five years. Many of them, incidentally, have been charging prices unheard of before the war.

For a silk scarf that under normal rates of exchange could have been bought in Paris for much less than \$5.00, GI Joe willingly has shelled out 1,000 francs—or about \$20. Silk handkerchiefs have been sold as high as \$10. And the chic little sweaters have been bringing up to 2,500 francs, or \$50.

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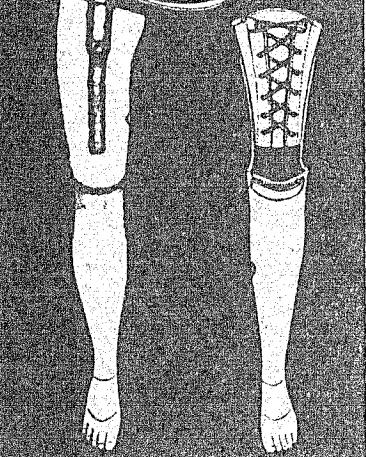


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HOUSEHOLD HELPS

By MARGARET MOORE

YULE DECORATIONS

Do your best to get the Christmas Spirit into your good home. The war over, this should be the happiest Christmas we have had in years. Make "Merry Christmas" really MERRY. Many of us will be together this Christmas for the first time in a long while. Let's leave nothing undone to make it a day to always remember.

Take a drive or walk into the country and gather the fall leaves and mistletoe to decorate your home. Decorate the table and fill the wall cases with the leaves. Lay them on the mantle of your fireplace if far enough away from fire to be safe. Put them in the chandelier; they are lovely with the light shining on them.

Some of the forest shrubs have berries that make the loveliest wreaths. Tie them together, into a circle, and hang them in your window. Put one on your door. Make a spray for your porch and put MERRY CHRISTMAS on a big red bow and fasten the spray with it. Let the whole world know that you are glad there is peace once more in America.

Don't forget to use mistletoe around and overhead if you are lucky enough to have it grow in your locality, or can buy it in stores. Dad will surprise the live-out-of-mom when he catches her under the mistletoe and it will tickle the kids pink.



If you have cedars in your yard or any green foliage they are nice to mix in with the fall boughs. We have an ornamental pepper in our yard and it is really effective to add to the spray in the wall vase. Make your Merry Christmas for the bow out of white paper, just cut it out and paste it on. Tie your bow first and then you will have it in the right place.

If there's a large mirror in the living or dining room, give it a holiday air by spelling "MERRY CHRISTMAS" with red gummed paper letters across the top. Or border it with small gold stars sprinkled on the glass.

Hunt up all the Christmas books the family owns—Dickens's "Christmas Carols," the children's dog-eared "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and other old favorites.

It's fun to cover them with new jackets of gayly patterned gift wrapping paper and keep them on a table in the living room all through Christmas week.

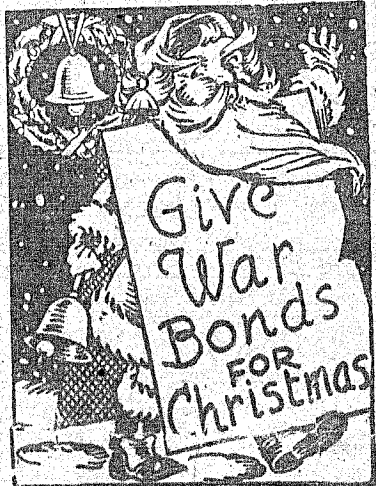
Want something different for the Christmas dinner table? Get an inexpensive small red drum and remove one side. Circle it with a holly wreath and fill the center with little surprise gift packages that are not to be opened until after dessert.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mom can surprise the kids by having a Christmas party for them. Kids love get-togethers and for amusement can decorate the Christmas tree. What can be more fun than decorating the tree.

If you are short on tree decorations, as most of us are because of shortages, you can let the girls pop some corn and string the popcorn with cranberries. It makes nice danglers, or can be hung in scallops all around the tree.

The smaller children like to make bright chains of colored paper. Some stores have Christmas paper for wrapping packages and you can save this for the chains. Scissors and a little paste is all they need. Santa Claus can be made of red paper with bits of cotton placed around the neck. The black boots will make a nice ornament and you can tuck a stick of peppermint candy in the boot. Little snowmen can be made the same way. Chewing gum is back on the market, also cigarettes, both wrapped in tinfoil and enclosed in colorful packages. The little



wrappers can be folded diagonally down to a small piece and the open edge scalloped or pointed. Hold the center with your fingers and open up; shape it a little and you have a pretty flowerette that sparkles. Tie a string on the back and hang it on the tree.

Popcorn balls can be made, enough for the whole neighborhood, to have as gifts from the tree. Make little boots and fill them with candy. All the kids like to have something off the tree on Christmas morning.

End your party with all the kids singing Christmas carols and give each child a cup cake with a glass of punch. All children love cake and punch and it is good for them just before bedtime.

This is clean fun for the youngsters, and you will enjoy making them happy. The whole neighborhood will be talking about the wonderful time they had at your Christmas Tree Decorating Party. If you are without lights for the tree try some colored globes in your lamps. It gives a cheerful effect.

GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

Gay packages containing food delicacies of your own making are always among the nicest and friendliest of all Christmas gifts. But this year especially, with food less plentiful and so many hungry soldier boys coming home, gifts from the kitchen will be appropriate and welcome.

Nothing could be a nicer remembrance this year for good neighbors and friends than a jar of your canned peaches, an attractive assortment of the jellies you made last fall, a jar or two of choice preserves or some other preserved food that you make especially well and therefore made in abundance. Wrapped attractively, such gifts present the delightful appearance which is so important in gift packages.

Gifts from your canned foods shelf are easy now because the work of preparing them was done months ago. Other gifts of food, such as cookies, cakes, pudding and candies, require some time now but they make charming gifts and are worth the bit of extra effort. Often you can combine food for giving with preparation for your own family.

If you make a plum or suet pudding for your family for Christmas dinner, prepare it several days in advance and make a few extra ones for giving. Gift cookies can also be baked when you are making those for your family.

Perhaps you can even spare enough sugar to make a limited amount of the home-made candy that is always nice to have about at holiday season and if you do you will spare enough for a gift package or two. There are countless gifts that you can give from the kitchen this year even though some of the makings are more than a little scarce. If your Christmas

cookie recipes call for whole cups of butter, use only one-third to one-half the amount of butter and the remainder of vegetable shortening. Your family and friends will still praise your cookies. The amount of sugar you use will have to be watched, of course, but almost all of us have saved up during past weeks to be ready to do some extra baking at Christmas time. By adding honey to sugar you can save almost 50 per cent of your sugar.

A glance through your Christmas list will suggest a number of people for whom gifts from the kitchen will be the most appropriate of all possible remembrances.

The following are a few recipes that may be helpful in preparing gifts of food.

Pecan Puffs
1/2 cup shortening (part butter)
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecan meats
1 cup cake flour
Confectioners' sugar.

Beat shortening until soft. Add the sugar and blend until creamy. Add the vanilla. Grind the pecan meats in a nut grinder. Sift the cake flour before measuring; stir it and the pecans into the butter mixture. Roll the dough into small balls. Place them on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven of 300 degrees F. for about 45 minutes. Roll the puffs while hot in confectioners' sugar. When cold, roll them again in confectioners' sugar.

These are rich and devastatingly good. Makes about 32 1 1/2-inch small cakes.

Butter Thins
2/3 cup sugar
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GREETINGS

As Christmas draws near and as 1945 draws to a close, we pause for a moment to think seriously of life, of what it means to us, of its joys and of its sorrows.

For four long years war news has took the scene in the spotlight, and the starry brightness of Christmas came to us shadowed with the clouds of war. Many hearts were sad, vacant chairs in the living rooms and around the fireside in many family circles bespoke the cost of war. 1945 has brought us to brighter hopes, as the combat is over, and peace is in the offing. May it bring us all to better understanding and may the world be made safe for ourselves and all liberty loving. With this hope and confidence we greet you, and may every day be like a Christmas day throughout the coming year.

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Gouldbusk News
Mrs. A. W. Crye

Our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of our friend, Mr. Roy Thweat, who died in the Coleman hospital last Thursday morning. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services at the Methodist Church conducted by Rev. H. R. Hall and Rev. Brady Slate, followed by Masonic burial service.

Friends of Mrs. Bob Harding are glad to learn that she is able to be brought home after spending about three weeks in the Coleman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Slone were shopping in Coleman Monday.

Today (Tuesday) is the Christmas party of the Home Demonstration Club, to be at the home of Mrs. Bill Terry. Our club has accomplished some very interesting work on all branches of home making this year. At our achievement program held some time ago at the Andrew Fenton home we had on display lovely work of picture making, sewing, crochet, rug making, stenciling and other items.

Miss Rose Slone spent several days in the Coleman hospital this week but is expected to be

able to come home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Squires were shopping in Coleman Tuesday.

Our new Methodist pastor, Rev. H. R. Hall of Valera has been visiting in a number of homes in our neighborhood recently.

Trickham News
By Mrs. Beula Kingston

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitley visited Mrs. Beula Kingston who is on the sick list. She is better, but the flu leaves one feeling weak. We are hoping for her a speedy recovery. They also visited Mrs. Featherston, who is ill.

Otis Calcote another of our soldiers has finally gotten home. Welcome home, Otis.

Mrs. C. F. Shield honored Mr. and Mrs. Charley Thompson and their Sunday school class with a golden wedding anniversary celebration in her home. They were married 50 years November 20. They received some very beautiful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke went to Brownwood Sunday. His sister, Mr. Alma Miller, is very sick.

Mrs. Corda York spent Wednesday night in Brownwood with her sister, Mrs. Willie Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Reed had all their family home on Sunday but one. They have all their sons home from the army. Murray was honored at this time. He had a buddy with him, Gene Whiddon.

Mrs. Harry Wilson is better from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodgion visited their son, Hayden and family over the weekend. They went from there to Dallas to visit Doris or Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw.

M-Sgt. Tom Stacy and wife are visiting in San Angelo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heidbrier were shopping in Brownwood Monday. Rankin McIver was also in Brownwood.

she has been in Draughons Business College the past several months.

Rev. W. T. Johnson of Brownwood has been called to pastor the Baptist Church here. Sunday was his first appointment. A nice size crowd attended Sunday night with good interest.

Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze and son were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace and children were shopping in Brownwood Thursday.

Mr. Rex Turney spent several days in the Santa Anna hospital last week suffering with the flu. Glad he is doing fine, although a little weak yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and children went to Brownwood Saturday returning home they visited a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Tisdell who live near Santa Anna.

Rev. W. T. Johnson visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady.

Leon Leonard has been visiting his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin and Dave Shields. Another of our community boys who has returned safely home from several years spent overseas. Leon arrived home last week with his discharge.

Mrs. Kate Holmes and Sue spent the weekend in Santa Anna.

Mrs. Joe Will Fowler of Brooksmith visited her mother, Mrs. Earl Cozart, Monday afternoon. Joe Will has been sick with the flu, but is much improved.

Vernon Piveash visited relatives in Comanche last Monday night.

If you notice an unusually big smile on Ebb Rutherford's face just remember he has a grandson.

**Holiday
Good Cheer
1945**

Regardless of what has happened to this queer old world in 1945, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season.

We want to say now that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide all the happiness it can possibly bring.

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Whon News

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

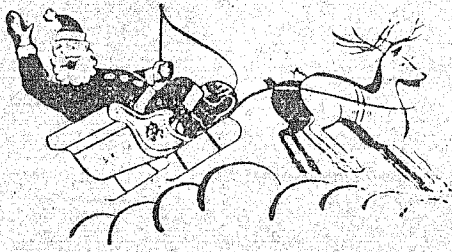
Richard Meek, Jr., who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney, returned to Dallas Sunday with his mother who came for him Saturday.

Visitors in the George Rutherford home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter and sons, Leon and Bert, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black of Brownwood, Mr. Ebb Rutherford and son, John Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cooper and family, Mrs. Etta Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and family, Mrs. Tom Cooper and Mrs. Vernon Bolton and baby of Coleman, Jo Evelyn French and Ima Jimmie Frank Smith, Mrs. Wagie Montgomery and Cpl. and Mrs. Willie Lee Rutherford of Fall Brook, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Lee Suddeth and Rex Turney were shopping in Brownwood Monday.

Corrine Bengel returned home last week from Abilene where

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May 1946 bring you much happiness and prosperity.

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POULTRY RAISERS

More eggs in Fall and Winter. Feed QUICK-RID Poultry Tonic—A positive flock wormer. It repels all blood-sucking parasites. It is good in the prevention of roups and colds, and one of the best conditioners on the market. Try it. Guaranteed by your dealer. 45-52

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Have your furniture look like new. I paint, varnish, stain or varnish enamel. Call me for estimates. Bill French. 50-2p.

LOST—Ladies' brown billfold containing money, pictures, and some papers. Lost Tuesday in Santa Anna. Return to News Office. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Good 5 burner oil stove and 2 burner oil heater. W. E. Watch, Rockwood, Texas. 51-2 p.

STRAY cow in my pasture. Owner may recover same by paying for this ad and pasturage and giving description. Telephone 3304.

FOR SALE—Girl's Bicycle \$35.00 Turner Drug Store.

Have bulldozer, caterpillar, scraper and grader, prepared to do tanking, terracing and eradication work. Contact me through D. H. Williams, Magnolia Service Station, for estimates. George Brooks. 50-2

In this issue of the News will be found a warning to all from the City Officials, not to use any kind of fireworks in the City of Santa Anna during the holidays. This is more important than some might realize. We have a large number of returned soldiers who have recently spent months and some of them years in combat, and the sound of those fireworks would be very alarming to them. Let's not have fireworks during this Christmas.

The average Texas milch cow is worth \$68.00.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Santa Anna Fire Department and our friends and neighbors for the many kind things you have all done for us. May God's richest blessing be with you.

The W. L. Payne family
Go to Church Sunday.

Ross Kelly, Jr. came in first of the week from a long stay in the South Pacific theater, where he has been in service of the U. S. Army. The Kelly family will enjoy a much brighter Christmas this year than they have in some time, by reason of the return of their only child from the fields of battle.

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Christmas Greetings

Rising above the turmoil and cares of the world is the majestic story of Bethlehem. May the star that shone then still cast its light for you and all of us, revealing new pathways to happiness and achievement. Our entire organization joins with us in thanking you for your good will and patronage during 1945, and in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

L. E. Abernathy

Texaco Service Station



CHRISTMAS Food Sale

CELERY	Extra Large Bunch Each	.20
Fruit Cake	Mrs. Frank's Overseas Pkg. 1 lb. Cake 99c 2 lb. Cake	1.99
PUMPKIN	JACKSON BRAND No. 2 1-2 Can	.18
Fruit Cocktail	No. 2 1-2 Can	.36
Mince Meat	Lady Betty Brand 'Moist' 20 oz. Jar	.32
GRAPES	Red Empress per pound	.20

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Payne talked to their son, F. Z. Jr. at 6:30 p. m. Saturday at port in Honolulu. F. Z. Jr. is enroute to the western coast on a small escort vessel, Payne being the only man on ship of the original crew to board the ship when it was converted into a fighter ship two or three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Payne were delighted to hear from their son direct, but are sad to know that he will not be home, instead, he will only have a three days rest at harbor on the western coast, then, all to some other place. Mr. and Mrs. Payne plan an effort to see their boy while in port.

Advertising doesn't cost—it pays

Leland Woodward Family Dies From Gas Fumes

A very sad message was received by relatives of the Leland Woodward family early Thursday morning. The Woodward family were living at Floydada, Texas, and Leland was not at home, according to reports. Leland's mother, Mrs. Christine Woodward of San Diego, Calif., had arrived in the home of her son to spend the holidays, and was a victim of the tragedy.

First report stated Mrs. Woodward and three months old daughter were dead, and the elder Mrs. Woodward and the three year old daughter were seriously ill, from fumes from a butane gas plant. Later the message came the little girl had died, and Mrs. Woodward's condition was critical, with but little hope of her recovery.

Mrs. Cecil Curry and son, Maurice and Mrs. C. C. Burk left immediately for the scene.

Just received shipment of Me-Phail chocolates in 1 pound boxes. Turners Drug Store.

W. R. Mulroy returned last Thursday from Pass Christian, Miss., where he attended the funeral of a brother-in-law, M-Sgt. Frederick Joseph Willett who died at his station in Baltimore, Md. Sgt. Willett had been in the Army 26 years. Mr. Mulroy visited his mother and sisters in New Orleans, La. while gone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin and daughter Coyita, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. Artie Irby attended the State Turkey show in Fort Worth last week. Mr. Wiley was elected vice president of the state organization when the officers were elected at the final session Saturday.

Trade in Santa Anna.

Double Musical Program To Be Presented Sunday Evening Dec. 23

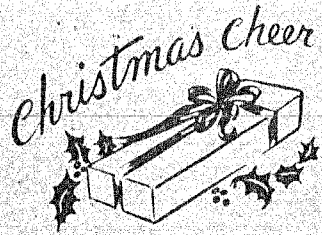
Between the hours of 5:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. the Methodist and USA Presbyterian Churches of Santa Anna will offer for the public a double program of Christmas music.

The first program of the evening will be presented by the Methodist Adult Choir under the direction of Miss Elsie Lee Harper at the Methodist Church. A Christmas Cantata "The Babe of Bethlehem" will be presented by the choir with the following selections by the choir and various soloists:

- Prelude, "Silent Night" The Hidden Choir
- Processional, "Joy to the World" (Congregation and Choir uniting, No. 217)
- Scripture and Prayer Rev. J. D. F. Williams
- Pastoral (instrumental) and chorus, "Through the Night"
- Solo, "And the Angel Said" Mrs. Harry Crews
- Chorus, "Glory to God"
- Solo, "Now When Jesus Was Born" Mrs. A. D. Hunter
- Chorus, "Far Across the Desert Sand"
- Solo, "And Lo, The Star" Mrs. Crews
- Carol (Chorus) "O'er Bethlehem"
- Solo, "And They Came With Haste" Mrs. Hunter
- Chorus, "In a Humble Cattle Shed"
- Solo, "And They Fell Down and Worshipped Him" Mrs. Crews
- Chorus, "Gift for Lord Jesus"
- Solo, "And Being Warned of God" Mrs. Hunter
- Chorus, "Princes Three, Their Mission Done"
- Chorus, "Once Again the Bells Are Ringing"

Benediction
Beginning at 6:30 immediately after the completion of the Methodist program, the USA Presbyterian Children's Choir under the direction of Miss Gale Collier will present the second program of the evening in the Presbyterian Church. Their program includes the following selections:

- "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner Choir
- "Silent Night," Gruber Choir
- Processional: "Joy to the World," Handel
- Misses Patricia Davis, Margaret and Betty Ann McCaughan and Choir
- Scripture and Prayer Reverend Ben H. Moore
- "Come All Ye Shepherds," Bohemian Christmas Carol
- Miss Novelle McClellan and choir
- "As Joseph Was a-Walking," English Christmas Carol, Choir
- "What Is This Fragrance?" French Christmas Carol, Choir
- "Away In a Manger," Huhn, Duet
- Miss Carol and Master Bill McClellan
- "He Lies Within His Cradle," Solo, Miss Joanne McClellan
- "Christmas Bells," Huhn Choir
- "Fanfare for Christmas Day," Shaw Choir
- "They Sang That Night In Beth-le-hem," Schubert, Choir
- "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," Solo Miss Collier
- "The Christmas Song," Adam Miss Collier and Choir
- "Gesu Bambino," You Miss Guthrie and Choir
- Recessional: "Come All Ye Faithful," Wade Choir



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We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year 1946

Burriss Dry Goods



Merry Christmas Greetings 1945

But even if Christmas came once a month, we would hardly find words with which to thank you for your generous support.

And now let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas in 1945.

Hunter Bros.

1945 Season's Greetings

In extending you New Year's Greetings at the dawn of 1946, we wish for you not only the full joys of this joyous season, but that deep inner peace which is the foundation of all true happiness.

Ladies Shoppe

Christmas 1945

A Merry Christmas to all

To each of you we say "Merry Christmas." We say it—yes—in the very same spirit that we have said it in the past, knowing that the full enjoyment of Christmas is an affair of the heart and of the spirit. Pausing for a moment in the twilight of 1945 we look forward with our friends hopefully to the future.

Mayo Furniture

Christmas Greetings

Beginning our 15th year in business we wish to thank our friends for their loyal patronage and to extend to all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Santa Anna Gas Co.

**Boys Club Show
January 21, 1946**

Open to F.F.A. and 4-H Club Boys of the Santa Anna Trade Territory.

Department A—Boys Baby Beef
Class 1 Senior Milk Fed Calves
Class 2 Junior Milk Fed Calves
Class 3 Dry Lot Calves

Class 4 Grand Champion and Reserve to be selected from the champion of the above three classes.

Dept. B—Boys Fat Lamb Show

Class 1 Southdown Lambs
Class 2 Fine Wool Lambs
Class 3 Crossbred Lambs (Cross between Southdown and Delaine)

Class 4 Crossbred Lambs (cross between Corriedale and Delaine)

Class 5 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion (Selected from champion of above four classes)

Dept. C—Boys Breeding Sheep

Class 1 Corriedale (Classes will be set up for all entries)
Class 2 Southdown (Classes will be set up for all entries)

THE CLOSING DATE FOR PRACTICES UNDER THE AAA PROGRAM

All practices must be completed by December 31 to draw payment under the 1945 Agricultural Conservation Program. Practices completed by the above date must be reported on or before January 15 of next year. Producers may report and receive payment on 1945 small

Class 3 Fine Wool (Classes will be set up for all entries)

Dept. D—Boys Dairy Heifer

Class 1 Open to all Jersey heifers under two years of age.

Dept. C—Boys Swine Show

Class 1 Open to all breeding swine.

Adult Show, W. F. Barnes, Supt.

Classes will be set up for all entries in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle and Sheep. All interested breeders contact Mr. Barnes.

Judges

Mr. A. I. Edwards, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Burkett and Mr. G. L. Richardson, teacher of V. A. at Talpa, will judge Boys Show.

grain seeded on the contour. Producers may also receive payment on contour listing and bedding of cropland carried out this fall to be planted to crops next year.

Applications for sheep and lamb subsidy payment must be filed on all sales made during November and prior to November, before December 31. Producers can file only one application per month. It is suggested that producers making more than one sale during the should wait until after the last sale before applying for subsidy.

The AAA office will receive applications January 1 covering production and sales of whole milk, butter, and butterfat for the last quarter covering October, November and December, 1945. The rate of payment for the last quarter is 17c per pound on butterfat and 70c per CWT on whole milk. As quickly as the applications are audited and approved, a check will be mailed to the producer.

All producers are reminded that all practices paid for by the AAA in 1946 require written prior approval until he is ready to start work on the practices.

Your County Committee who will serve you during 1946 are as follows: Ozro Eubank, chairman; N. D. Van Dalsem, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Otis B. Powers, Regular Member; Geo. E. Sparkman, 1st Alternate; Garland E. Abbey, 2nd Alternate.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Coleman County, Texas, will on the 14 day of January, 1946, at 10 o'clock a. m. in its usual meeting place in the court house at Coleman, Texas, proceed to receive and consider competitive bids for the purchase of the following described road machinery:

One four-wheel cable Control Scraper complete with power control unit not less than eleven cu. yds. capacity and will at such time let a contract therefor if any bid be accepted; all such bids to be made as required by law; and if any bid be accepted it is the intention of the Court to issue time warrants on said County in payment of all or part of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$7000.00, to bear 4 per cent interest per annum, the last maturity date of such warrants to be not later than the year of 1951. For Precinct 3, Coleman Co., Texas.

Leman Brown,
County Judge; by Order of
The Commissioners Court.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mmes. Hardy Blue and Jim Harris entertained with a waffle supper Monday night, December 17th for the ward school teachers and members of their families.

The house was beautifully decorated in truly a Christmas manner. The beautiful decorated tree occupied a prominent place.

The guests came in relays as the main feature was the waffle supper. The waffles were served brown and hot with butter, syrup and boiled ham, with an after dinner dessert of fruit cocktail with nuts and coffee.

After dinner games were played, Santa Claus letters were written, read, and the presents were distributed from the Christmas tree.

Those enjoying this very delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Howard, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Burgett and La Juana, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. Tom Mills, Mrs. Beryl Sparkman, Mrs. J. D. F. Williams and Nancy Mrs. Oran Henderson, Mr. Jim Harris, John Hardy Blue, Hardy Blue and Misses Mary Gladys Pope, Frankie Holt, Alta Lovelady, Corinne Wallace.

Captain Kermit K. Beahan, Houston, Texas, dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

The average 1944 value for all cattle in Texas was \$50.00 per head.

In West Texas farmers are selling Johnson grass seed to plainsmen for reseeding ranges.

Fireworks...

If you are planning to store Fireworks in any building, it is advisable you contact your Fire Insurance Company and secure "Hazard" clause pertaining to Fireworks, as an added precaution against loss.

Signed

City of Santa Anna

B. B. Unsell, Fire Marshal

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Are expressed by the publishers

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The Dallas Morning News

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We are compiling a list of names who will be given preference in subscribing for The Dallas Morning News when available newsprint permits us to serve additional readers.

Rates by mail or local delivery \$1.25 a month in Texas.

Shortage of white paper has not prevented us from planning a better newspaper than ever before.

THANK YOU

The Dallas Morning News

Christmas Greetings 1945

As we approach the beloved anniversary of a great EVENT we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

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

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.

**Hotel Santa Anna
Mrs. Lona L. Merritt**

Merry American Christmas

1945

Among the things for which our boys have been fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

**Thompson & White
SERVICE STATION**

Greetings...

and Best Wishes

for the

Christmas Season

Pettijohn Hardware Co.

POISON GAS

Although use of gas was outlawed by the Geneva Convention and was not generally believed to have been used during the war, poison gas killed 1,951 Americans during the last year. The catch in this statement is that these were not war casualties but victims of accidents from gas on the home front. Still, points out Miss Hipp, CHDA of the Extension Service, A. and M. College, the 1,951 Americans are just as dead as if they had died in battle. She quoted figures from the National Safety Council which

showed that 97 per cent of the victims were stricken in their own homes. Carbon monoxide was the poisonous gas in eight out of every nine cases. Safety principles recommended for avoiding monoxide poisoning in the home include use of a flue pipe to carry away gases from gas ovens and water heaters. Other "musts" listed by Miss Hipp are regulation of draft on heaters with a check draft rather than with a damper. If a damper in a stove or furnace pipe is used, it should never be closed tightly enough to force gases out into the room.

Gas burners should burn with a transparent blue flame. If the flame has a white or yellow tint, adjustment is necessary. Never operate a gasoline engine in a closed space unless the exhaust is piped out of doors. Open shed doors before starting the car, truck or tractor. Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Billie P. Bible, Cox, USN, of Santa Anna, Tex., is on his way home. Bible is one of 2,072 high-point Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the USS Hornet. The USS Hornet—one of more

than 250 carrier, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet—left Guam, December 3, and is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about December 15. Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life. FOMER CITIZEN DIES IN OKLAHOMA A telegram from Arnold Davidson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Davidson, of Beaver, Oklahoma, dated Saturday, and addressed to the Turner Oakes family, advises of the death of Mrs. W. T. Davidson, who died Thursday. The funeral was set for Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. T. Davidson was pastor of the USA Presbyterian Church twenty five years ago, when this editor came to Santa Anna, and the Davidson family was a likeable one. They moved to Oklahoma during the middle twenties and have made their home there since. Rev. Davidson died several years ago, according to our memory, and the son Arnold is the only child.

MARINES TAKING TWO YEAR ENLISTMENTS NOW ABILENE, Texas—In line with the new streamlined recruiting program currently launched by the United States Marine Corps was the announcement today that prospective Leathernecks may now enlist for a period of two years. The Marine Corps is also accepting men for three and four year enlistments. The G.I. Bill of Rights still applies to men now enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. Men may now enlist for one of the above period of years, and leave the service after their enlistment is up and go back to school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. The Marine Corps Recruiting Office is located in the Post Office Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

LET'S STUDY, SHALL WE? You know, classmates, right after Christmas, about a week after, we will again hear our beloved teachers announce dutifully to us, "Six weeks tests tomorrow, children." Yes, that's right, soon you will be taking those dreaded six weeks tests again. Still another happy thought is that in some classes the tests will be for the semester. In glancing around I happened to see quite a few red letters and some black letters that weren't so hot. Perhaps it is to late to do anything about that now, but lets see that it doesn't happen again. Right after Christmas, suppose we all turn over a new leaf and write in the middle of that leaf the five letter word "Study." When we see that word let's also remember that we are hurting ourselves, no one else, when we fail to get all we can from school. Just for a change, lets make the kind of grades we won't be ashamed of or hate to show our parents. It isn't hard to do. You don't have to be a genius. Just a little honest-to-goodness study will put you on top. Lets study, shall we? Mrs. Allie Brown of Ft. Worth is here visiting Mrs. H. W. Kingsbery.

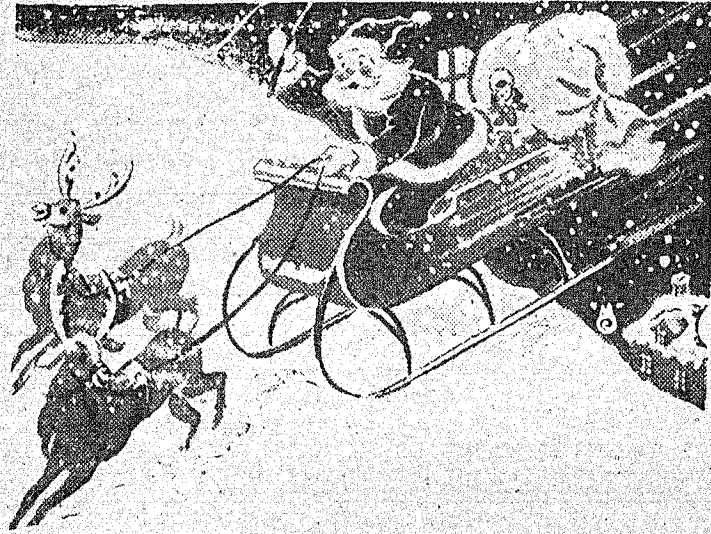
Want Ads get instant results.

A Merry Christmas

Season's Greetings

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1945. All we can say is THANK YOU, and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE



"Twas The Night Before Christmas"
1945

Seasons Greetings

We pause, on the Eve of Christmas, 1945, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a quarter of a century.

To these old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Merry Christmas."

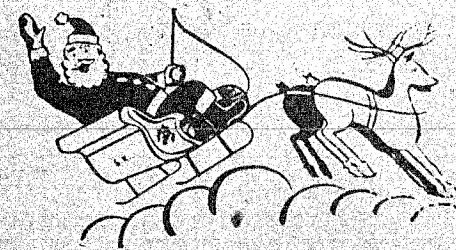
C. F. Campbell

Gulf Distributor

Holiday Greetings

Christmas is a time for giving, but now the accustomed trifles won't do. The most worth-while gift is some portion of yourself. We send a friendly wish that you be happy this Christmas—and thus help make others happy too.

Griffin Hatchery



1945
MERRY CHRISTMAS
to
Everybody

There's a joy in the heart
That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.

L. A. Welch Garage

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Texans have waited four long years for this Christmas.

G. I. Joe has dreamed of it on every battlefield of the world. Thousands of them are streaming out of separation centers, homeward-bound. Others, already home, are shedding their khaki and blue for civilian clothes. Each passing day is making "Home for Christmas" a blessed reality.

Except for one thing—traffic accidents.

The Texas Safety Association predicts a traffic death toll of 223 persons and non-fatal injuries to some 2,000 others during the holiday, wintry twelfth month of December.

Yes, if things run true to form, Christmas will be ruined in hundreds of Texas homes by an accident to someone in the family.

These accidents are especially tragic and ironic at the Christmas season in any year. This year they are doubly so. This year, of all years, we want no tragedy that can be avoided.

Journey's end for the returning veteran should be the safety of his fireside. Not futile death on the streets and highways of Texas.

Isn't it worth a little extra trouble this Christmas season to prevent accidents that bring sorrow and suffering and tra-

ARMY RECRUITER SCHEDULE IS CHANGED

This is the schedule for the Army recruiter from the Brownwood Recruiting Office to appear in this and surrounding towns each week:

Monday—Goldthwaite and Lampasas.

Tuesday—Stephenville, Dublin and Comanche.

Wednesday—Coleman, Santa Anna and Bangs.

Thursday—Gustine, DeLeon and Blanket.

Friday—Comanche, Stephenville and Dublin.

Any man reenlisting in the Army within 20 days of his discharge may retain his rating which he held at the time of his discharge, and along with that he will get a furlough based on 30 days per year of previous service, however, no furlough will exceed 90 days. In addition he will receive a reenlistment bonus of \$50 dollars for each year of previous service since last enlistment, providing he enlists within 3 months of his discharge. Mustering out pay will also continue to be paid.

Men enlisting for their first time are still eligible for benefits.

Then do your level best as a driver to make it "Safe at Home" for Christmas!

fits. Among some of these benefits is the G I Bill of Rights which will guarantee a man a free college education and is considered one of the most beneficial, especially to high school graduates just out of school. Under the Bill of Rights a man can receive a college education equal to the number of years he spends in the Army plus one year, thus, it would be possible for a young man just out of school to receive 4 years of college education in the school of his choice if he enlists for 3 years in the Army now. The G I Bill of Rights extends only to men enlisting on or before 6 October 1946.

For those men who desire to study or take high school or college courses while serving in the Army there is also some interesting news. The Army has set up what is called the United States Armed Forces Institute.

Through this Institute any man enlisting in the service may take any course which he should choose and actually earn himself credits in that subject. If sufficient courses to earn a degree are completed, the degree will be given him.

Enlistment periods now open to all men from the ages of 17 through 35 are 18 months, 2 years and 3 years. There are many advantages in the 3 year enlistment period, namely that an enlistee may choose his branch of service and overseas theater.

All men who think they would be eligible to enlist in the Army are welcome to come in and have a chat with the boys in the Recruiting Office, located at 109 East Baker Street in Brownwood or see one of those friendly guys visiting in your town who will be wearing an Army Recruiting band. These men will

be glad to help anyone with questions which they may have regarding enlisting in the Army to join the many thousands now in the ranks of "Guardians of Victory." Now that the war is over this job is a more interesting one than that during the war and there is something for a young man just out of high school to look forward to and to

be proud of while serving our country in an all out effort to preserve the peace for which others have fought so hard. This job requires smart and intelligent men. The experience thru travel and fine training while in the Army can later be utilized in some other profession.

Want Ads get instant results.



MILK
Is Her Best Tonic

Milk is nature's aid for building strong healthy bodies. Use it for regaining... and maintaining health!

Dairy Fresh, Wholesome,
Inexpensive, Vitamizing

Use Williams Fresh Dairy Products

WILLIAMS
Dairy Products

TRUE
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

Many things in these times are synthetic. But our Holiday Greetings retain the same true quality as always



Diserens Grocery

FROM ALL OF US
TO ALL OF YOU
A
Merry Christmas

Our sincere greetings for your happiness this Christmas Season. The success of our business depends upon the return of our customers, to all of whom we feel greatly indebted. May this Christmas season bring you all the joys you expect, and the New Year be filled with a fulfillment of your every desire.

Banner Creameries

1945

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Wishing Everybody a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

DENSMAN
Welding Shop

Christmas
Cheer To All

Joy be with you this happy season. We are mindful of our debt to our friends who have favored us with their business, a debt of gratitude we can never repay.

Owen & Copeland

GULF SERVICE STATION

Greetings
to
Everyone

Of course, we wish you a Merry Christmas — and a happy time with family and friends—but; more than that, we wish that you may have an abiding faith in the true meaning of Christmas. A faith that fills your heart with the peace exemplified by Christmas. A faith that sustains you and yours until that peace becomes a reality in the great heart of the world.

Santa Anna
Beauty Shop

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 23

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS TO THE WORLD

LESSON TEXT: Luke 2:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

Christmas again! Yes, and it's going to be a joyful Christmas this year, isn't it? Let's not miss a single bit of the joy and gladness of the season. Let's observe all the precious customs and traditions. Let's share in the pleasantness and the laughter. Some may have to do it with a sense of sadness hidden in their hearts, but even they will join us in really keeping Christmas this year.

But don't forget to keep Christ in your Christmas this year as never before! We who know Him should realize how much the world needs Him. We should see in the months just ahead our greatest opportunity to make Him known.

Our lesson topic is "The Message of Christmas to the World." What is that message? Here it is:

I. Make Room for Jesus! (vv. 1-7). "It came to pass"—yes, it always does when God has given His promise. For seven centuries God had said, "He is coming," and then He came. God rules the affairs of this world even though thoughtless and unbelieving men not only grieve Him, but often defy Him.

Jesus came—but He came to a manger, "because there was no room for him in the inn." Is it not the same today? There is no room for Him now in the hearts of most men. Is He wanted in our places of business, in our governmental offices, in our social gatherings?

Remember, it was not because they hated Him that there was no room. It was just that they were "preoccupied." That is the trouble in men's hearts today. They should have made room in the inn for Jesus even though everyone and everything else must be turned out and we should make room for Him no matter what else or who else must go. They would have made room for Jesus had they known who He was. We do know, and yet we do not make room. Why not? (Jer. 1:9; John 15:24; Rom. 8:7.) (John W. Bradbury.)

That is the message of Christmas! Make room in your heart, in your life and in your home for Jesus! Then go quickly and

II. Tell Others About Jesus! (vv. 8-12)

The religious leaders slept soundly the night Jesus was born. They knew the prophecies of His coming, but they were not looking for Him. Perchance some of them slept in the very inn where He could not be received.

But the shepherds were awake. They knew that something unbelievable great had happened, for the heavens were ablaze with celestial glory.

At first they were afraid, but they were soon comforted by the words "Fear not." How characteristic that message is of the whole gospel testimony. Fear not, there is salvation. Jesus has come to seek and to save the lost.

It is sure to note that such a message is not just for one's personal joy and encouragement; it is for "all people" (v. 10). The shepherds realized that and the verses following our lesson tell us that "they made known" what they had seen (vv. 17-20).

How great that need is today! After all these centuries since Jesus came there are still multitudes of people on this earth who have never heard about our Saviour. There are children who would ordinarily have been in church and Sunday school who, because of the war, have grown up in heathen darkness.

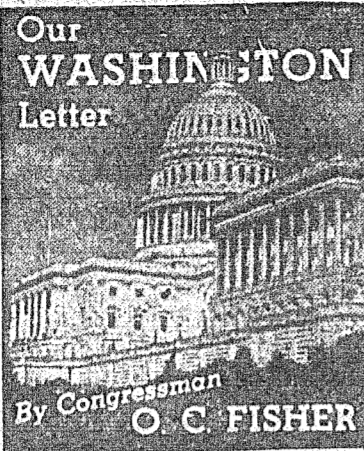
Others there are who have heard but have not responded, and we must go to them once more this Christmas and tell them that "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" was born in Bethlehem.

Make room for Jesus, and then make Him known to others. That will lead you to

III. Praise God for Jesus (vv. 13-14).

The angels could hardly wait with their praise. "Suddenly" a multitude of the heavenly host appeared, praising God for the blessed message of peace and good will.

The Christian life is quite incomplete and unbalanced if it does not include much praise. The Lord is worthy of all the praise of every believing heart this Christmas Day!



Labor Legislation

President Truman's proposal that Congress immediately pass a bill to provide for fact-finding commissions to be appointed to deal with the big industrial disputes, was warmly received by the Members of Congress but met militant opposition in the Labor Committee of both the House and Senate.

The President's plan is to appoint fair and unbiased men to study the issues where strikes are going on, or are about to begin, and then let the public know what those findings are, together with recommendations. Strikes would be unlawful while such investigations are going on.

The theory of this procedure is that, once the public is informed of what true facts are in a dispute, the parties involved would hesitate to oppose the public opinion resulting from such findings.

As to whether the law, if enacted, would work, I do not know. The President thinks it will work, and so does the Secretary of Labor. In my opinion it should be enacted at once and given a trial.

The proposal is not a cure all and would apply to only a limited number of disputes. It is clear that other legislation of general application is badly needed.

Anti-Racketeering Bill

Last week the House passed by an overwhelming vote what is known as the Hobbs Anti-racketeering Bill. It is interesting to note the incidents that resulted in this bill being passed.

For several years a racket has been going on by certain labor unions whereby union members stop farmers' trucks at the outskirts of New York, Detroit and other cities and demand that a union member be employed at from \$3 to \$10 a day to go with the farmer and help unload his produce at the market. The money is collected and sometimes the union man goes and helps and at other times he does not. But in either event the farmer has to pay the money, regardless of whether the one employed actually goes with him or not.

If the farmer says he doesn't need any help and refuses to pay the demand, he must turn back, or else he is assaulted and in many cases his truck overturned or his produce destroyed. This racket has been going on for years.

A few years ago the Grand Jury in New York indicted 26 members of Local No. 807 of the Teamsters Union for violating the Federal Anti-racketeering Act, by engaging in the practices that have been described. The trial lasted six weeks and the 26 defendants were convicted. But by a strange decision the Supreme Court held the anti-racketeering law does not apply to labor unions or to members of labor unions.

The Hobbs bill, which the House passed, makes labor unions and members of unions subject to the anti-racketeering law just like all other people are subject to it. The House passed this same amendment nearly three years ago but it died in the Senate because of pressure from certain labor leaders. The same fate may befall the present effort.

It is, of course, an insult to the rank and file of laboring people to say the Hobbs bill is anti-labor. The measure simply makes labor unions and union members subject to the robbery and extortion law and does not interfere with lawful and legitimate activities of any kind.

Mrs. J. J. Gregg and daughter, Lt. Frances A. Gregg, returned from San Antonio Monday, where they spent several days visiting and looking after business matters. The editor and our faithful helper, John, never went hungry, neither did we have to stay out in the cold.

Menard, Texas held its annual pecan show last week, offering \$115 in cash awards.

Church Notices

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

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

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Church School 10:00 a.m., Mr. Hardy Blue, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 P. M.
Evening Worship Services, 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.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Ladies Auxillary, Mondays following each 2nd Sunday.
Choir Practice, 6 p.m. each Friday.
Ben H. Moore, pastor

First Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services 11:00 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Prayer Service, 7 p. m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
S. R. Smith, pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service 8:15 p. m.
Thursday Bible Study 8:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Evangelistic Service.

You are cordially invited to attend.
Velma L. Davis, pastor.

The writer of these notes extends to you the heartiest of good wishes at this glad Christmas season. He pleads with you if you are not a Christian, make room for the Saviour in your heart! Then, let us all make Him known everywhere, to the praise and glory of His name.

It would please the one who prepares these notes to have a word from his friends everywhere, assuring him of their interest and prayers. Just a postcard will do. The address is at the head of the column. Don't expect a reply, but be assured that he will pray for you.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Rozelle Dorsey, Hudson, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 119th District Court of Coleman County at the Court House thereof, in Coleman, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1946, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 24th day of November A. D. 1945, in this cause, numbered 6680-B on the docket of said court and styled Henry Roy Hudson Plaintiff, vs. Rozelle Dorsey Hudson Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

A suit for divorce upon the ground that defendant abandoned plaintiff on February 11th, 1941, and for costs of suit, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process, shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas this

the 24th day of November A. D. District Court, Coleman County Texas, 1945.
Attest: Jay R. Pearce, Clerk, (SEAL)

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The Winters Chamber of Commerce has formed a Rodeo Assn. to hold annual shows on behalf of its local athletic fund.

Home Demonstration members of Texas are launching a campaign for food to ship to war refugees.

Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas
December 14, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wagon, a set of blocks and a little car, also some fruit and candy. But most of all please bring my daddy home. I've been a good little boy.

Your little pal
Don Ruthertford

Santa Anna, Texas
December 8, 1945

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old, I go to school at Cross Road, I sure do like my teacher, Mrs. York. I can not write much yet. So I got mother to write for me. Santa I want a ring, high heel shoes, bicycle. We will be looking for you at our school Friday, December 21, and at our home Christmas nite also.

Alice Gayle Shirley

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football and a gun set. And bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. I have been a good boy this year and I have made good grades in school. Bring the other children something too.

Lankford Simmons

Santa Anna, Texas
December 9, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little school girl seven years old. I wish you would remember me on Christmas with a doll, purse and bonnet to match, scooter, cook stove, set of dishes and a pair of house shoes.

Love,
Joan Niell

P.S.: Santa I would like a swing each for my little brother Jimmy, and me and plenty of fruits, nuts, and candy.

Santa Anna, Texas
December 9, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a very good little girl. I am 6 years old. Have long black curls.

Will you please send me a ring, something to put my books in, and a whole lot of candy and oranges. I will be good.

I love you,
Patsy June Norris

P.S.: I live 10 miles south of Santa Anna. You can see my house from the road.

Santa Anna, Texas
December 9, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy four years old. I want a train for Christmas. My little sister Virginia wants a doll and Weldon wants a train too.

Your little friends,
Lyndon, Virginia and Weldon Haynes

Winchell, Texas
December 10, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
We have been very good little children so please don't forget us. Scotty would like a doll, doll

bed and little cabinet. Jimmie wants a hat like Daddy's, little tractor and truck. Billie Don wants a little horse to ride. Please don't forget any little boy or girl this Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
Scotty, Jimmie, and Billie Don Stearn

Santa Anna, Texas
December 11, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I thought I would drop you just a few lines to tell what I think I want you to bring me for Christmas this year. I want you to please bring me wagon and little gun. So I can play

Because I don't have any body else to play with at my house. Just my toys.

I'll close dear Santa
Eutimio Martinez, Jr.
Box 534

And please bring me toys.
Santa Anna, Texas
December 9, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little boys, six and seven years old. Please bring each of us a farm jeep and trailer for Christmas.

Please remember all the children in the war countries. Thank you,
Roye and Jesse Haynes

Silent Night!

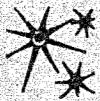
Holy Night!

As the time of this great old Christmas carol is sung throughout America, we pause to extend Season's greeting to our many loyal friends.

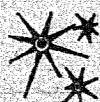
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**Season's
Greetings**

**Merry
Christmas**



Just a Christmas how do you do—and a wish for your happiness all year through.



**B. T. VINSON
GROCERY**

**Merry
Christmas**

As one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this Holiday Season of 1945 we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a—MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and our boys overseas who are doing their part to make and keep CHRISTMAS a happy day for all of us.

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We will welcome the season when the feeling of love abounds and unselfishness finds expression in gifts that are given and kind words that are spoken. It is fine to think of giving instead of receiving. How fine it would be if we could have the spirit of this glorious season with us always. May it come to you this Christmas and remain with you all the days of 1946 is our earnest wish.

Permit us at this opportunity to give thanks to all our loyal friends for the business entrusted to our care in 1945. Favor us with a continuance of your patronage and we will never give you cause to regret it.

Coleman Gas & Oil Company
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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santie,
I'm a little girl seven years old and I want a big doll and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your Friend,
Joyce Smith

Rockwood Route, Santa Anna
December 10, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good boy the past year. Please bring me a gun and scabbard, billfold, knife, a picture a climbing monkey, and a big box of chocolate candy. Don't forget to bring Carolyn a doll and Chrystene a doll buggy.

Love,
Wamon Monroe Upehurch

Santa Anna, Texas
December 12, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a few toys and some fruit for Christmas. I am 14 months old and

have been a very sweet little boy the whole year. Bring me a little rocker a mickey mouse toy, a lawn mower and some blocks so I can learn the alphabet. I would like to have a little pair of blue house-shoes. Be good to all the other little boys and girls. Thank you,
Danny Wylie

Dear Santie,
I am a little boy four years old. I want a tractor and a wheelbarrow and please don't forget the other little children.

Your Friend,
Jimmie Wayne Smith

Santa Anna, Texas
December 17, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
We have been real good this year so please bring us some toys. I (Waynell) am 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, doll bed, a gun and some fruit, nuts and candy.

I (Clinton Ray) am 2 years old. Please bring me a tractor, a gun and a dump truck, and some fruit, nuts and candy. We have a baby brother, 6 months old please bring him a dog, a

rattler and a ball. Thank you,
Love,
Waynell, Clinton Ray and
Duane Smart.

Santa Anna, Texas
December 10, 1945

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl the last year and tried to help mother a lot. Please bring me a set of dishes, table and chairs, and a telephone, and a puzzle.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love
Wanda Ola Weathers

Santa Anna, Texas
December 10, 1945

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a printing set, a knife, a billfold, a jigsaw puzzle and a box of candy.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love
Bobby Wayne Weathers

Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a set of dishes and candy, apples and oranges, and plenty of nuts.

Your little friend,
Velma Lornene Shipman

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Winchell, Texas, Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little girls 9 and 10 years old. We have been very good girls, so we want a doll, and a nurse set, and a bracelet each, also we have three big sisters, don't forget them, they have us a pretty tree fixed for you Santa, and don't forget my brother who is in Japan. We like very much for you to bring him home and all other soldier boys.

Yours truly,
Naomi Baugh, Dixie Jo Baugh

A merry Christmas,
Your little friend,
Oda Nan and Cloda Ann Stearns
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Modawell
of Santa Anna Route 1 are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to Joe Paul Guerra of Lompoc, Calif. They were married the 29th day of November in Brownwood and are making their home in Lompoc.

**Merry
Christmas**

WE WELCOME CHRISTMAS

We are grateful for this privilege of
greeting our friends—

We are happy to turn away from business awhile and think of our friends, and get into the true spirit of Christmas. We wish for each of you the richest blessings of Christmas and happiness for the NEW YEAR.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Greetings

We take genuine pleasure in
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business to send our friends
the heartiest wishes for the
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I have heard people sigh at word of the Victory Loan Campaign, and say, "I suppose I have to buy another bond. But I don't see how I can afford it."

This is just like saying, "I suppose I really ought to start saving money, but it's an awfully expensive thing to do!"

The fact is, of course, that you don't buy bonds. As W. B. Bachman, a Detroit writer, forcefully pointed out the other day, the speakers on the radio and the poster artists and the advertising writers have been using the wrong word for four long years. They have been asking the public to do something that is impossible. You can't spend money on bonds. You simply take them. They cost

you nothing. My E bonds are nothing but certificates showing that the Barton family has made a deposit in the U. S. Treasury instead of in a bank or a cookie jar. When we take an E bond, we transfer a bank deposit to the safest depository in the world—the U. S. Treasury. We put in noninterest notes and we get an interest-bearing note as our deposit slip!

To take a bond—note that word "take"—is still a patriotic act. That alone is inducement enough for any American. Just as your money in the bank pays for loans and investments and all the bank's manifold activities, so your money in the U. S. Treasury helps to care for the wounded, to end war contracts, to maintain armies of occupation to bring home returning fighters, to prevent inflation. Your bonds brought about the mighty atomic blasts that put a period to this war. Your bonds today are returning flesh to the bones of those who survived wounds or prison-camp torture—of Wainwright, of Boyington, of unknown thousands of our men who played their own gallant parts in the total defeat of our enemies.

I remember reading the typical experience of George Lott, whose two arms were shredded by a mortar on the Lorraine front. From his battalion aid station Lott was transported 4500 miles in easy stages, by ambulance, train and plane. He passed through three field dressing stations and five hospitals in France and England before being returned to the United States for final treatment and recovery. Your bonds paid for the care of all the George Lotts of this war.

And yet you can count on getting back \$4 for every \$3 you put in!

So get bonds today—get them regularly—and hold onto them. That is about as close as you are likely to come in this life to having your cake and eating it too.

Christmas 1945

All of us should be filled with unbounded gratitude and should thank God that we are Americans!

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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

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Letters To Santa Claus

Thrifty, Texas
Dec. 17, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a table tennis set and a doll for Christmas. If you can't get them, please get me what you can get. I think mother and daddy have been good parents.

Come to see them. I want the small set. If you can get a bicycle please get it and leave all the rest off. If you can't get a bicycle get a table tennis set and a doll. Please try to get the bicycle first.

With love,
Ima Jean Hallford
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy almost two years old. Please bring me a tractor, a truck and a gun. Also lots of fruit, nuts, and candy. I'll be looking for you.

Love,
Thomas David Williams

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a set of dishes and a purse. I've tried to be a good little girl.

Love,
Melva Doris Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a football, but if there is not any footballs left please bring me a indoor ball. I would like a toy army rifle. Please bring my little brother a toy horse that goes ding-a-ling.

North Pole
Kenneth Wayne and Emmett Lee Smith

My brother's name is Kent Lanier. Please remember mother and daddy and Jeanie.

With love,
Rony Hallford
Thrifty, Texas

Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 17, 1945

Dear Santa Claus
We have been two good little boys. We are four and five years old. Would you please bring us a train, truck, airplane and little wagon, and lots of fruit and nuts. Please remember other little boys and girls.

Your little friends,
Kenneth Wayne and Emmett Lee Smith

Cpl. Alton Brandon visited here with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Brandon last weekend. He has a 90 day furlough and is working in Wichita Falls,

We Wish Each and Everybody

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Lethbetter and Sons

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To All Our Friends
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Merry Christmas

WILLIAMS Service Station

Christmas Tidings of Joy, 1945

Not just a wish for Christmas, but a wish for each day of the year. And never were greetings more hearty or wishes more true and sincere.

J. W. PARKER Tailor Shop

Merry Christmas!
Tidings of Joy, 1945

Being the fine friends' and acquaintances you are we would not want to miss this 1945 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings.

A Happy Christmas
To You And Yours

Lois H. Niell, Laundry

Holiday Cheer

1945

On the threshold of 1946, it may be appropriate to envision a Better World in which to live. May God bring Permanent Peace on Earth Good Will toward men.

Hewlett's Station

There'll Always Be A Christmas

Barbarians from across the seas, would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from this earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1945 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU

Santa Anna Telephone



For Christmas comes but once a year and when it does come we want it to come with all the old-fashioned trimmings that make this season so joyous.

Thanks, one and all, for your kindness to us during 1945 and may 1946 bring you many Happy Returns.

Turner Grocery

SANTA ANNA H. D. CLUB HAS HOLIDAY PARTY

"Let's carry the spirit of New Year," Mrs. Oder remarked when she told the beautiful story of Christ's birth to members of the local H. D. Club and their guests Friday, December 14th, 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. John Lowe who was hostess at a buffet supper.

And in sending greetings let's always write Christmas rather than abbreviate it Xmas which does not mean anything, Mrs. Oder further stated.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and gifts were distributed to each from a tree.

The buffet supper consisted of baked turkey with dressing and gravy, peas, potatoes, pickled prunes, fruit salad, hot chocolate, coffee and mince pie was enjoyed by the following group:

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Mofedock, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanderford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Conley, Mrs. W. A. Standly, Ruth Campbell, Mrs. Bill Lowry, Mrs. A. L. Oder, Mrs. Frank Goen, Mrs. Carl Ash-

more, Mrs. J. J. Rogers, Mrs. Roy Stockard, Billy and Bascom Lowry, Carolee Campbell and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lowe.

The next regular meeting will be Friday, January 4, 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Frank Goen, the Club retiring president, as hostess.

Let's start the new year off with a large active membership. Be present at this meeting where a hearty welcome awaits you.

One of the happiest couples in the community this Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Neal of the Longview community. Their son Woodrow, arrived Tuesday morning from the ETO where he has spent two or three years in the service of the U. S. Army. Woodrow saw service in several of the eastern provinces and experienced some real warfare while gone. Mrs. Neal accompanied him home and the happy young couple will spend several days with his parents before reporting to some war center for further processing.

Advertising doesn't cost—it pays

COLEMAN COUNTY PIONEERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McIver of Trickham, Texas held open house Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, an achievement which is only accomplished by true love, understanding and helpfulness.

Mr. McIver came from Jonesboro, N. C. 53 years ago and settled on the place where he now lives. There he met the bride, Miss Eva Ford of Jackson, Miss. Greeting the guests at the door were the three McIver sons, Bernice, Rankin and Grady.

The house was in the Christmas motif, with red tapers on the mantel, banked with autumn leaves and red poinsettias. The table in the dining room was laid with a lace cloth. A centerpiece of golden chrysanthemums and fern flanked with gold tapers in crystal candleabras.

Assisting in serving the wedding cake and punch were Mesdames Oscar Boenick, Chelo James, G. W. Bobo, Bernt Johnson, Ray Miller and Misses Pearl Ford and Delma Martin.

Music appropriate for the occasion was rendered throughout the evening by a trio consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy and G. W. Bobo. Mrs. Bernice McIver had charge of the gift room and Mrs. Grady McIver was in charge of the guest book where 60 guests registered during the evening.

AGED CITIZEN BURIED SUNDAY

Funeral services for D. M. Densman, 81, were held at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon with the pastor, S. R. Smith, in charge. Mr. Densman was a retired farmer and has been in poor health for some time.

Survivors are Jewel Densman, Texas City; N. R. Densman, Santa Anna; Mrs. Frances Hill, Santa Anna; Edward and Lewis Densman, McGregor; Ellis Densman, Santa Anna; J. T. Densman, Texas City and the widow, Mrs. D. M. Densman. Several grandchildren and a number of friends also survive.

David Milton Densman was born January 30, 1864 and died December 15, 1945. In about six more weeks he would have celebrated his 82nd birthday anniversary. The remains were laid to rest in the Santa Anna cemetery.

SCOTT MILLER FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Scott Miller, 68, were held at the First Baptist Church Wednesday, December 10, at 2 p.m. with the pastor, S. R. Smith, in charge with Hosch directing.

Mr. Miller was born May 27, 1877 and died December 9, 1945 leaving a wife and seven children to survive: Henry Miller, Mable McDavid, Grace Dale and Byrle Lee Wheeler all of Austin; George Miller of New Brunswick, Mrs. Scott Miller, Scottie and Marie of Santa Anna and four grandchildren. Also, one brother and one sister survive.

The remains were laid to rest in the Santa Anna cemetery.

First Lt. Audie Murphy of Farmersville, Texas, the nation's most decorated infantryman, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre.

Mrs. G. W. Myers and family received a telegram Monday from her son Nowlin, who has just returned to the states from a 30 months stay in the South Pacific area in the U. S. Army. Nowlin has returned to the states and will be home soon.

Keep your News subscription paid up.

Miss Doris Turner came in from Fort Worth Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is expanding and is now seeking an experienced publicity director for a full-time position.

Merry Christmas

We have found that friendship in business counts for much and we are grateful for yours.

Let us wish you a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year.

South Texas Lumber Co.

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May joy and good fortune be yours throughout CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

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Attention everyone! Starting in the first publication after Christmas there will be a "super duper" continued story of "heaven only knows" how many parts. For the first installment of this masterpiece don't fail to read your "Mountaineer."
The Ed.

WHO'S WHO IN THE SENIOR CLASS

WILLIE CALCOTE
I say, have you seen that dark haired, busy Senior boy around anywhere?
You say you don't know him! Well, let me tell you. If you don't you soon will. All he is is the Senior Class President and president of the New Student Council.
He is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall with dark, curly hair and dark eyes. He plans to go to A & M and take an engineering course. His favorite subjects are math and science—poor boy! His pet dislikes: English and chocolate ice cream—wonder if he doesn't know you're lucky to get any flavor nowadays.
Well good luck to you, Willie, and you know you must make good because a Senior of the 1946 just has to.

WANDA HENDERSON
Those Henderson's! They get in on everything. This particular one is a girl of seventeen with dark brown hair and eyes. She is 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall and weighs 121 pounds.
She has been the class duchess two years—Senior and Sophomore—By the way she was unable to be at the carnival this year. Last year at the Junior-Senior game, she was head pep leader and was chosen as a flag bearer of the Band.
She plans to attend NTSTC next year and from there—well you know anything can happen.
Her pet hates are: the dirtiest office and Geometry. Well we all do don't we? Typing is her favorite subject and her likes are: merry times, pretty clothes and Ed Bostick.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Junior class met December 10, 1945. We discussed the possibilities of a Xmas party. It hasn't been decided by all. But we'll know next week.
About 3 weeks ago we met to choose our class rings. They are very pretty and everyone is pleased.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

The Sophomore class had a skating party at Brownwood Friday night, December 14th. This party had been planned sometime ago, but due to bad weather had been put off.
Not many Sophomores were there, but Juniors and Seniors made up for those who stayed at home. Everyone reported a swell time and I'm sure it would have been better if more of the class had come.
Our class voted to give the money, that was intended to buy gifts for Xmas, to the Stu-

dent Council to spend for a better purpose.
We have not nominated two girls for FFA Sweetheart yet, but we will at the next class meeting.
We, the Sophomores, wish each member of the student body and faculty "A Merry Christmas" and pleasant holidays.

ROVING REPORTER

What do you think of the Student Council?
Calice Jane—I think it will promote better understanding between teachers and pupils, which we need in SAHS.
James E.—I haven't heard of anything it's done yet.
Billy C.—I don't know.
Sarah Frances M.M.I think it can do a lot of good if it will work right.
Coyita G.—It's real good.
Arthur Dean T.—I guess it's all right.
Stanley C.—It's o.k.
Barbara B.—It's a nice organization.
This reporter's view on the happenings of SAHS—"United we stand, divided we fall."

GOSSIP

Well, here we are again, those two straight going sweethearts of Santa Anna High.
Say, Pat, we thought you were going with a certain Coleman girl Saturday night, but when we saw you you were alone. What is the matter, did she stand you up.
The football boys are making fast and furious dates for the party in their honor Friday night. Good luck, boys!
Doretha Faye was seen with a certain Coleman boy Saturday night, could he be playing second fiddle?
Howard Lee missed a lot by not being at the Junior Class party last Thursday night, didn't he Vernon?
Hazel Jean and Earl Jean had dates with Thomas Smith and Roland Day Saturday night.
Betty Ann, were you in Coleman Saturday night with Sarah Frances alone, without any boys?
Those sophomores really had fun at their skating party Friday night. There were students from all the classes that went. Some didn't get home until 3:00.
Kenneth Vance and Stanley Cobb seem to be having a wonderful time smoking those pipes.
The committee meetings of the Junior class is having seem to be working all right, but what are they working at???

Hubba City,
Lonely Hearts Junction
December 13 1945

Dear Soothing Syrup,
A friend of mine has a serious problem. It seems that a certain Junior boy has been captivated her heart. For some time she had a crush on the boy, but had given up all hope. Recently, however, he began to show signs of interest. She wants to let him know that she likes him without appearing too bold but does not know how to do this. Another problem is that she is bashful. She ducks her head when she looks up and finds him watching here. She wants to find some way to cure herself of this.
This may be out of your line dear Soothing Syrup because it is your job to soothe heartbroken lovers. Nevertheless, if you can aid me in solving this problem, you will help make a certain Junior girl that I know very happy indeed.
Sincerely yours,
A friend
Love Circle, Ranger Park
December 17, 1945
Dear Friend.

I think that your problem must remain unsolved until someone takes that certain boy off and makes him take notice of any girl.
After all you know that the boy should make the first advance—but if he doesn't of course you must.
As for bashfulness, well, if you are bashful you must simply get over it. Try flirting with other boys then, the one and only.

Soothingly yours,
Soothing Syrup

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale—One High School south of the red light which is sometimes green. Price very reasonable. See D. D. Byrne.
Wanted—An adding machine that multiplies, divides and subtracts. Contact the bookkeeping class.
For Rent—One brain slightly used, if ever. Jimmy McLeod.
Wanted—Pills to make memorizing easier. In urgent need. The Seniors.
For Sale—My ability to work bookkeeping to any one who can get me a good grade in "good ole" Junior Business. James England.
Lost—Any sense I might have ever had. No reward. Virginia Lewellen.
Lost—One pink elephant some where between Coleman and Santa Anna. If found please return to Willard.
For Sale—One slightly used English III book. Cheap. See Vernon.
Wanted—Boys who shoot fire crackers at night in town. Reward dead or alive. Night Watch man.
Lost—My ability with the girls. Pat Gilmore.
Found—Billy and Nell together again in Coleman Saturday night.
Wanted—Polly to decide to come to Texas U. next fall. Jack Steele.

Dear Santa,
I am a girl of 14 and I am from Rockwood, Texas. I want you to bring me most anything this year. I am not particular, I could use a boy friend, but then if you brought me one a lot of girls would want one too so just bring some money to the student council and we will all be very happy. I could use a cedar chest, record player or anything but it is all left up to you.
Always,
Johnnie Ethel Steward

TRUE AND FALSE

Maurice likes the girls. False.
Artie Jean went with Dub Saturday night. True.
Mavis dislikes Webb. False.
Pat got stood up Saturday night. True.
Wandalea's loss is Earl Jean's gain. True.
Mrs. Williamson loves Chemistry Lab. False.
Pat and Minola are seen together often. False.
The Band is giving the football boys a party Friday night. True.
Geometry class is boring. True.
The Juniors aren't party loving. False.
Marian is moving to Corpus. True.

THEY SAY

That school isn't so bad after all.
That SAHS students are all for the student council.
That the Seniors are very dignified.
That the horse is still missing from the flag pole.
The Sophomores had a swell time at their skating party.
That grades were lower this six weeks.
That Christmas holidays aren't far off.
That Santa Claus may think twice before visiting some SAHS kids this year.
That the freshmen are really swell about everything.
That little and big fire crackers are the rage around our school now.

JIVE JABBER

Friends, Romans, Countrymen—lend me your ears, 'cause here's the latest language used by the "cute cats" of SAHS.
You melt me—I like you.
C.O.D.—Come over, dear.
Roll up your flaps—Keep quiet A.W.O.L.—A wolf on the loose.
I'm going fi-bing—looking for a date.
P-38—A good number, a slick chick, a solid sander.
Square from Delaware—Sad apple.
Hi sugar, are you rationed—Are you going steady?
If you know of any more "Jive Jabber" how about jotting it down and putting it in the gossip box. Thanks.

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Jean Rowe without the bracelet Roland gave her.
Ray McSwain being president of U. S. (and forgetting Locomotives.)
Mrs. Williamson not telling her pupils to THINK.
Ray Dean with a voice like Bing's.
The SAHS kids marching to the lunchroom like first graders.
The Seventh Period S. H. being quite since Mr. Pettit took over.
The Juniors making those silly little ole newspapers.
Betty Ann thinking Pat G. conceded.
Wanda H. misses her four front teeth instead of wisdom!!teeth.
Every girl in Santa Anna High with a steady boyfriend (boy-friend period.)
James Neill playing Santa Claus.

A package of Luckies found in a SAHS locker. Shame on you—senior's too.
Mr. Pettit married.
The Seniors making straight A's.
SAHS with a gym—How we do need one.
Bob Stafford making A's in Geometry.
SAHS with a gas stove in every room.
Maurice with a steady girl friend.
Jimmie McLeod without his nutty behavior.
Out of this World
Honeymoon Ave.
Swooney Valley Dreamland
Dear Santy,
Ruby wants a medium height, brown hair, blue-eyed hunk of man from New Mexico under her Christmas tree with a big bright red bow around his lily

white neck.
Carlyn desires a S.L.A. (Short, light, adorable) brute, from Houston in her arms on Christmas eve.
Coyita will hope forever for a sock-full of a short, blond-headed senior, who will be very ducky with a Remington Portable typewriter (she must have choice of brand) hanging on her Christmas tree.
Hoping for these loveable sticks of candy,
Ruby Humphries, Carlyn Ray, and Coyita Griffin.
P. S.: We are very good little girls except in coach's 4th period mad house of a study hall.
Misses Opal and Virginia Stockard, students in Texas Tech at Lubbock are home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stockard.

Holiday Season



THIS YEAR OF 1945 has been one of world tribulation, but nevertheless, many good things have come our way. Chief among them is your continued patronage, for which we thank you very earnestly now, and wish you a very

Merry Christmas
And A
Prosperous
New Year

Hosch Grocery

Christmas

1945

Happiest Holiday Season to All

The holiday spirit of 1945 rules the land today. It is King of all, despite the Wars of men.

May we take this brief time to sincerely wish you the happiest Holiday Season possible.

Grammer's

Happy Holidays

CHRISTMAS

1945

Goodwill, music, happiness, health—a foursome without a peer—our wish for you and yours as Christmas comes in this fateful year of 1945. Your kindness has meant a great deal to us, and we think of you most cordially.

Speck & Lewis
Barber Shop

Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 17, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll, teddy bear, a little table and chairs, candy, nuts and fruit.
Don't forget any of the other little girls and boys. Especially remember my big brother, who is overseas. Also two of my little cousins, Nelda and Veltan Evans. Your little friend,
Sandra Gilliam

Santa Anna, Texas
December 17, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
We are little boys 4 and 2 years of age. We have been good little boys and would like for you to bring us each a tractor, gun, wagon and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Bring our little sister, Alice Ann a doll and a doggie. She is 6 months old.
Thank you Santa,
Love
J. W. and Ronnie Richey

Winchell, Texas
December 12 1945

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, doll buggy, blackboard and a scrap-

book, also fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget my older brother and two sisters and my school-mates.

Love,
Frances Stearns

School News

CUTE COUPLES

Wanda and Boyd,
Artie Jean and W. H. Joyce H. and Pat M. Mary Lois and Ray M. Elaine and a certain boy from A and M.
Kelly and Stanley.
Sarah Frances and Vernon. Doretha Faye and Vance. Kenneth V. and Barbara. Tommie Sue and King. Jo Evelyn and Arthur Dean. Johnnie Ethel and Bob S. Jeanette and Maurice—would be.

Mrs. B. T. Woodard returned last Wednesday from Lynwood, Calif., where she spent two months visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West. Mr. and Mrs. West are the parents of a 2 lb. 7 oz. baby boy. Mrs. West is the former Miss Alva Woodard.

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Houston, Texas—Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City has been reappointed by Governor I. W. Duggan of the Farm Credit Administration, Kansas City, Mo., for a three year term on the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston, Jack Shelton, FCA general agent, announced here today.

Mr. Thompson, prominent West Texas farmer and stock raiser, and chairman of the board of Texas Technological College at Lubbock has completed one term of office on the Farm Credit board.

The Farm Credit Administration of Houston, which serves the State of Texas, is composed of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, and the Production Credit Corporation of Houston.

Mr. Thompson was reappointed to the board as the top nominee from three names submitted as a result of balloting among the national farm loan associations of Texas.

A card from the Postmaster at El Paso, Texas, advises that Capt William V. (Buck) Wheeler, son of Mrs. W. T. Wheeler, has moved his mail address to Box 321, Albany, Texas. Capt. Wheeler has not been discharged from the army, but has been transferred to Abilene and expects to be discharged soon. Mrs. Wheeler and baby have moved to Albany, where the Captain has purchased business property and expects to live in the future, after getting his discharge from the army.



Merry Christmas...

It is not only now at Christmas time when we appreciate your patronage. We appreciate it all year 'round. But now, in the last short days of 1945 is the very best time to tell you about it, and to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

B & J CAFE



1945

Gentle Words, Open Hearts, Willing Hands, Soft Music, Friendship, Love—This is Christmas! May it bring you Happiness and Joy beyond expression.

Blue Hardware Company

A Sincere Wish For A

Merry Christmas

And

Happy New Year

Just a line to extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us during 1945, and to wish you the merriest Christmas of them all.

Purdy Mercantile Company

Christmas ... Cheer ...

We send you a message of Good Will with the festive day—May the spirit of CHRISTMAS and all it means abide in your home to bring you cheer.

W. A. STANDLY

Blacksmithing & Welding

Merry Christmas

1945

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1945 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a Happy Yuletide.

Congratulations to Mr. F. C. Williams on the opening of your modern Grade A. Pasteurized Milk Plant.

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Light after Darkness

This is our brightest Christmas in a long, dark time. Every light on every tree—every window that greets night with cheerful challenge—is a shining symbol of the passing of war's shadow.

There is radiant happiness in family gatherings this year. Men are coming home from war. And those who hear their Christmas carols under strange skies are closer, nearer to home than they have been in a great while.

For many, this will be a wistful Christmas—but a Christmas brave and strong in the knowledge that those who bought victory so dearly will make tomorrow's world a brighter place for us all.



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And Best Wishes For A

NEW YEAR

of Peace, Health and Plenty Go to All Our Friends

The New Year will bring us our first year of peace since 1940—We hope it also brings all of you the best things of life—Peace, Happiness and Contentment!

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Members of the Mystic Weaver Club were hostesses when they entertained members of their families with a lovely Christmas dinner Tuesday night, December 18th in the Ranger Park club house.

The club room was beautifully decorated with mistletoe, holly and poinsettias.

A lovely Christmas dinner, which consisted of turkey, dressing and giblet gravy, fruit salad, cream potatoes, English peas, pickles, olives, rolls, celery, coffee, hot chocolate, and pecan pie was enjoyed by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McCaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Priddy, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Burgett, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Howard, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crump, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bobo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cato, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis, Mrs. Barry Sullivan and Misses Mamie Turner, Mary

JONES-HOLDER

Mr. Calvin C. Holder and Miss Zelda Jones were united in marriage in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Otis Stokes, Saturday afternoon, December 15, 1945. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, of Rockwood. The groom is the son of Mrs. Pearl Holder of Santa Anna.

The bride wore a dress of blue with black accessories. The groom wore a blue suit.

The groom has served in the U. S. Army for the past three years. Most of that time in overseas duty. He has recently returned home with his discharge.

The couple are now making their home in Santa Anna.

Gladys Pope, Patsy and Peggy Crump, Martha Priddy, Margaret McCaughan, Charlotte Moseley, La Juana Burgett, Sarah Frances Moseley and Don Davis.

Buy That Bond Today

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

We want to remind the members of the church that next Sunday is the nearest Sunday to Christmas Day, and if they expect to make the season a joyous one it must be associated with worship. The shepherds worshipped the child Jesus, and surely we must not do less today.

Our services Sunday will begin with the Sunday School at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at 7:30 p. m. to give opportunity to attend the Christmas services at the Methodist Church at 5 p. m. and the Presbyterian Church at 6:30. We invite our friends to worship with us at 7:30. The church will have a fellowship service for the young people following the service.

S. R. Smith, pastor

An estimate made January 1, 1945, shows 606,783 Texans enlisted of help win the global war.

MUKEWATER PTA MEETS

The Mukewater PTA met last Wednesday night, Dec. 12. We had a nice crowd. Names were drawn for the Christmas tree Friday night, Dec. 21. The men played 42 and dominoes. Coffee and cookies and coca was served. Everyone reported a nice visit with one another.

There is a lot of sickness in our school.

Here is your special Christmas edition folks. It is not as newsy as we intended it to be, but it represents the spirit of Santa Anna at this season, and may we take this opportunity to thank the business people of Santa Anna for your cooperation in helping us get out this Special Edition. It certainly makes us proud to be living in a town and community where people exemplify their hearts to be in the right place at the right time. The editor and foree at the News office thank you.

Buy that Victory Bond today.

Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Garrett, AAF, are home for 30 days after which the Captain will report to La Junta, Colorado for further assignment.

First Lieutenant Grover C. Walters, Ordnance, of Santa Anna, Texas, care of B. T. Vinson was honorably discharged from the army Dec. 10 at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Service men call the Dallas built pre-fabricated house, "Dallas Huts."

Practically every chemical industry of any size is now represented in Texas.

Texas, the sixth state in population, contributed more than three-fourths of a million men and women to the armed forces

A large German flag once flown in Leipzig has been placed in the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin, Texas.

Advertising doesn't cost—it pays

Ralph T. Fisher, Manager of the Abilene Social Security Board field office, will be at the U. S. Employment Service office in Brownwood on Thursday, December 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Fisher visits Brownwood on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for the purpose of assisting eligible persons with their retirement and death claims under the Social Security Act, and for the purpose of furnishing information on Social Security. His next trip to Brownwood after December 27 will be January 10, 1946.

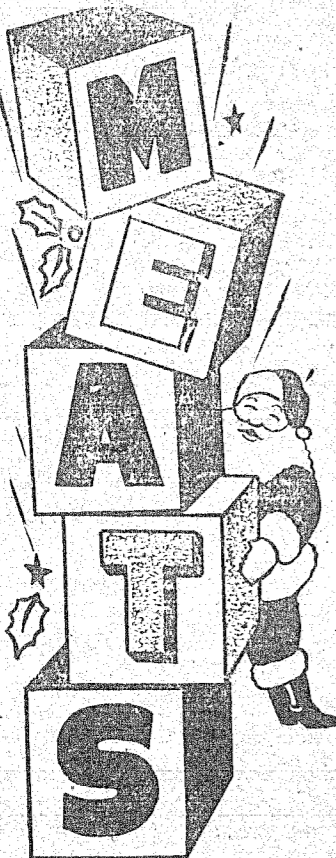
All persons having business with Mr. Fisher are asked to call promptly at 1:00.

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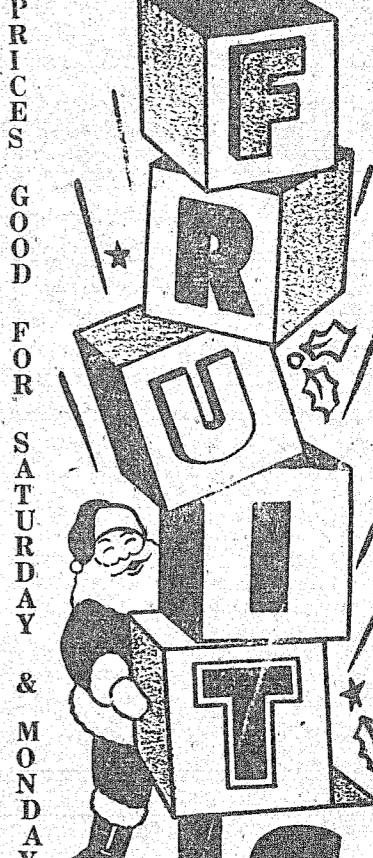
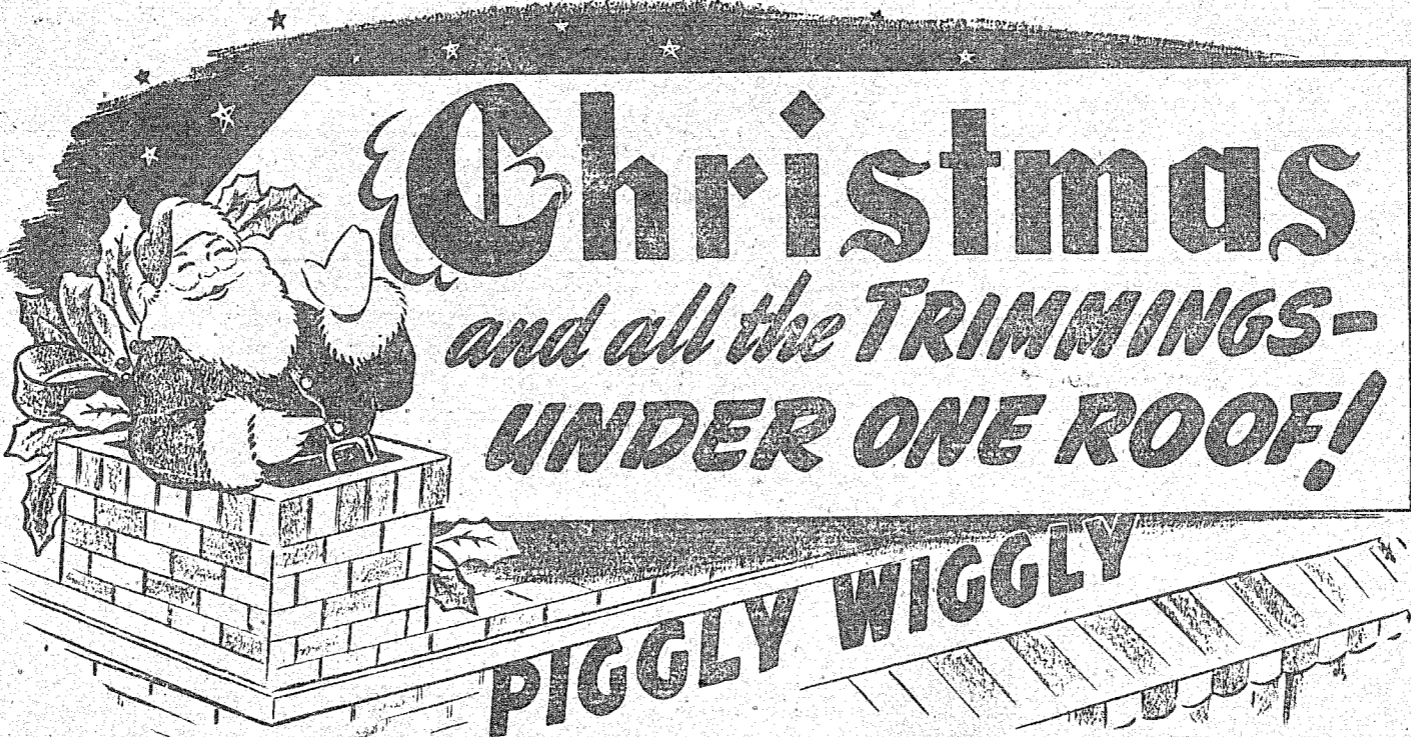
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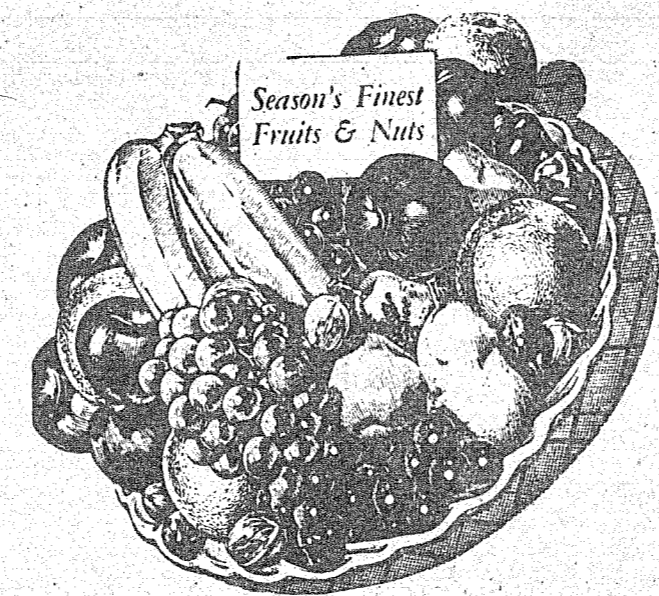
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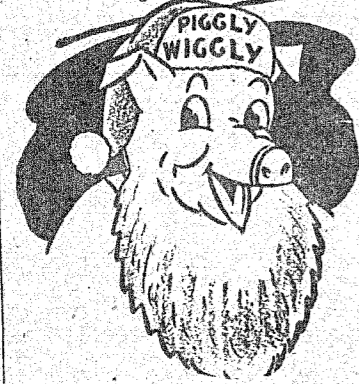
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