

# SANTA ANNA NEWS

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

## A Light in a Dark World

### A CAROL FOR CHILDREN

By OGDEN NASH

**G**OD rest you, merry innocents,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Let nothing wound an eager heart  
Upon this Christmas day.

Yours be the genial holly wreaths,  
The stockings and the tree;  
An aged world to you bequeaths  
Its own forgotten glee.

Soon, soon enough come crueler gifts,  
The anger and the tears;  
Between you now there sparsely drifts  
A handful yet of years.

Oh, dimly, dimly glows the star  
Through the electric throng;  
The bidding in temple and hazzar  
Drowns out the silver song.

The ancient alters smoke afresh,  
The ancient idols stir;  
Faint in the reek of burning flesh  
Sink frankincense and myrrh.

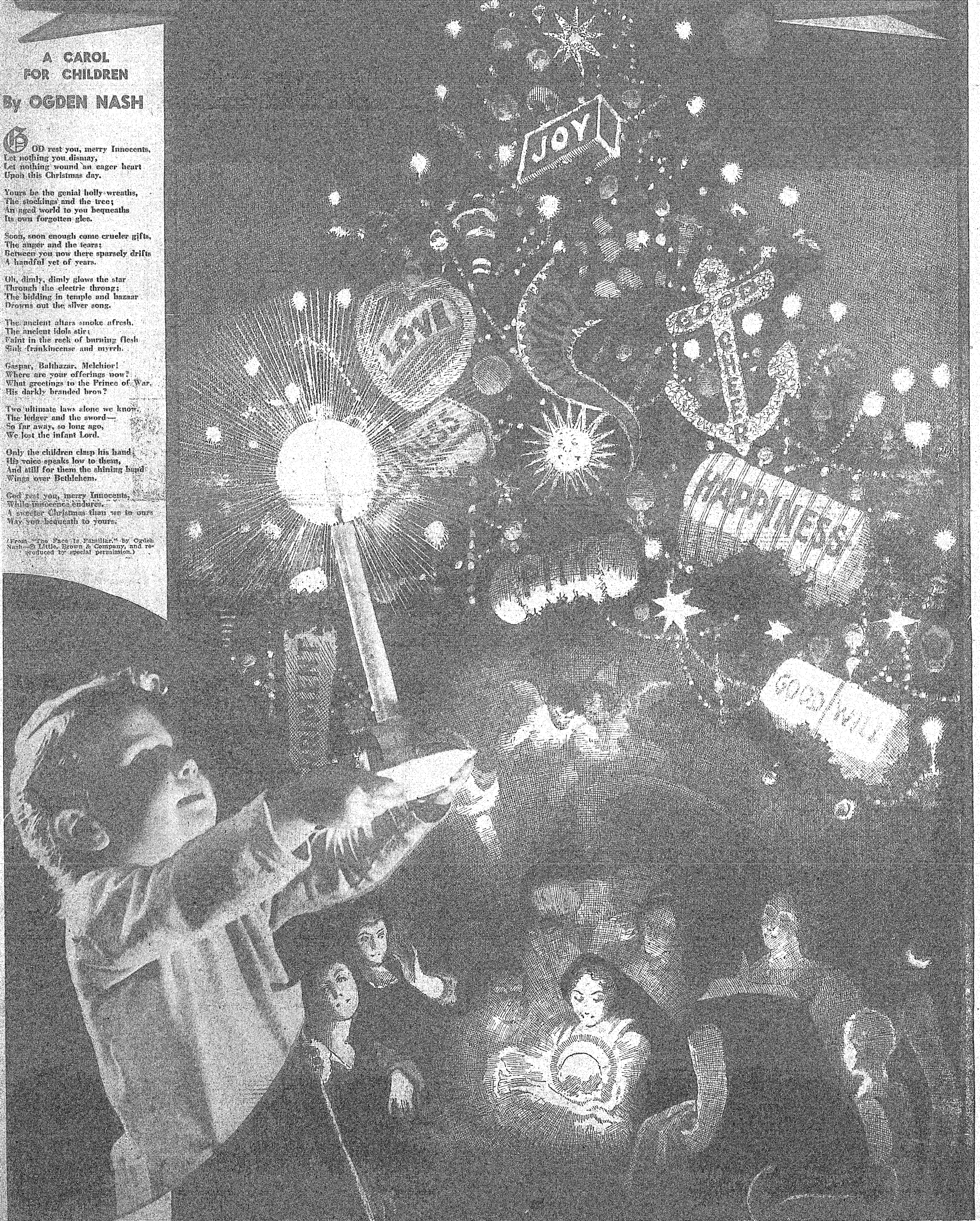
Gaspar, Balthazar, Melchior!  
Where are your offerings now?  
What greetings to the Prince of War,  
His darkly branded brow?

Two ultimate laws alone we know,  
The ledger and the sword—  
So far away, so long ago,  
We lost the infant Lord.

Only the children clasp his hand;  
His voice speaks love to them,  
And still for them the shining band  
Wings over Bethlehem.

God rest you, merry innocents,  
While innocents endure,  
A sweeter Christmas than we to ours  
May you bequeath to yours.

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# A Christmas Eve on the Old Frontier



By AUSTIN CALLAN  
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FIVE years ago West Texas was a sparsely settled country. The Indians continued to raid over a wide area. The chain of forts built from river to Rio Grande for protection of settlers were still occupied, and one of the most important was Fort McKavett, situated on the headwaters of the San Saba river in what is now Menard county.

Across the river from this fort was a little village called "Scab Town." In spite of the noxious name, it was the liveliest settlement on the Texas frontier. Men lived there who later were foremost in establishing the Texas cattle industry. Such familiar names in cow circles as Tankersley, Henderson, Mann and Moss, were familiar in and around "Scab Town."

Old-timers remember a Christmas Eve celebration held in "Scab Town" in 1875. Pioneers attended the event from Fort Concho, Fort Chabourne, Fort Lancaster and surrounding ranch settlements. Among the prominent guests was General Mackenzie, in command of Fort Concho, then a frontier fort near San Angelo. He came with an escort of soldiers in a government carriage drawn by four handsome black horses. Lieutenant Bullis, of the famous "Seminole Scouts," accompanied General Mackenzie.

There were hard-bitten men in "Scab Town."

### Some Notorious Characters

It was a rendezvous for some notorious characters—gamblers and rascals from other States. But men and

women of culture were also there. Christian women had brought their Bibles to the frontier and were familiar with the story of Joseph and Mary, the Three Wise Men, and the Star that heralded the birth of Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.

The plan of the women in charge of the program was for a Christmas tree with gifts on it for every child in the settlement. The men co-operated and added such attractive features as horse-racing, a sumptuous supper and a dance. The noted frontier fiddler, Jap Brown, furnished the music. Two young men, Harry Levy and Jim Neill, were sent to fetch Jap who lived at Camp Colorado, 80 miles north of Fort McKavett. These young men had a narrow escape from five Comanche Indians who intercepted them while they were crossing the Colorado river. Only the fleet ponies of the two boys saved their scalps.

The Christmas tree was the largest that could be found in the nearby hills. A government wagon was borrowed from Fort McKavett to haul the tree in, and willing hands set it up outdoors on the fort's parade ground.

Many persons in that vicinity had never seen a Christmas tree. But no one who had not heard of the Christ Child and that Christmas was the anniversary of His birth.

### Await the Coming of Santa Claus

The children were happy and expectant as they awaited the coming of Santa Claus. The grown-ups were also happy because of the social features in connection with the tree—a supper and dance.

Every woman in "Scab Town" who

could sew was kept busy for days making apparel to wear at the dance for frontier belles. There were no "ready-to-wear" shops in "Scab Town" and no silk or satin dresses. Nevertheless, some becoming dresses were made of materials then available. The old frontier had its lovely women who could look well in plain calico.

The banquet was to be a game dinner, and arrangements had been made to hold it outdoors on the south side of a large building. Wood was hauled up for the barbecue pits and to make huge camp-fires so that everybody would be warm and comfortable.

Hunters went out the day before and brought in antelope, deer, turkey, duck and quail. Captain Chas. D. Viele, then stationed at Fort McKavett, was one of the hunters. He had as a guest, a 16-year-old boy who recently had arrived from the East, anxious to experience some of the sport and adventure of the untamed West. This 16-year-old boy was Elliot Roosevelt, younger brother of Teddy Roosevelt, the famous Rough Rider, and father of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President's wife.

### Home-Made Trimmings

The Christmas tree was decorated by a committee of women, headed by Mrs. Champie. No store-bought trimmings were used; they were not to be had. Home-made trimmings sufficed to create charm and beauty as well as a Christmasy effect. A large star cut out of cardboard was covered with tinfoil and placed at the top of the tree. Lighted candles were grouped about the star in a manner to make it sparkle. Threaded cranberries and popcorn were looped over the tree branches. Oranges and apples hung here and there. The children were thrilled, the grown-ups delighted.

Although a native evergreen, the

Christmas tree was a superb specimen of wild mountain cedar. After being decked out and covered with gifts, it looked strikingly beautiful.

Every child was remembered with some kind of gift. Their faces brightened and their hands clapped when Santa removed gifts from the tree, held them up and called out names of recipients. A bag of candy, an orange, or apple would delight a child in those days. No mechanical toys or flax-haired wax dolls had yet come to the frontier.

The supper and Christmas tree that followed were a great success, nor was the event marred by any show of rowdyism. It had been predicted that toughs would shoot out the lights and



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pull off other pranks to scare the women. Nothing of the kind happened. Even Bill Mann, who had several notches on his gun, seemed to realize it was a sort of holy affair and behaved like a perfect gentleman.

### Jolly Time

When the last gift had been taken from the Christmas tree everybody—young and old—struck out for the ballroom. An old warehouse had been converted into a ballroom. Its contents were removed and stacked outside on the ground, its floor waxed and its walls decorated.

Pioneer folks danced on every occasion. It was their past-time and dancing was held in high repute. At every celebration or get-together a dance followed. A wedding wound up with supper and dancing.

That Christmas Eve night in "Scab Town" was long-remembered for the jolly time had by the frontier folk. The ballroom was a scene of revelry. Soldiers, rangers, ranchers, cowboys, college graduates from the East—all swung their partners in a round of gayety and common fellowship.

A man named Thomason called the square dances. He spoke the language of cow-camps and termed the frontier belles "sage hens" and the men "wild cayuses." He kept every one laughing with his wit and funny grimaces. The dance lasted until dawn—when pistol shots announced the coming of Christmas Day.

There have been many changes since that memorable Christmas Eve celebration in "Scab Town." The town itself has succumbed to the march of time. The buffalo and antelope are gone. The pioneers are gone. But there remain the memory of a brave past, of round-ups, of great herds of cattle going up a long trail and little doggies that wouldn't get along.

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

By W. G. VORPE

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DECEMBER 25th millions will celebrate another Christmas day. It is unfortunate that most of the observance will be limited to this hemisphere, for madmen seeking power are interfering with its celebration in a large part of the world. In countries where dictators have robbed those whom they have made slaves, the people will remember Christmas and the Prince of Peace as best they can. They will not forget the beliefs they cherish though their freedom has vanished and their souls are sorely tried. The courageous British to whom Christmas has always meant much will not fail to observe the holiday though bombs may fall and their homes may be partly in ruins. The Englishman who loves above all else his home and his independence will still wish his neighbor "Merry Christmas!" and enjoy his Christmas dinner if it is humanly possible. Bombs, torpedoes and big guns can't destroy the British spirit or their cherished traditions.

### The Kindly Thoughts

In the United States Christmas will be celebrated much as it has since the colonial days when the sturdy pioneer brought from the forest his wild turkey to roast on the spit that hung in his giant fireplace. People will send greeting cards to friends they haven't seen for years, but still fondly remember. Following the custom established centuries ago by the Three-Wise Men who followed the star of Bethlehem to the manger, they will exchange gifts. It matters not whether they cost little or much. The kindly thoughts and the well wishes they represent are what count most.

Little folks will, as their parents before them did, hang their stockings from the mantel expecting Santa Claus to fill

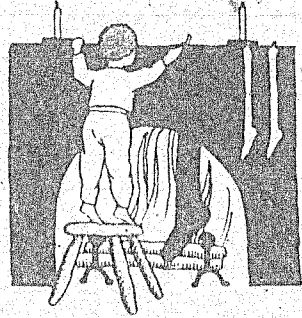
them. As of yore they will be hustled to bed early so mother and dad can trim the Christmas tree, and they will be awake in the morning long before their parents.

### Songs of Yuletide

In churches, pageants will be given and choirs of many voices will sing the songs of Yuletide. In many windows lighted candles will gleam to halt the groups of carolers who will go about on Christmas Eve, spreading good cheer. The green trees without which Christmas would be drab will be handled from the forests and gay colored Christmas wreaths will hang on doors and in windows. Radio programs will be given over almost entirely to the playing and singing of Christmas music and the recital of Dickens' Christmas Carol by famous actors.

On Christmas Day families will gather at the home of the grand-parents as they have gathered for generations. They won't have to get up so early as was necessary in the horse-and-buggy days but they will come by auto, train and motor bus to meet once again around hearth-stones of their childhood. On this day few will go hungry for men and women with generous hearts and open purses will unite to help those unfortunates who can't help themselves.

As we gather on this happy day in homes that are safe from bombs, around the gayly decorated tree or the heavily laden dinner table, may we breathe a prayer of thanks that we live in a land where freedom still reigns, where rulers are chosen by ballots instead of bullets, where knowledge and skill are ranked higher than brute force, where tolerance, faith and understanding still prevail. May we rejoice that in this land of ours we still recognize the teachings of that Child of the manger Who preached this tolerance, and faith and understanding.



kaleidoscopes, pewter tea sets and trunks for doll lingerie. Plain people's children made out with home-made toys: corn-husk and rag dolls with raveled-ropes for hair, birch-bark doll cradles, hand-carved tables and chairs, broom-stick riding horses, doll quilts stitched by the doll's devoted young mother, and whistles, popguns and slingshots whittled from pine or willow.

If you wanted a sled in those days you got some boards, nails and a hammer and made it yourself. And if some farseeing fellow had told you that the sleds of 1941 would have electric headlights, as well as retractable wheels for use in snowless winters—well, you would have snow-balled him for thinking he could kid you.

As late as 1875 there were only two toy factories in the United States, and neither of them made dolls. But things are better now. The American doll makers alone expect to do a business this year of \$25,000,000.

### Toyland Abreast of the World

The same industrial processes that fill American highways with automobiles and American homes with radio voices have flooded the land with toys. And the same enterprising spirit that produced the toy guillotine when heads were falling in France has kept Toyland abreast of the grown-up world. Almost every interesting activity of workaday life has its duplication in the playroom, and children at play therein learn the skills and the savvy they are going to need, before anybody knows it, in the world outside the home.

Whether today's children get more fun out of their abundance of playthings than their great-grandparents got out of the few and simple toys of plainer years is a question that is none of our business here. Leave it to the child psychologists.

Retail toy sales are substantially ahead of 1940, with unusual heavy advance Christmas buying an important factor, department stores reported. Recent surveys estimate that toy sales nationally are about 30 per cent larger than in the corresponding 1940 period.

A factory representative for a number (Continued on Page 4, column 5)



## Letters for Santa Claus

(The New York Times)

IN a thin shelf deep in the general postoffice at Eighth Avenue and Thirty-third Street, New York City, a little pile of letters is growing larger each day. The letters are addressed to Santa Claus at various places—the North Pole, the Arctic Circle, way up in the sky, or just no where. Some are happy little notes of delightful anticipation from children who quite obviously will receive all or nearly all they ask for; others are tragic pleas from youngsters who reproach Santa for having forgotten them last year. A few are written by adults, but all tell of the hopes and dreams and even the desperate needs of children. And all have been stamped in neat red letters "insufficient address." The writers had failed to properly address the letters; had left off cities, towns, States and street numbers, so the postal clerks could not send them to their destinations.

Postmaster Albert Goldman keeps separate the letters that seem to come from the poorest children and families and every year a few kind-hearted persons ask him for some of the addresses. Last year 49 persons sent gifts to 329 letter writers.

### Trusting Youngsters

The children who write these letters are trusting youngsters to whom Santa Claus is very real, youngsters such as the girl who hopes "that you have been in good health this past year, dear Santa. I remembered you in my prayers." When doubt about Santa does appear, it is expressed in such forthright questions as those of the 6-year-old boy who writes: "My brother says that north passes through here. Don't you live in the north?"

Some of the letters have real stamps on them, others have Christmas seals or those absurd little blue stickers that come with toy postoffice sets. The writers use all sorts of mediums; pencil, crayons and even ink, with whole phrases lost in the blots. There is a good deal of moisture used in sealing the envelopes and they are decorated with fingerprints in ink, glue and other substances.

The approach to Santa is as different in the various letters as children are different. One breezy lass writes: "I'm sorry I forgot to write you last

year to thank you for the dolls but thanks anyway," and then she is off on this year's hopes. Another young lady evidently thinks that more warmth is indicated, for she starts, "I wish I could see you at Christmas, dear Santa Claus, and put my arms around you." And she promises Santa a present if he brings her a French doll.

### Boy Writers

Most of the boys write strictly in the "I want a"—style and they are likely to sign their letters "sincerely yours." "I want a train, I want a truck," writes one lad, while another wants "a soldier's suit, a cop's suit, a cowboy's suit and \$10 in change."

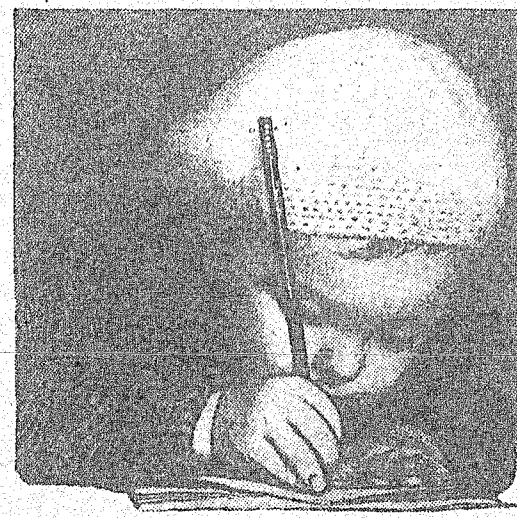
A young lady of five with a masculine approach starts off, "Dear Santa, I want a"—and then follows a long list of numbers. Postmaster Goldman and his aides believe the numbers have something to do with a mail-order catalogue.

Even more to the point is the youngster who writes, "Dear Santa: First, skates. Second, blackboard," and so through eleven more items and then, in a postscript, "a key for the skates."

"I work hard for a golden star in school," a boy writes in a letter that almost explains itself. Another letter practically moans, "I've been a very naughty girl." The scrubby little writing goes sadly down hill, but it turns and starts bravely back again with the words, "but I promise to try to be better if you'll bring me some new story books." The prize letter follows:

"DEAR SANTY:  
"I am a poor boy, 9 years old, and I go to school and I study hard. My teacher is grand and mitey purty. She says when I grows up I'll be a fine man and my mama and papa will be proud of me. Santy, a big boy told me that you wasn't real, you was phony. I didn't believe him and I told him so. Santy, dear, I want a muffer, a soft ball and bat and a bicycle."

"Everwhere, everwhere Christmas to-night! Christmas in lands of fir-tree and pine. Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine; Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white. Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."



"Dear Santa Claus."

## TOYS---100,000 Varieties

By L. H. ROBBINS

YOUNG America may hang up the expectant stocking beside the fire-place on Christmas Eve this year as confidently as ever. For Toyland is not shaken by the defense preparations or by the thundering of the dictators. Mindful of its duty to deserving childhood, Toyland this season has turned out no fewer than 100,000 separate and distinct varieties of toys, according to authorities who have had the time and the enterprise to count them; and these products, valued at the record high of \$240,000,000, are now ready for buyers.

Once upon a time store-bought toys

in America were costly, for they had to be brought from Europe, and they were few in kind. Ben Franklin in his boyhood spent his all for a tin whistle. Toys of his day included tin bean-blowers and trumpets, magic spyglasses, bows and arrows, little wells for drawing water, play dishes of wood, marbles, hoops, tennpins, jumping-jacks, jumping-ropes, and not much else.

### Plain People's Toys

Rocking-horses with real manes and tails and water-filled birds that warbled when you blew through them were for children of wealth, as were china dolls, cut-out paper dolls, colored-glass



# CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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## The Season's Greeting

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** Does that sound a little odd this year? How can we be merry in a world that seems utterly to refuse the message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men?" "Why," someone may say, "the world isn't a bit better than it was 1940 years ago!"

Is that true? It is not necessary to go back to the first Christmas to check that statement. Just review the literature back a generation. Read the pathetic Christmas stories written by Charles Dickens and others.

Those stories were bent on calling attention of the well-to-do to the fact that the suffering poor were all about them. Child beggars wistfully peered in windows to glimpse just a little of the brightness, joy and beauty of a home at Christmas time.

All public aid for the poor was stigmatized by calling the recipients, paupers and the institutions, alms houses. Even religious organizations were slow and late in realizing that they owed a duty to the poor.

Once more Christmas music and Christmas good wishes abound. And millions have the true spirit of Christmas and want to share it with everyone.

No doubt this charitable impulse is intensified by the strain of war. Back of every noble prompting is a deep sense of gratitude that our country can celebrate Christmas without bombing raids and amid comparative plenty.

And so, with profound sincerity our people are singing reverently: "God Bless America!" With unparalleled generosity they are pledging their gifts and repeating the resolution: "Let no child be forgotten this Christmas!"



had been many on the road. The journey had been a tiresome one. The man and his wife sorely needed rest.

"But where can I go," asked the man. "My wife is about to have a baby and we must have a place where she can get rest."

The inn keeper wasn't impressed as he should have been, but he did say: "There is a stable out there where you might find a spot to sleep in for the night."

So the man and his wife went to the stable.

History proves what a grave mistake this inn keeper made. Had he known what was to take place in that humble stable he would have turned out his highest-priced customers and given the couple the room. His inn would have become the

best known inn in all the world. Instead, a deserted stable and a manger lined with hay have been emblazoned on the pages of history, made famous in story and song through the ages and will continue their march of triumph through the ages yet to come.

Amid such humble surroundings was born a baby whose birth changed a world, a baby whose fame will never die, whose works will ever live. On the morning of His birth angels visited the shepherds in the field and the stars sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." A bright star in the firmament pointed the way to the wise men who came with gifts to lay at the feet of the little babe in the manger.

It was the first Christmas day.

## Tell the Story to the Children

In this troubled, war-torn world let us not only remember ourselves, but let us bring before the spiritual eyes of our children the birth of the little baby who, when he became a man, preached peace and the love of man for man. He brought a new order into the world, an order which is not lost and will some day rise again in other lands. Let us who are here in America and who stand for human freedom, be sure to tell the simple and beautiful story of the birth of Christ.

Find a quiet time, some afternoon or evening in the midst of Christmas preparations, and in simple language, if your boys and girls are little, tell them about the first Christmas. Pictures they see and carols they hear then take on new meaning. For the older children you can read the story from the Bible. Perhaps you might read parts of it to the little children, but only after you have told it to them in your own words.

## The Thought Behind the Gift

Every time we give—anything—something of ourselves goes with it.

The thought we have first is wanting to give. Second, the energy we expend in choosing the gift. Third, the time we take in wrapping it gaily. Fourth, and especially, the precious words we write to send along.

All these bits of ourselves make up this present that goes out from us to some dear one at Christmas time.

The thought, the kindness, the love, can come only from those who have an "understanding heart."

And I know of no effort whose reward is so rich. For it is not what we give, of course, it's "what we share." Only if a bit of ourselves goes with it, is the gift worth giving.

So it is good to remember that it isn't the money we spend that matters, it's the thought behind it that is so dear.—Annie Hurst.

## New Plants to Produce Rubber

To increase facilities for production of synthetic rubber and lessen the dependency of the United States on the natural product, which must be transported over miles of ocean, chiefly from the East Indies, the Defense Plan Corporation has completed lease agreements for construction and equipping of two large factories to manufacture chemicals needed to make the synthetic product.

Both lease agreements were made at request of the Rubber Reserve Company. One was with the Monsanto Chemical Company for a \$2,200,000 plant in Galveston county, Texas, to manufacture chemical products of an undisclosed nature. The other was with the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation for a \$3,500,000 plant at Charleston, W. Va., to be used for production of butadiene, from which synthetic rubber is made.

## Center of Population

The center of population in the United States in 1940 was in Southwestern Indiana thirty-six miles south of Terre Haute, the Bureau of the Census reported.

In 1930-40 the population continued the westward movement begun 150 years ago, Bureau officials said. Since 1790 the population center has moved 602 miles.

The greatest advance was 80.6 miles in 1850-60 and the least was 9.8 miles in 1910-20.

The term "center of population" as used by the Census Bureau means the point upon which the United States would balance if it were a rigid plane without weight and the population were distributed thereon.

## Common Colds

In one-week period ending November 15, a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion found colds reported in one-third of American homes, with an estimated total of 18,000,000 persons affected.

This means that approximately one person in every seven was suffering from the common malady whose cause and cure has baffled medical science since the earliest times.

The common cold has made enormous inroads into the economic efficiency of every civilized nation.

In workdays lost in the United States, in addition to medical treatment, the cost of colds has been estimated at a billion dollars annually. One estimate, by the National Association of Manufacturers, is even higher—\$1,500,000,000.

Despite painstaking and continuous research by medical experts, the exact cause of the common cold remains unknown. It is believed that the infection is caused by a virus. The exact cure likewise remains unknown, although some serums have been administered as a preventive with considerable success.

## Grapefruit Gives New Lactic Acid

A new use for grapefruit as the source of lactic acid which is used widely in medicine and industry has been developed by two Department of Agriculture research workers, according to a patent (No. 2,261,926) awarded to Arthur J. Nolte and Harry W. von Loesecke of Winter Haven, Fla.

This research team has developed a method for converting some of the constituents of grapefruit juice into lactic acid by a novel process of fermentation. Heretofore this acid has been derived largely from starch, molasses and dextrose. It is also present in sour milk.

The method possibly opens a new industrial market for grapefruit.

The inventors dedicate their invention to the free use of the people of the United States.

## Champion Cornhusker

Deep in the rows of eight-foot corn, twenty-two farmyard athletes competed in November, near Tonia, Ill., for the 1941 national cornhusking championship which was won by Floyd Wise of LaSalle county, Ill., who husked more than 60 ears a minute during the 80-minute grind.

He kept the lead over twenty-one rivals representing the best the Corn Belt could offer. About 115,000 spectators attended the husking.

When the gun sounded the end of the competition at the Theodore Schafer farm, Mr. Wise's wagon was out in front with the biggest load. After the gleanings from his row of corn had been deducted the judges found he had picked 45.37 bushels. It was a scant bushel under the all-time record.

## Falls 5 1/2 Miles

In the brief space of 116 seconds Arthur H. Starnes, 43 years old, veteran parachutist, made the longest free fall ever survived by man. He stepped from an airliner at a height of 30,800 feet above the ground and plummeted for 29,300 feet, or 5 1/2 miles, before ripping open two parachutes and floating safely to earth near Chicago.

During that brief interval Starnes' body swept from a temperature of 46 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, at his peak altitude, to the 60 degrees above zero at ground level. And at the same time he fell from air so thin that its density was only four pounds a square inch to the approximate 14.7 pounds on the ground.

When he landed, save for a bruised lip bitten when the shock of the opening parachutes checked his downward plunge, he was unhurt.

"We've proved that man can make long sustained drops without losing consciousness," said Starnes. "We've proved he can fall for long intervals at high speeds—for I was falling at times as fast as 190 miles an hour. And the average speed for my fall was 170 miles an hour, or 285 feet a second during the free drop."

Starnes believes that the information gained from the pneumograph, barometer, stop watch, motion picture camera, and the heart count taken during his fall will be valuable to the military air services. Fighting pilots who may be forced to bail out of

their planes in high altitude combat may be properly equipped for the experience as a result of this data, he said.

There is no recognized record for a free fall. The National Aeronautical Association's files show the longest previously recorded fall was 25,925 feet by N. Evdokimoff, a Russian, who jumped from a height of 26,575 feet.

## Strike Loss 24,284,981 Days

Some 24,284,981 man-days of defense effort were lost because of strikes during the first fifteen months of the rearmament program, official Labor Department reports showed.

During the period from July 1, 1940, to October 1, 1941, there were 1,960,331 workers involved in strikes in all industries. The increase in strikes over the previous year was principally in industries manufacturing defense materials. Competent authorities estimated that the lost time, if applied entirely to the manufacture of airplanes, would have produced at least 10,000 pursuit planes, with enough time left over to build two or three good-sized warships.

During the first five months of this year there were 1,393 strikes, involving 1,115,079 workers. The American Federation of Labor called 838 strikes, involving 238,088 workers, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations 600, affecting 836,267 workers, the Labor Department said.

## Niagara Falls Water to Aid Defense

More water will be diverted from Niagara Falls to aid defense production. Recently the Federal Power Commission authorized the diversion of 5,000 cubic feet of water a second from Niagara Falls to the Adams plant so that the increasing demands of defense industries in the Buffalo area for power could be met. Additional diversion to speed up the plant's generators was indicated when the FPC disclosed that Canada and the United States were negotiating a new treaty to provide for additional utilization of water at Niagara Falls for defense purposes.

Forty-five years ago the Adams plant introduced the first alternating hydroelectric generator to the world with the transmission of alternating current twenty miles from Niagara Falls to Buffalo and proved that the real future of the electric power and light industry lay in the utilization of alternating current, a prime form of energy which can be transmitted efficiently over great distances.

## New Ocean-Flying Boat

A sleek thirty-ton flying boat capable of carrying forty passengers 3,000 miles non-stop at a speed of 290 miles an hour was exhibited recently at Stratford, Conn., by American Export Airline.

The big plane is one of three such aircraft, now in advanced stages of construction, with which the new transatlantic airline plans to maintain regular passenger and express service between New York and Lisbon.

Measuring eighty feet in length and having a wing span of 124 feet, it will carry a fuel load of about 1,000 gallons of gasoline. The aluminum alloy hull is divided into six watertight compartments, any one of which can be sealed in the event of damage.

Powered by four Pratt & Whitney air-cooled engines totaling 1,800 horsepower, the craft will be able to fly at 18,500 feet with all engine functioning.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Mat. 1:23

# Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY  
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**SEASONS** come and seasons go without paying the least attention to human needs. I needed an overcoat for winter, but the season didn't wait until I was able to buy it. I wanted a ventilated shirt for summer, but the season didn't wait for me to buy it. I finally got together two bucks and bought the shirt at a late summer sale but now it's too cold to wear it. By the time I get an overcoat it will be too hot to wear it. This busted civilization (I mean boasted civilization) is a problem when it comes to clothes. The cave men solved it by wearing furs, but now all furs are worn by women and men shiver while paying for them. Nature is kinder to animals and birds than people. In winter it provides them with an extra coat of hair and feathers and with sense enough to take care of themselves, while people depend on the government and wishful thinking.



However, Winter has some good points. It gives us more time to get acquainted with the family as we sit by the fireside and read the news in the papers. I like to read about the Russians driving the Germans back by counter attacks. I like to read about Congress waking up from a Rip Van Wink sleep with a bill to stop strikes in defense plants. I like to read about the local football team licking the stuffings out of some other town's team by a score of 19 to 0. I like to read the advertisements. It's surprising how much information there is in advertisements. I would never know the latest styles and what they cost if not for advertisements. I can remember when merchants didn't advertise prices. All prices were marked by a secret code known only to clerks in the store and

the proprietor. Now you know what a thing will cost and whether it has a ceiling too high for what is left in your pocketbook after you pay the grocer, the butcher, the baker and the automaker.

Whether I have turkey, yaller-legged chicken or sowbelly and beans for my Christmas dinner, I am going to be deeply thankful. Everybody this Christmas should get down on their knees and thank the Lord that they live in America—the land of plenty in this time of famine throughout Europe, Asia and part of Africa. Little children will have no Santa Claus in these countries and most of those who hang up stockings will find them empty next morning. Their childish minds will wonder why there is war and why men are so cruel and selfish to one another. Hungry and cold, they will look out on a bleak world Christmas morning. This is one of the stark tragedies of World War II. "And Jesus called a little child unto Him and said: 'Verily, whose shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.'"

It is sad to see old institutions disappear. One of these institutions was the Whittlers Club that gathered around the red hot stove in the grocery store on cold days, chewed navy tobacco, discussed paramount issues and whittled. There were some real philosophers, scholars and statesmen among the whittlers, who could now tell us what to do in these doubtful times. Men still gather around the grocery stove on cold days but they don't whittle and they don't know where we are headed for or who is going to stop John Lewis. About all they discuss is old

age pensions, war and weather. We can find a way to lick Hitler if we sharpen our barlow knives and start whittling again. A sharp knife will sharpen our wits and shavings from soft pine will illustrate how to mow down Hitler.

Until recently I had prided myself at being a jack-of-all-trades. I have done everything—from fixing windmills to stopping leaks in the roof. But I struck a snag when wife put me to work hanging wallpaper. I tried my best to hang it and I did—around my neck—and it stuck there. After pulling it from around my neck I felt it sticking to my legs. I tried to stomp it off but the more I stomped the more it stuck. Wife heard the noise, came in the room and stood gazing at me pitifully. That made me mad and I pushed her aside and bolted for the bathroom. While bathing I could hear her laughing. I was licked and knew it, but it peaved me to be licked by such paltry things as paste and wallpaper.

A high school junior has defined ignorance as a state of mind that knows nothing and don't know that it knows nothing. The junior is about right. There's an old saying, "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." But I doubt this old saying. I never saw an ignorant man who was blissful. Aware of his ignorance, he is hog-tied at the start and may have an inferiority complex. All of us are more or less ignorant, but we can seem smart by looking wise and keeping our mouths shut. I was ignorant in the Texas Legislature, but kept my mouth shut and nobody knew the difference. As a matter of fact, the Texas Legislative body would get credit for more gumption if some of its members talked less.

Auto and truck owners are receiving questionnaires from the government as to use of their motor vehicles in case this country gets into war. I don't have an auto or truck, but I have a perfectly good radio that I shall gladly loan the government. It might be useful. When not fighting, the soldier boys could tune in on jazz, Mother Goose stories, or how to be a successful soldier. They could learn what kind of soap to use, what cereal has vitamins TNT and what is good for an acid stomach.

## THE AMERICAN FAMILY . . . By George



"Old Joe Done says he doesn't care if it is hard to get new automobiles. He says he's all set for another 20 years."



# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

## WORKERS UNEARTH \$300

State highway workmen unearthed, near Houston, an old sack that contained \$300 in gold and silver coins, all bearing dates earlier than 1900.

## BURGLAR PREFERRED EGGS TO MONEY

A burglar broke into a Dallas cafe, took four dozen eggs and ignored the money in a cash register.

## THROWS AWAY RABBIT FOOT

A negro who received three tickets for traffic violations in Dallas in one day was so disgusted that he threw away his rabbit foot.

## 20,000 CATTLE BRANDS

J. Frank Dobie, who wrote the book, "The Longhorns," is authority for the statement that there are 20,000 cattle brands registered in Texas. These include longhorn and white face cattle.

## LIVES UP TO NAME

Rosebud, a Falls county, Texas, community of more than 1,500 population, boasts that it had a rosebud in every yard in the town this year.

## ALL-NEGRO JURY

An all-negro jury, believed to be the first in the State, was impaneled at Corpus Christi in the trial of Owen Jackson, negro, charged with slaying another negro.

## ELECTRIC FARM SERVICE INCREASE

The number of farms in Texas receiving central station electric service has increased from 11,406 to 98,000 in the last seven years, the Rural Electrification Administration reported.

## COUGHS UP SINCH STRING

Ray Steel, age 43, near Tyler, coughed up an 8-inch string that had been in his right lung 12 years. Previous to expelling the string, Ray had slight hemorrhages and was in ill health. Now he is gaining weight and feels better.

## GOOD CROPS OF DEER AND TURKEY

The State Game Department reported good crops of deer and turkey in Southwest Texas. It also estimated that 20,000 hunters, in and out of the State, would take the field this year in search of deer, turkey and quail.

## NEW REGIONAL WEATHER OFFICE

The U. S. Weather Bureau, headquarters at Washington, D. C., will establish a regional office in Fort Worth to direct weather forecasts for the Southwest. It is expected to increase accuracy of forecasting and reporting.

## HUGE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

A Christmas candle, probably the biggest in the world, 12 feet tall and 13 1/2 feet in circumference at the base, is on exhibit in a Dallas department store. Manufactured in a Long Island, N. Y., factory, it weighed 1,600 pounds and will burn, it is said, 50 years.

## GOLD WATCH IN COLLECTION

Reverend G. R. Thomas, of Beaumont, was surprised to find a gold watch and chain in a collection plate at a recent Sunday morning service. He announced the discovery from the pulpit and was told to keep it, that it was an appreciation gift from the congregation.

## 846 WILDCAT WELLS

During the first 10 months of 1941 oil operators in Texas located 846 wildcat wells, but only 130 of these were brought in for oil producers, while 26 were gasers. The remainder were dry holes. The percentage of dry wells was 82 per cent, slightly more than four wells out of every five drilled.

## WOMAN'S PRAYER ANSWERED

Bay City Tribune: "When the husband of Mrs. Smith Loftin, of Beaumont, died she offered a prayer that she might join her companion of half a century. She dropped dead at the foot of the grave where her husband's body was being lowered. She was buried beside him."

## FIRES IN PASTURE LANDS

Fires in pasture lands over the State have been considerably greater than usual this fall due to the rainy summer and dry November along with carelessness of campers and smokers. Some farmers have employed furrows or fire-breaks along edges of their land to prevent roadside fires from sweeping through their pastures.

## STATE'S INCOME

The State's income for the fiscal year 1940-41 far exceeds its expenditures. Comptroller George H. Sheppard announced. Receipts totaled \$230,198,599.81, compared with expenditures of \$196,265,522.97. Eighty-five per cent of the expenditures were for education, highways and pensions. Totals of \$58,722,990.16 went for education; \$48,285,664.59 for highways and \$34,406,200.20 for pensions. Largest revenue producer was the gasoline tax, which yielded \$1,387,095.58, or 2542 per cent of the total income.

## HIRE TRAPPER

Madison county stockmen have hired a trapper to catch wolves that have been killing livestock in that county. The wolves kill many more animals than they can eat.

## SWANKY CHAIRS

Swanky leather chairs, each embossed with the State seal, have been installed in the House of Representatives, Austin. They cost \$57.27 each and replace old wooden chairs.

## DEATH CLAIMS PAID

The aggregate death claim benefits paid out in Texas by insurance companies amounted to \$20,362,00 for the first nine months of 1941, representing payments on 18,130 policies.

## LEAD IN AIR WARNING POSTS

With 924 posts organized, Texas continues to lead the South in number of aircraft warning service observation posts. Next highest State is Georgia with 618 posts. The air force will use these posts in army maneuvers.

## BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the bill of rights, Governor Coke R. Stevenson designated December 8 to 15 as Bill of Rights Week in Texas. The Governor declared in a proclamation that liberty is not only a heritage but a fresh quest for each generation.

## MIDGET MULE

The smallest mule in Texas is owned by J. R. Wood, 2708 Washington street, Houston. The mule, a midget, is 23 years old, 30 inches high and weighs 100 pounds. Mr. Wood said the diminutive mule had a shetland mare for its mother and a small jack for its father.

## LEADERS IN POULTRY AND EGGS

Fayette county, sold more eggs last year than any other county in the State, according to figures released by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald. This county sold 2,891,170 dozens of eggs. Gonzales county led in chicken sales with 3,162,695. Dewitt county led in turkey sales.

## PRISON SYSTEM CROPS SHORT

The State Prison Farm System sustained heavy crop losses this year. Corn and cotton were almost destroyed by the Gulf Coast hurricane and the vegetable crop was badly damaged by too much rain. Usually each year the System cans its surplus vegetables.

## PINE TREE WINS SUIT

The State of Texas cut down an old pine tree, hauled it to a Gilmer, (Upshur county), court and from original survey markings made on it in 1848 won title to twenty-eight and one half acres on East Texas oil land. Five wells on the land have produced \$250,000 worth of oil.

## FINDS \$114 IN OLD SOCK

Roland Lee, Fort Worth cleaner, found an old sock in the pocket of a customer's dress that had been sent to his plant for cleaning and pressing. The old sock contained \$114 which Lee retrieved from the sock and returned to owner.

## BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CAMP BOWIE SOLDIERS

Here are some of the items on the soldiers' Christmas Day dinner at Camp Bowie, Brownwood: Turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, iced celery, oyster stew, candied sweet potatoes, waldorf salad, snowflake potatoes, creamed peas, sweet mixed pickles, stuffed olives, bread and butter, mince pie, fruit cake, mixed nuts, assorted fruits, coffee, milk, ice cream.

## AUTO KILLS DUCK

Herb Kamlah, garage owner of McAllen, (Hidalgo county), didn't go hunting, but had free duck for dinner. While driving to work at dawn his auto crashed into a fat mallard flying low ahead of the auto and killed it instantly.

## AUTO TAGS BLACK AND GOLD

Texas automobile license plates for 1942 will bear black letters and numerals on gold backgrounds, it has been announced.

## LOANS TO ELECTRIC CO-OPS

Loans amounting to \$1,646,000 have been made by the Rural Electrification Administration to seven Texas rural electric co-operatives, the REA announced.

## ENDS 25-YEAR FREEDOM

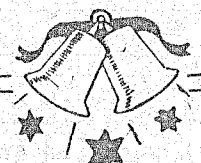
McAllen Monitor: "A Borger man known as T. H. Cole was returned to Louisiana State prison from which Borger Police Chief Dale Lane said he escaped 25 years ago."

## 20 YEARS FOR \$10

James Lewis Stone, age 27, convicted of robbing a filling station at Arlington, (Tarrant county), of \$10 was sentenced to 20 years in the State penitentiary.

## REALISTIC PAINTING

Lubbock Journal: "Miss Bernie Hellums may become a great painter some day. A student at the State Teachers College, Denton, she painted the picture of a begonia so realistically that a humming bird which flew in the classroom window went straight for it and flitted from painted blossom to painted blossom trying to get nectar."



## CHRISTMAS BELLS

By HENRY W. LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!  
The wrong shall fail,  
The right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

## TEXAS INTRIGUE RUNAWAY GIRLS

Three 15-year-old Minneapolis high school girls hitch-hiked 1,100 miles to have a look at Texas. They heard, they said, that it was a "land of pretty clothes and good-looking men." Dallas police turned them over to the Welfare Association to be sent back home to their parents.

## SUICIDE UNNOTICED

An auto parked four days in front of the municipal airport administration building, Dallas, contained the body of George Owens, a salesman. He had shot himself to death and was sitting upright in the auto. For four days pedestrians passed near the auto but did not suspect that the man was dead.

## ATTENTION, QUAIL HUNTERS

Any hunter killing a quail with a band on his leg is urged to send the band to the State Game Department, Austin, Texas. Birds are banded in an attempt to obtain scientific information and aid quail studies now being conducted along with restoration work in various parts of the State.

## CHARLEY LOCKHART RESIGNS

Charley Lockhart, State Treasurer for many years, has resigned. In a communication to the Governor, Lockhart gave as his reason for resigning impaired health and "the increasing responsibilities of the office."

## AUTOGRAPHS OF PRESIDENTS

In the University of Texas Library is a rare collection of the autographs of Presidents of the United States—from George Washington to Woodrow Wilson. It is part of the Miriam Luteher Stark Rare Book Collection.

## SAN JACINTO MONUMENT A POSTOFFICE

A fourth-class postoffice has been established at the San Jacinto Monument. Ike Moore, monument director, said the office will provide the 350,000 annual visitors the opportunity to mail souvenirs bearing the monument postmark.

## THAT'S ALL

Plugerville Press: "Inspector R. T. Bailey, of the State Liquor Control Board, heard a tamale vendor in San Augustine, (San Augustine county), crying his wares: 'Hot tamales—and that ain't all.' Bailey stopped him and, in the vendor's double boiler, found moonshine liquor. It was confiscated and the vendor fined. Next time Bailey heard him, the tamale salesman's song was: 'Hot tamales—and that's all.'"

## THE OLD GOURD GLORIFIED

The Anderson County Gourd Club, formed to perpetuate and glorify the old gourd dipper in East Texas, was only interested in the sentimental, not the commercial aspect of the gourd crop, until it received an order recently for a carload of the things. Needless to say, the club could not fill the order.

## SIX BASS WEIGH 45 POUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, of Palestine, (Anderson county), have caught in a 6-week period six bass that weighed 45 pounds. One of the six weighed 10 1/4 pounds, caught by husband, but wife came back by catching an 8 1/4 pounder. As proof of the catch they have all heads mounted.

## SWALLOWS NICKEL

Baby Randal Thompson, of Dallas, put a nickel in his mouth and swallowed it when he stubbed his toe. Sent to a hospital, a doctor removed the nickel with a bronchoscope. The coin had lodged in the child's food passage.

## LOST HIS LOAD

A Santa Fe passenger engineer, near Silsbee, thought he was making good time for some reason or another. Then he looked back to discover that he had lost his load. A cow tumbled under the train and uncoupled the coaches.

## HOME PRESENTED TO QUADRUPLETS

The 33-month-old Badgett quadruplet sisters and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Badgett, have settled down in their new \$20,000 home which was presented to them by Galveston residents.

## AS DEADLY AS NAZI BOMBERS

Texas City Sun: "On October 14 the British air ministry announced 217 persons killed by bombs in the United Kingdom during September. State Police Director Homer Garrison announced that 178 traffic deaths were counted in Texas during the same month. State traffic deaths for the first 9 months of this year totaled 1,370, 13 per cent increase over first 9 months of last year.

## BIRDS CLUTTER WIRES

Western Union officials were reported that flocks of blackbirds and starlings have settled on telegraph wires and disrupted communication in many parts of the State.

## BABY DROWNS IN CHURN

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Greey, of Carlisle, (Trinity county), died of accidental drowning when he tumbled head downward into a 10-gallon crockery churn. The churn was partially filled with water.

## BIG COAST GUNS BREAK WINDOWS

When Galveston's big coast defense guns were fired for the first time in 20 years 14 windows were shattered in the Humble Oil and Refining Company's warehouse, near Goosecreek, 36 miles away, according to Joe Daniel, watchman for the company.

## EXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

About the most expensive tree in Texas this year will be the one made of gold and silver by a local jewelry firm in Dallas. It is set with 20,000 gems of which 15,000 are pearls. The tree stands four feet high, and is three feet in diameter.

## NEWSPAPER REVEALS TRAFFIC VICTIM WAS HIS WIFE

Clyde King, of Houston, read in a newspaper of the death of an unidentified woman in a traffic accident. His wife had been unaccountably absent for 12 hours, so he went to a funeral home to investigate. The dead woman was his wife, Edna, age 36.

## DEATH ENDS 22-YEAR SEARCH

For 22 years relatives searched for David Mitchell, 85-year-old farmer. They found his body in a pool near Gladewater. Five days after death by drowning, Mitchell's body was identified at a funeral home by his two daughters. They last heard from him 16 years ago.

## GIDEONS PUT BIBLES IN DALLAS SCHOOLS

Permission to place 1,550 Bibles in the Dallas public schools—one in each teacher's desk—was given the Gideons by the Dallas Board of Education, which notified the teachers that the Bibles can be read at any time by them, but they are not required nor compelled to use the Bibles in classroom studies.

## PREACHERS HAVE CAUSE TO STRIKE

"Preachers have as much cause to strike as anybody else, but they don't," Dr. Poe, pastor of the City Temple Presbyterian Church, Dallas, told his flock at a recent Sunday service. Dr. Poe declared that "a preacher would no more go on strike than a nurse would in a time of plague, than a doctor would with a desperately sick patient, than a captain would with his ship in a storm, than a fireman would in the midst of a holocaust."

## COTTON GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Cotton Christmas Committee of the State-Wide Cotton Committee, headed by Burriss C. Jackson, of Hillsboro, will try to sell Christmas shoppers of Texas through newspapers, radios, chambers of commerce, civic clubs and other organizations on the desirability of gift goods made from American cotton. "There is a wide-spread misunderstanding, particularly among women, that cotton goods are of cheaper quality than goods made of other materials," Jackson said. "We want to correct this idea and show the people that some of the finest and most fashionable articles on the market are made from cotton."

## TOYS—100,000 VARIETIES

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ber of toy manufacturers, asserted that there would be plenty of toys to go around, although in many instances "the child won't get just what his parents want to buy him." Toys of rubber and metal will be scarce, the representative said, but there will be a plentiful supply of many kinds of toys not of scarce materials.

Retail stocks will be spotted during the Christmas market, with those stores which bought early having good supplies and stocks of some others failing to meet demand.





# A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

## Beginner

Mandy Johnson: "Ain't yo' son too young to jine de army?"  
Eliza Jackson: "He's tol'able young but he's jimin' up wid de infantry fust."

## Hasty Diagnosis

The doctor told the movie actress that she was run down and needed a change. "A change?" said she. "Do you know that during the last 18 months I've had three husbands, two divorces, four cooks and seven landlords? What other change can you suggest?"

## Technicality

Mother: "Stop pulling that cat's tail."  
Sonny: "I'm not pulling its tail. I'm just holding it and the cat's doing the pulling."

## Dry Cell

Judge: What's your name and occupation and what are you charged with?  
Defendant: "My name is Sparks. I'm an electrician and I'm charged with assault and battery."  
Judge: "Put him in a dry cell."

## Willing to Comply

Speed Cop (pulling up): "Just a minute, madam, didn't you see me wave at you back there?"  
Lady Speeder: "Certainly! And I waved right back. What did you want me to do, throw you a kiss?"

## Real Salesmanship

The shoe store proprietor was interviewing applicants for a vacancy in his store.  
"Suppose," said the boss to one applicant, "that a lady customer you were fitting should remark that one of her feet was bigger than the other. What would you say?"  
"I'd say to her," replied the applicant. "Madam, on the contrary, one of your feet is smaller than the other."  
"The job's yours," promptly answered the store owner.

## Don't Worry

New Cow hand: "Hey, Cooky, they ain't no oysters in this here oyster stew."  
Cook: "Don't worry, son, they ain't no horse in that horseradish either."

## Strong Belief

Mrs. Jones: "She is a woman who has gone through a great deal for her belief."  
Mrs. Brown: "Indeed, and what is her belief?"  
Mrs. Jones: "That she can wear a No. 5 shoe on a No. 7 foot."

## One Better

Bobby: "Did yer know my Uncle Ike's got a wooden leg?"  
Tommy: "That's nothing. My Aunt Fanny's got a cedar chest."

## Ferryboat Days

"A story comes from the old Red river ferryboat days," says Dr. J. B. Cranfil, of Dallas, "in which Joe Taylor, now Dr. J. J. Taylor, editor in chief of the Dallas News, played such a conspicuous part. When Joe ran a ferryboat he had to be away from his job one day and selected Uncle Isaac, an old antebellum darkey, to run the ferryboat for him. That day a man came from the Oklahoma side, looked up into the face of Uncle Isaac and said:  
"I haven't any money, but I wish you would row me across the river."  
"Uncle Isaac looked at him quizzically and replied:  
"Boss, if you ain't got no money, it don't make no diffunce which side o' de river you's on."

## Quick Recovery

Opie Read, the humorist, was playing golf in a foursome when his ball landed in a sand trap. Hidden from view he hacked away at the ball. When he finally drove it out and rejoined his friends, he was asked: "How many strokes, Opie?"  
"Three."  
"But we heard six!"  
"Three," said Opie, "were echoes."

## Pertinent Point

The teacher had been talking about the principle of turn-the-other-cheek.  
Teacher: "Now, Willy, what would you do supposing a boy hit you?"  
Willy: "How big a boy are you supposing?"

## No Accidents

An insurance agent, writing a policy for a cowpuncher, asked if he had ever had any accidents.  
"No," said the cowboy, then added, trying to be helpful, "A bronc kicked in a couple of my ribs and a rattlesnake bit me a couple of years ago."  
"Well!" said the agent. "Don't you call those accidents?"  
"No," replied the cowboy, "they done it on purpose."

## An Exception

Tourist: "What a quaint little village you have here. Truly, one half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."  
Native: "Not in this village, mister; we knows how every one lives and what they eats."

## Just a Memory

Mrs. A.—"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours."  
Mrs. B.—"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."  
Mrs. A.—"But your husband is still alive."  
Mrs. B.—"Yes, but his hair is gone."

# Christmas Candies

Candy making for the Christmas season is a perfect excuse for a family party. Mother, dad and the children can turn out a great variety of their favorite sweets in one afternoon or evening, if they all lend a hand.

Let dad take charge of the taffy and fudge. Both of them need a strong right arm for the pulling or beating. If he starts the taffy cooking first he can get that pulled while the fudge is cooling to the right temperature for beating.

The younger members of the family will enjoy mixing fondant candies, from either uncooked fondant or the regular creamy fondant which mother has made up ahead of time.

Every job needs a good supervisor, and we suggest that mother act in that capacity. She'll probably be kept busy straightening out snarls for the rest of the workers, and seeing that they have all the utensils they need.

Given below are recipes for candies that will be delightful in gift boxes or for serving at your own holiday parties. If you follow the directions to the letter and use a candy thermometer to test the finish point they will turn out successfully.

## Chocolate Fudge

Two cups sugar, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, 2/3 cup milk or cream, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup, few grains salt, a table-

spoon butter, teaspoon vanilla extract.

Cut chocolate in small pieces. Combine with sugar, milk or cream, salt and corn syrup and heat slowly, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan until mixture begins to boil. Remove cover and boil until mixture reaches 240 degrees F., forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter.

DO NOT STIR. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pan and mark into squares. Place half a walnut meat in center of each square.

## Fondant

Two pounds granulated sugar, 1/4 cup light corn syrup, 1 cup water.

Place ingredients in saucepan and stir over heat until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan and boil for a minute. Remove cover from pan and boil without stirring until syrup reaches 238 to 240 degrees F., or until a small amount forms a soft ball in cold water. Pour syrup into shallow enameled pan or platter. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Stir until material forms a cheese-like mass, then knead until smooth and plastic. Store in tightly covered container for several days, if desired.

## Fondant Candies

Work any desired flavoring into fondant, form into small shapes and dip in melted chocolate, or top with halves of nut meats or candied fruit.

Knead shredded coconut, chopped dried or candied fruits or chopped nut meats into fondant. Form into small shapes. Layers of different colors and flavors can be put together and cut into squares.

Creamy fondant can be turned into the most festive of homemade candies by the addition of fruits, nuts and chocolate.

## THE BIBLE

The Bible is the oldest printed and the most frequently printed book. The highest price ever paid for a book was for a Bible. The Christmas story is the most popular story in this book, which, among all the other publications offered for sale at this season remains the "best seller."

It is not strange that the Bible of universal appeal and ageless virility has attracted the collector. Museums, monasteries, reigning princes and high ecclesiastics, librarians and scholars, book sellers and antiquarians have collected Bibles through the centuries. There are about 40 complete, or nearly complete, Gutenberg Bibles in existence. One is in the Vatican, Rome, one in the British Museum, London, and one was purchased through a dealer from an Austrian Benedictine monastery by the U. S. Library of Congress 10 years ago for a million and a half dollars, the top price for a book. There are also about 1,200 single sheets, each worth several hundred dollars. Printer Gutenberg, who asked what would amount to \$600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking.

The first Bible in English was the New Testament printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tyndale in 1525, very rare now. The first in English printed in England was Coverdale's ten years later. The Catholic Bible, known as the Rheims-Douai Bible because it was translated from the Latin Vulgate when the Catholic College was located successively in these two cities, was printed at the beginning of the 17th century, and fell into such disfavor with Protestants that mere possession

of it could mean imprisonment.

The King James version came out in 1611, the "authorized version," recognized for 300 years, longer than any other edition, as the standard English Bible, and still considered one of English literature's noblest monuments.

The Bible was first printed in America in 1661, at Cambridge, Mass., a translation into Indian language by the Indian missionary, John Eliot, and dedicated to Charles II. Of the books given as Christmas remembrances this year the Bible will top the list. The Christmas story will be the story most frequently revived on the printed page, by word of mouth, in reference, by inference, in song and sermon.

## CATACOMB SHELTER

Around and underneath Rome's 1,000,000 living lies a fantastic city of 6,000,000 dead. The celebrated catacombs of Rome extend 550 miles, mostly in the subsoil of the capital's environs, occasionally below the metropolis itself. The early Christians cut out the galleries, averaging three feet in width, six feet in height and broken by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They painted biblical scenes and religious symbols on the subterranean walls, worshipped in the depths and, according to legend, hid there in periods of persecution. Before the outbreak of the second World War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them.

Recently it was disclosed that the catacombs had been drafted for Rome's defense.

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Blue signposts on the city's streets pointed the way to air-raid shelters. Among the shelters was a section of the catacombs. Where the first Christians dug their tile-sealed buried niches, the modern Romans have installed first-aid stations, electric lights and running water. The galleries are patrolled by wardens equipped with gas masks. The new shelters are a precaution, for Rome, the Eternal City, has not yet been bombed, chiefly because it is the seat of the papacy and a priceless treasure house of archaeology. But the British have warned that R. A. F. Axis planes have bombed the sacred Islamic city of Cairo and Fascist aviators took part in last year's assault on London.

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

All over town, and for miles around, folks are getting ready for Christmas in the good old-fashioned way. Christmas of 1941 is going to be a great Christmas. You can tell it by the way folks have been planning and shopping and talking. Yes, it's going to be a real Christmas, a particularly special Christmas, a Christmas when the simple words, printed on a card or spoken with a hand-shake, are going to be said with sincerity and a genuine desire that the traditional wish they express may be really, abundantly, beautifully true.

## FORGOTTEN

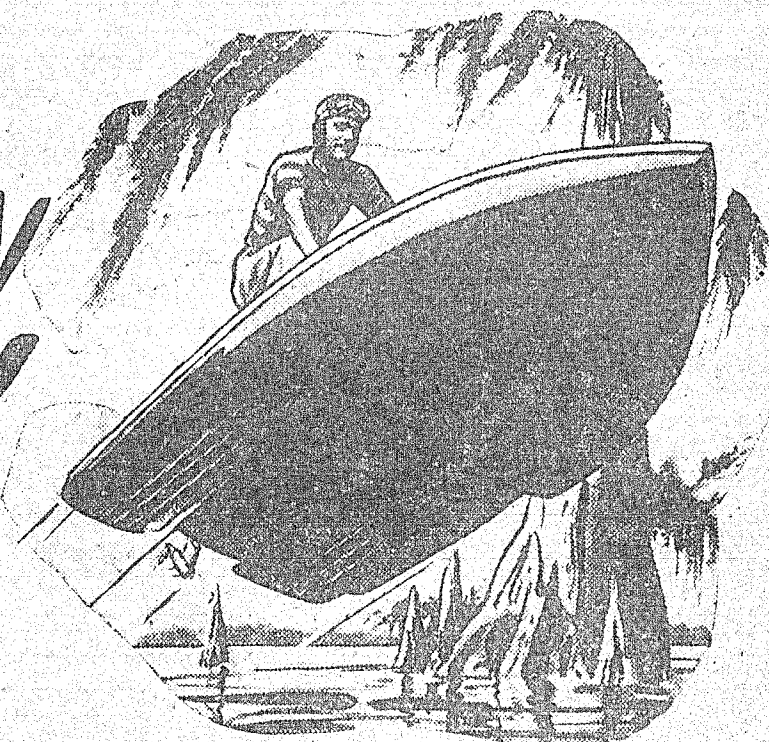
Some 1900 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem, the Christ Child was born of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger. Angels heralding His birth to the shepherds on the hillside proclaimed a message which man at times has chosen to ignore: "Peace on Earth."

The Christmas of 1941 finds most of the world at war, the rest preparing for it. And all because some few have forgotten about "good will toward men."

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. 30:22.

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# TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

The first commercial tung nut crop for Southeast Texas is estimated at 500 tons. There is no tung oil mill in Texas, but the product may be sent to Louisiana where several mills are in operation.

An ordinary turnip seed planted in Dawson county produced a turnip which weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and measured 25 1/2 inches around, according to report.

J. E. Pearsons, Grand Saline, (Van Zandt county), has found that planting vetch and turning it under increases his yield of crooked neck cane by more than 35%.

So far as is known, the first registered cattle in Hopkins county were brought in recently when Tom Riley Lindley, dairyman living west of Sulphur Springs, purchased three head of registered Milking Shorthorn cattle. These cattle are said to be noted for both milk and beef. Two young heifers and one young bull were bought.

Arsenic is driving H. L. Hughes and his depleted crop of minks to the mountains. Hughes reported he has lost 200 minks as a result of arsenic poisoning, adding that the arsenic apparently was blowing in on his mink farm from near-by cotton fields where the poison was intended to kill cotton pests. Laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm lock, of Marshall, chairman from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

A report on the cotton spinning industry for a recent month shows 104,662,016 active spindle hours in the State. The average hours per spindle in Texas was 431—slightly above the national average of 408 hours per spindle.

Texas, traditionally the home of the booted and spurred cowboy, actually raises more sheep than cattle, a report of the livestock industry in the State by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald, shows. Leading all types of livestock production in the State, sheep reported totaled 8,447,809 head. Cattle are second with 6,281,537, including 1,146,766 milk cows, the Commissioner said.



Farmers of East Texas will be able to meet the call of the nation for increased food production for national defense without greatly expending physical plants or from near-by cotton fields. The trend which has led to kill cotton pests, laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm lock, of Marshall, chairman from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

Mrs. L. A. Westbrook spotted a baby pecan tree in her yard, and spaded it up to transplant it. She found the roots entwined around an old baseball. The ball, she figured, was a home-made one with a pecan in the center.

Ray Allen, of Ennis, (Ellis county), displayed a chicken hatched without eyes on his farm. The chick was perfectly shaped and formed with the exception that it had no eyes. It was a Rhode Island.

A new smooth lawn barley named Texas and developed at the Denton Agricultural Experiment Station, is being made available to farmers this year. Its qualities include resistance to disease and superiority in yield in Central Texas, according to report.

When Dr. S. N. Parks, of Lancaster, (Dallas county), killed one of his White Leghorn hens for his Sunday dinner recently, he discovered the chicken had a 26-inch egg sack containing seven fully-developed eggs and six immature eggs ranging in size from a large walnut to one inch in diameter.

J. E. McDonald, State Commissioner of Agriculture, reported that "For the first time in over 20 years Texas farmers are receiving \$60 a ton for cottonseed." The statistical position of fats and oils, plus the supply and demand were given as reasons for justifying the price.

Burning the woods this winter won't help rid the farm of insect pests, according to information released from the A. & M. College of Texas Forest Service. This practice has been proven ineffective in controlling insects which attack agricultural crops.

What is believed to be the largest cock's comb ever to be grown in the section around Victoria, (Victoria county), was displayed by Mrs. F. A. Meissner. The huge flower weighed 5 1/2 pounds and was 39 inches in circumference.

Texas' share of the 1940 parity payments to farmers was \$29,803,684, it was recently announced in Washington. The total for the entire nation was \$205,834,629.

Seeded ribbon cane was introduced into Caldwell county for the first time this season by Judge M. O. Flowers. The variety made a showing superior to any other cane grown in this section of the State, it is said. The seed, originally from Cuba, was planted on low land, and Flowers harvested 30 tons from one acre.

Texas has passed the half million mark in the number of cotton mattresses made under the Department of Agriculture's cotton-mattress demonstration, according to Mildred Horton, vice director and State home demonstration agent. Tabulations through September show 508,693 have been delivered, with Texas leading all other States in number.

Texas farmers planning to grow peanuts for oil in 1941 will not only be meeting Food-for-Freedom pledges, but should be in position to increase their income. B. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas USDA Defense Board, has announced. Due to the increasingly important role peanut oil is playing in national defense, fair prices are expected to continue next year, he said. Peanut growers are being called upon to increase the acreage of peanuts in Texas approximately 100 per cent.

Dr. A. B. Cox, cotton expert of the University of Texas, estimates the cotton surplus in the State at 3,000,000 bales. He says the recent movement to have Texas girls wear cotton hose is good, but that as far as helping the Texas cotton farmer is concerned, "if every woman in the State switched to cotton stockings," Dr. Cox said, "the increase in cotton consumption would hardly make a dent in Texas' huge cotton surplus."

Lester Harriss, on a farm five miles northeast of Brownwood, (Brown county), robbed his tree-limb bee gum and got about two gallons of light colored and exceptionally sweet honey, it is reported. The honeycomb was nearly as large as the top of a barrel in width and about 24 inches in length, and was strangely located on the west side of the tree, exposed to the sun. No effort had been made by the bees to find a secluded place to hive.

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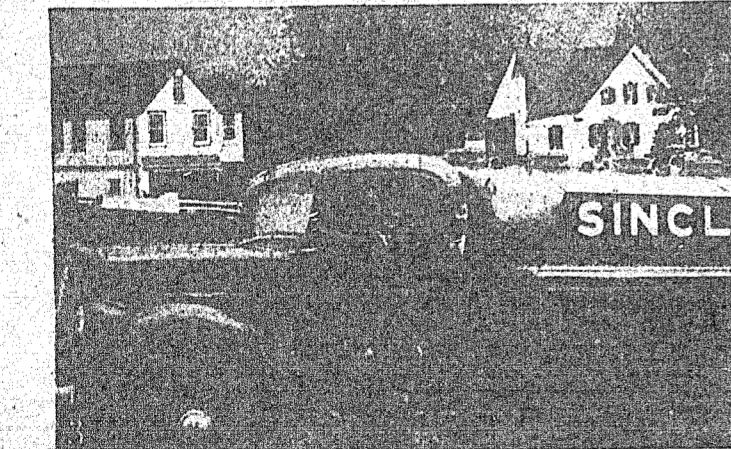
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## SINCLAIR

A bantam hen is raising six quail on the farm home of H. R. Lively, Madisonville, (Madison county). The six young quail were hatched out by the bantam, and she-mothers them with all the enthusiasm she would give a regular chicken brood, it was reported.

Of Texas' 167,934,720 acres of land area, about 132,000,000 acres are suffering erosion damage, according to a recent survey of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This damage includes 11,000,000 acres ruined for further immediate crop production.

A \$15 credit can be earned by East Texas farmers who plant forest trees on their lands this winter, according to provisions contained in the 1942 State AAA program, the Texas Forests Service, a division of A. & M. College, has announced. The \$15 credit has been specially provided for reforesting worn-out and idle farm acres. It is not charged against or deducted from regular allotments.

Blackstrap molasses is neither a preventive nor a cure for loco-weed poisoning, according to Dr. H. Schmidt, Chief, Division of Veterinary Science, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, A. & M. College. To correct an opinion held by some stock owners, he points to results of a recent investigation carried on by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture which proved his statement.

Texas turkey growers may gross more than \$9,000,000 from their 1941 crop, figuring that the price this year will be about 20 cents per pound, and that the U. S. Department of Agriculture's estimate of 3,190,000 birds in Texas is correct. The turkeys, it is reported, will average about 15 pounds each.

The new Texas Seed Law, passed by the 47th Legislature, will help eliminate one of the hazards of farming—that is, questionable seed, according to the State Commissioner of Agriculture. The law requires that all seed offered for sale for planting or sowing purposes must be tagged to show complete information about its purity, etc.

Two scientists at the Texas College of Arts and Industries report their experiments indicate that "blue bugs" may play a role in the transmission of fowl paralysis.

Mrs. Mabel Kay, who has led the Tri County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the last three months, says she firmly believes that it pays for a dairyman to feed bulk in a grain ration even if it is added extra by feeding hulls. She attributes the increased production to better utilization of feed due to the added bulk.

One of the most important cash income "crops" in Kerr county this year will be fur taken from the ring-tail fox and coon in this section. Estimates indicate that the number of fur-bearing animals is at least equal to last season when the county yielded over 4,000 skins. Skunk and opossum quotations are predicted to be some better than last year.

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**CHRISTMAS IN COAL MINING TOWN**

The infinite glory of Christmas is Madrid's! Not the Madrid of war-torn Europe but the peaceful little New Mexican coal mining hamlet nestling among the hills in the northern part of that Republic, about six miles from Waldo, on the Santa Fe main line.

It is a far cry from the arenas of strife and turmoil to this village of coal mines, where the meaning of Christmas is exemplified in such a true Christian spirit.

For this year the 400 coal miners and their families again plan a Christmas party to which they invite the world to share in peace, kindness, and good will. The pageantry will be more elaborate than ever, and as approximately 60,000 tourists were attracted last year, the villagers expect a greater influx this year.

The history of the annual celebration goes back some 15 years when the coal laborers decided to decorate yards of their unpretentious dwellings with illuminated Christmas trees. This led to keen competition and finally, when virtually every yard was so dressed, the coal company officials and workers decided upon efforts toward an annual pageant.

Each year additional lights were added, additional space on the hillsides was used, until today more than 50,000 colored electric light bulbs lend a beneficent luster to a beautiful theme.

The lighting, while an important adjunct to the general Yuletide picture, is but one of the many features blended to make a perfect Christmas picture in the isolated hills. Pageantry has been developed to a high degree, and the thousands of annual visitors leave with pride in the knowledge that here in America the simple Christmas spirit is undaunted.

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Now, as you know, the people of the desert believe in dreams and signs and many strange, fantastic superstitions. Of course, many of the things we do seem strange to them and just as fantastic. But Wastera didn't know anything about any other lands. He thought the great desert in front of him and the mountains he could see behind his home in the far distance was all there was in the world.

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The young lad looked for a moment at the man and then ahead to his father, astride the lead camel. His father who gave command to each helper, was adored by Wastera. "How wonderful he is," the son thought.

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Just then Ad Ahem, the father of Wastera, asked the command to halt. "Look," he cried, pointing to the west. "They come in great haste. Let us be prepared to meet them, perhaps they are robbers."

Quickly and quietly all of the men prepared to defend themselves and their precious cargo. Closer and closer came the riders, their camels raising a cloud of dust. Now, Wastera could see there were three of them and they all rode strong camels, adorned with rich and lovely trappings. Soon they came close enough for him to see they were strangely garbed and each had a long, flowing beard.

Quickly they brought their camels to a halt, near to the waiting group.

"Ho!" called the leader. "Art thou the great Ad Ahem of whom we have heard so much? Art thou he who is so skillful in guiding the camels through treacherous sands and mountain passes?"

"I am Ad Ahem," Wastera's father replied. "But I am not great, rather I am a servant of servants. My skill at handling camels is perchance an accident of birth. Why do you seek me, Men of the East?" For this indeed they were. Ad Ahem in his far travels had learned to know the dress and custom of many peoples.

"We have been warned in a dream to return to our homes by another way than which we came and we need the help of one who knows the way."

"Do you flee the wrath of our king?" Ad Ahem queried.

"Nay, rather, we flee the anger of an evil one. We have gazed upon the face of Him who will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We have proclaimed to the people that this day there is born in Bethlehem a Saviour who is Christ the King. We have brought presents of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to lay at his feet. We found a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Angels sang and a star guided us from the East. Now we must return to our own country and the angel has directed us to return by another route than which we came. Thou, Ad Ahem, will be blessed among all men; because today thou hast been chosen to guide us safely on our way."

"The dream, father—" Wastera cried as he

**Our Boys and Girls**  
AUNT MARY, Editor, 1809 Ashland, Fort Worth, Texas.

**A NEW RING!**

DEAR FRIENDS:  
With a new ring to our voice, let us shout, "Merry Christmas!" For this year we have much to make us merry despite the sadness of war. Here in the land of America Santa Claus will fill stockings and adorn lovely Christmas trees as of yore. Here little children shall not be hungry, nor cold, nor homeless as they are in foreign lands. Here we shall remember the kindly words of the Saviour, whose birthday we celebrate and who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This has been a busy and happy year for our club. Many new members have joined and I wish we could print on this page all the letters club members have written me during the year. It would make us proud of the interest shown in our club work.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR is my sincere wish to all.  
—AUNT MARY.

**SHOOTING STAR**

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rushed to the side of his father—"the dream is true and now I know the meaning. You must go with them. The man and I will take the camels to the merchants. Even though you do not return, I know the will of this Lord of Lords."

Ad Ahem lifted his son in his strong arms and placed a kiss upon his forehead. "Allah keep you, my son. Carry my love to your mother and your sisters. Tell them I return swiftly." Ad Ahem knew he must obey the wish of the three great and Wise Men.

Wastera waved bravely as his father rode away, although tears blinded his eyes. Some strange forewarning told him he would never see his father again.

Late the next day Ad Ahem guided the three men through a secret pass in the mountains and bade them farewell. Turning his steps homeward, he met with the soldiers of the king who were hunting diligently for the men from the East so they might learn their secrets. Ad Ahem led the soldiers another way, and when at last they discovered they had been tricked, and the men they sought had escaped, they took Ad Ahem captive where he suffered many things.

God above knew these things and, looking down, beheld the son of the brave men and sent him another dream. In this dream Wastera saw another star and it was shining with great glory. As he gazed in awe it changed into the smiling face of a tiny babe. Wastera felt a great peace come over him and in his heart he knew that he and his children and their children for generations to come would be happy and prosper because his father had obeyed the command of the Great Lord.

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**DO YOU KNOW?**

Facts about the great State of Texas should be of interest to every reader of this department. Try to answer the questions before looking at the answers elsewhere on this page. Perfect score is 30 with 5 awarded for each correct answer and 3 for a partially correct answer.

**QUESTIONS**

1. How does Texas rank in the production of beef cattle?
2. How does Texas rank in the production of turkeys?
3. How does Texas rank in the production of spinach?
4. How does Texas rank in the production of natural gas?
5. How does Texas rank in the production of polo ponies?

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

I say it in the same old way,  
With thought of you in mind today:  
"Merry Christmas," my dear friend,  
This message old to you I send.  
Take and keep it near your heart,  
While a brand New Year we start.  
May the love that it inspires  
Bring ever to you sweet memories.  
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1. It ranks first of all States.
  2. It is the leading turkey producing State.
  3. It ranks first with a single farm in Zavala county producing more than any State in the union.
  4. It ranks first among the States with California second.
  5. Texas produces about 90 per cent of the polo ponies of the United States.

**REDWOOD TREES ONCE GREW WIDELY**

The big redwood trees, now a natural wonder only of the coastal regions of upper California and lower Oregon, once were widely distributed over the northern half of the world.

This has been ascertained by the discovery of fossil remains of the giant tree, which have persisted materially unchanged through many geological eras. Some of the redwoods standing today were stately trees when Columbus discovered this continent; their age exceeds 1,200 years. Their ancestors shaded the dinosaurs.

Changes in climate wiped out the far flung redwood forests of other acon. The tree will grow only where moisture is abundant and temperatures mild. These conditions obtained during the age of reptiles over many areas of the earth where the climate is now much drier and colder; so much colder in some places that no trees of any sort grow there now. That is true, for instance, on St. Lawrence Island, in the Bering Strait, midway between Alaska and Siberia, and in Greenland.

It seems likely that the species was even more widely distributed than excavation has yet revealed. But stone remains of redwoods have been found on our Middle Atlantic Coast, in coastal Texas, at a number of points in the Mississippi Valley and on the

plains between it and the Rockies. The tree has left reminders of its ancient distribution in Ireland, England, various points in continental Europe, Siberia, China, Japan and Iceland.

Some of these fossil clues consist only of the print of redwood leaves in soft earth which turned to stone. But in many places, particularly our Western States, whole petrified trunks of ancient redwoods, complete even to the bark, have been unearthed.

The discovery of these remains has been an aid to geologists in determining the climate conditions which prevailed in the respective localities in pre-historic times. Since the redwood, they knew, could flourish where it was mild and damp.

Though the lumbermen are felling the California-Oregon stands at a rate to threaten their extinction within a century, friends of the redwood are taking steps to insure the preservation of some of the more impressive forests. The State of California is assisting in this movement, which to date, has accomplished the purchase of large tracts of choice redwood forest in the Bull creek, Prairie creek, Dol Norte coast and Mill creek sections of California. In all, about 40,000 acres of forest, extending for thirty-five miles along what has been called the Redwood highway and valued at \$6,200,000, has been acquired as a park reserve.

Some of these trees exceed 300 feet in height and are more than 12 feet in diameter.

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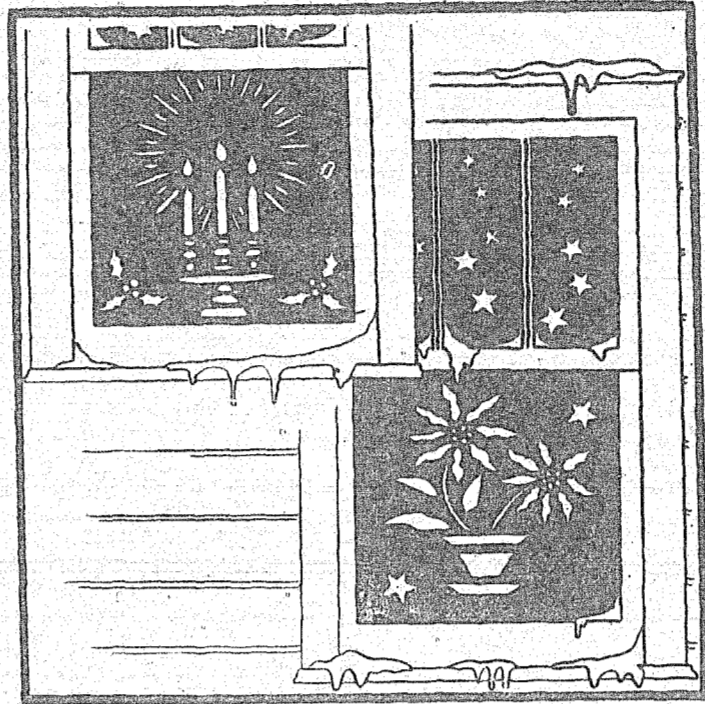
# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

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## BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

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### THIS YEAR OF GRACE

This year of all years we face life with a new reverence for Christ's birthday. This year we can better understand the meaning of, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

That thought uppermost, we can celebrate Christmas with lighter hearts and can sit down with loved ones around a bounteous table knowing that a forgiving Father rules the universe and that He "doeth all things well." Furthermore, and it is a comforting thought, we shall share this Christmas with countries overseas who hunger and are fighting for Christian liberty. Our ships will carry some food to them.

Christmas toys reflect the desire of people to forget the horrors of war and we are glad to see the return of many simple toys that have been absent from counters for many years. Need for metal has curtailed the production of mechanical toys. Dolls are especially lovely this season. It almost makes you wish you were a little girl again.

"Have a soldier for Christmas dinner," is a slogan that will be paraphrased in many ways. We cannot have a happy Christmas unless we make some one else happy. If your son is serving in an army camp, have him bring home a buddy to share the Christmas dinner. If you do not have a son in the army, then adopt one for the day. This can usually be arranged through your church or USO organization.



### HOLIDAY TABLE DECORATIONS

What fun it is to plan decorations for the Christmas table. It seems that the more limited our resources the more resourceful we become. It is a time, if we bring into play our imagination, there will be no limit to what may be achieved.

The major theme for most Christmas dinner parties is snow sports. Last year we used dark blue crepe-paper covering on which we pasted Santa riding gayly in a sleigh between white pine trees (these around the outside border). At one end of the table we arranged, with little expense, a forest scene. We made artificial trees by cutting long strips of white crepe paper (double thickness held together with rubber cement). To do this, cut the strips crosswise of the grain, an inch and three-quarters wide; snip the strips at

tiny intervals along one edge to make bangs about an inch deep. Then curl the bangs slightly upward, as we used to do with an ostrich feather. Wind the strips spirally on papercones, beginning at the lower edge as you go, overlapping each row with one above. Make candle holders of round discs of pasteboard covered with silver paper, to which attach with strong glue an inch-wide ring of silver-covered pasteboard.

Little artificial snow-tipped green trees, in among the white feilly ones, may be used in this setting. Here, too, may roam wild deer and fawns. Chubby little dolls riding on a sleigh may be used skimming over a snowbank made of white tissue paper and sprinkled with artificial snow. Any number of ideas may be worked out if you are patient and will take the time to do them.

### FROM A CO-ED TO HER MOTHER

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this department we introduce a new feature of interest for the whole family. A letter from a girl in college will be reproduced from month to month. Please write us whether or not you like the feature.

DEAR MOMS:

Now that I have taken the great step from high school to college, I am beginning to realize my responsibility.

How often I wish I was back in the good old high school days. You know, we were "big-shots" there—we were seniors. Now, that is different. Here we are nothing but "fish."

If we want to attend classes that is our responsibility and no one is to tell us to do so. Everything we do we must decide for ourselves.

There is much social activity. We have our informative lectures as well as our entertainments. Now, that the National Defense program is on the way to being a very major issue, much of our time is taken with that. There are, of course, bandages to be wrapped; first aid course to be taken, problems to be discussed, even fundamental projects that women can do in the way

of defense. There is assembly work, airplane and machine of all kinds to be learned. I am learning that to be a successful co-ed you must develop many facilities. This includes religion, education, entertainment, health, leadership, ability to do as told and much more.

I find in college you not only learn the fundamentals of lessons but, equally as important, the ability to co-operate, to live with other people. In other words, to live and let live.

This feeling of belonging did not come all at once but had to be worked hard for, it had to be really earned. Once this feeling is achieved, you have, they say, something to be proud of.

Although I am home-sick at times, they keep us so busy I have little time to think about home. I miss you, dad and the boys, but I do hope I can make you proud of me and thus repay your many sacrifices.

Now that I have this picture of college days out of my system, I will write you more intimately of our life here in my next letter. Love to all, including friends,

Your daughter, ELISA.

### CHRISTMAS MENU HELPS

A table loaded with goodies is the most welcome sight I can think of to greet the young folks back home to spend the big holiday. Here are a few timely helps you may welcome:

- Steamed Chocolate Pudding**
- 2 cups sifted flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon soda
  - 1/3 cup shortening
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 egg, well beaten
  - 3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
  - 1 cup milk
- Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda and salt, and sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together. Add egg and chocolate, beating until smooth. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Turn into greased mold, filling 2/3 full, cover tightly and steam 2 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce or foamy sauce. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Serves 10.
- Foamy Sauce**
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
  - 1 egg yolk, unbeaten
  - Dash of salt
  - 1 egg white, unbeaten
  - 1/4 cup cream, whipped
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### MAKE THIS A SAFE CHRISTMAS

The American home is particularly vulnerable to accidents of all kinds during the Christmas and New Year holidays," warns Mrs. Chester E. Edwards, chairman of the safety division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. "But," she adds, "if reasonable care is taken, additional holiday hazards may be avoided." She suggests that women in homes all over the country take the following precautions:

Use decorations and Christmas tree trimmings, if possible, that are fire-resistant. Do not expose any decorations to direct contact with electric light bulbs, candles or fireplaces. Dispose of wrapping paper from gift packages at once. Burn them or place them in a metal waste can until they can be removed from the premises.

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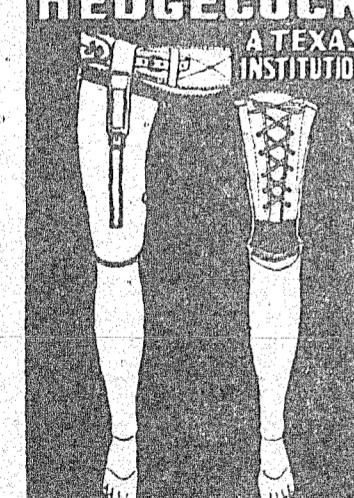
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Keep a fire extinguisher handy to put out small fires. Provide a number of ample ash trays. They will help protect furniture from burn scars and reduce the danger of careless smoking and use of matches.

To prevent falls and other accidents: Before trimming the Christmas tree, fasten it securely so it will not fall and cannot be knocked over. Use a ladder, not a chair.

Beware of toys with sharp edges and exposed machinery where fingers might be caught.

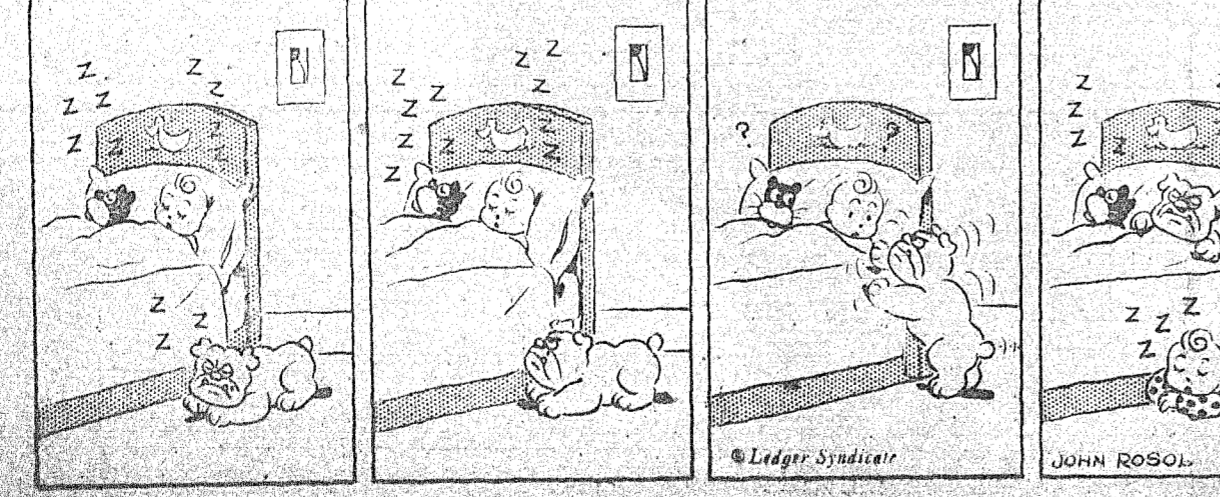
Explain electrical toys before allowing very young children to play with them.

Outside lighting displays should be installed by a competent electrician, if any special wiring connections or extensions are needed.

Christmas tree ornaments are made of very thin glass. Clear away broken decorations without delay.

Place your tree as far as possible from the fireplace, and see that Santa distributes his gifts from near the tree, not near boys and girls. Records show that they might ignite his highly inflammable costume.

### THE CAT AND THE KID



There is something in the air that makes you feel a thrill and humming of songs —perhaps causes you to want to break into Jingle Bells or Good Saint Nick, or something. A smell of cedar drifting through the night can set one's heart to thrumming with memories of yesterday, for after all Christmas and yesterday are closely related. Don't you remember how long between the holidays it was until after you grew up

1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Sift sugar. Add 1/2 of sugar to egg yolk and beat until light. Add salt to egg white and beat until foamy throughout. Add remaining sugar 1 tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is blended; then beat until stiff. Combine egg yolk and egg white mixtures. Fold in whipped cream and vanilla.

**Cinnamon Cookies**  
Beat 6 egg whites very stiff.

Add 2 cups sugar, sifted. One lemon rind grated. One tablespoon cinnamon. Beat for 15 minutes. Put aside 1/2 cup of mixture. To balance acid: One pound of nuts. Fold in 2 tablespoons flour. Drop from spoon on top of greased baking sheet. On top of each heap put a bit of mixture set aside. Bake slowly to a light golden brown.



**Grapefruit Sherbet**

This grapefruit sherbet is a new and attractive dessert, or can be served with a meat course. It will add novelty to your Christmas or New Year dinner.

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup white karo
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/4 cups unsweetened grapefruit juice

1 cup grapefruit sections  
1 cup seedless white grapes.  
Heat sugar, water and karo together until sugar is dissolved; cool. Add lemon juice, grapefruit juice, grapefruit sections and grapes. Turn into trays of automatic refrigerator. Freeze, stirring once just before the sherbet is frozen. Makes 4 servings. If desired, omit grapes. Serve as dessert or with meat course.

### MAGIC IN THE NAME

then they all ran together in a continuous string? Look back on them and there they all are, just yesterday. And now the Yuletide season is at hand again. Christmas! There is magic in the name!

WOODSY PINE CONES  
Woody fragrant pine cones remain, as of old, one of the loveliest types of Christmas decorations. Combined with red candles, and silver balls or silver bells they make simple easily arranged Christmas decorations.





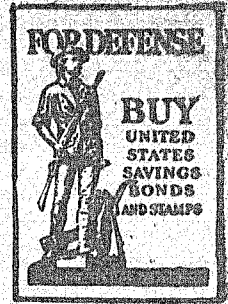
# SANTA ANNA NEWS

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## This Week in Our Town

**NOTICED A CANDY DISPLAY** in a show window a few days ago, made by the Buffalo H D Club. The candies were so tempting they made more than one mouth water.

**COLEMAN COUNTY POULTRY** raisers deserve a pat on the back for the way they arose to occasion and brought in their turkeys and chickens. Attracting special attention were the bantams, parakeets and the turkey with the top-knot.

**WE MADE AN ERROR LAST** week in saying that 86% of the 1941 school district taxes had been collected. It was the 1940 taxes that had been paid in so well. Taxes for 1941 have not had much of a record chalked up to them as yet.

**A NUMBER OF HDC LADIES,** assisted by Mrs. Kate Garrett, were busy Tuesday taking up a fund for the purchase of two divans and other furniture for the 142nd Anti-Tank Company day room at Camp Bowie. Most of the membership of this unit are Santa Anna boys.

**LEMAN BROWN SAYS THAT** a matter of a few months or a few years have prevented him from getting several government jobs—he was a little too old each time. But he admitted that he had been slipped about all of the free jobs floating on the political seas of West Texas and the South.

**DIDN'T KNOW CLAUDE REED** was that young he had to get permission to get married. He did, though—from Uncle Sam. Being a marine sergeant kind of cramped his style, but he got the permit and the girl—Miss Maurice Kirkpatrick of Santa Anna, and they were married in Abilene last Saturday.

**THE JUNIOR SCHOOL BAND** took part in the Christmas Opening on the 5th inst., and many people were asking the names of the little baton twirler and drum majorette. They were respectively Nancy Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores, and Ann Priddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Priddy. And the band Those little likes sure stepped it off proudly and did their part to perfection.

**ABILENE IS DOING WHAT** Santa Anna tried awhile back—a rat exterminating campaign on a large scale. In our own building campaign was a failure. We had an estimated 1749 rats when the campaign opened. Now the crop is about 99,999, it seems, for when the rats gambol around up there it sounds like horses and the cell sags and swags—so badly crowded that baby rats are beginning to tumble through the holes in the ceiling. With 8 to 10 litters of 9 to 10 ratlets, one pair can have 150 offspring in a year.

## FINAL STANDINGS IN DISTRICT 8-A FOOTBALL

The football season in District 8-A has ended, with the Ballinger Bearcats winners of the title for the second consecutive year and the Brady Bulldogs undisputed runners-up.

The final standings in the District are as follows:

TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
Ballinger	6	0	1.000
Brady	5	1	.833
Coleman	4	2	.667
Winters	3	3	.500
Santa Anna	2	4	.333
Cross Plains	1	5	.167
Mozelle	0	6	.000

## SANTA CLAUS GOES VISITING

Santa Claus went visiting this week, accompanied by the Santa Anna High School Band and Santa Anna boosters.

Places visited Monday were, Trickham, Rockwood and Gouldsburg; Tuesday they visited Buffalo and next week they will visit Shields.

## EDITORIAL

WITHOUT WARNING the United States has been plunged into the second World War. Our status has been changed overnight from a nation at peace to that of one at war by the perfidious assault of a nation whose special envoys two hours later were negotiating peace arrangements with the head of this nation. While special envoys from the Japanese emperor himself spoke soft words, the military forces of that emperor stabbed swiftly, in the back, after most approved Japanese-Hitler method—without warning the Japs attacked Port Arthur, followed by the invasion of Manchuria, then China. One question whether this perfidious act was of Hitlerian origin. One rather surmises, Hitler learned the dirty deal from the Japs—his methods in Europe are non-Aryan and mighty Jap-like. It seems clear that Tokyo kept peace negotiations alive in order to allay any suspicion in this country while preparations for the knife in the back were prepared. We are up against a cowardly antagonist, one who sought by cowardly methods to paralyze at a single blow two governments' ability to move. That the blow was only partially effective makes the defeat of Japan all the more sure—the cowardly act sets the gauge of what can be expected and means can be taken to counteract and offset. The elimination of the Blond Beast of the West and the Brunet Beast of the East (Hitler and the Jap military party) must be effected. This is a necessity if mankind continue free. Japan and Germany are menaces to world order that cannot be allowed to exist. Japan has jumped us; we will resist—not only resist, but conquer. Jap newspapers have proclaimed this country her greatest enemy. Proudly this nation assumes the role and proudly and firmly will the nation press the war until the Japanese people disavow their leaders and sue for the peace the United States tried to preserve for them these last few years. We are at war. Every citizen is going to feel the pressure. Most of us will suffer some losses, but embued with faith in the ultimate outcome and faith in the right and justification of our position, we will face it calmly do our best—and win. Yes, it will cost untold millions of dollars, and thousands of lives. We have seen the horrors of war, but better those manifold worse if victory comes to heal the wounds through peaceful ages hereafter. We will lose many of those we love, but those of us who understand most gladly follow the way that our loved ones may never cringe beneath the heels of the Blond Beast or the Almond-eyed Beast.

## COLEMAN AGENT RECEIVES HONOR

Distinguished service award of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents was voted this week to D. D. Steele, Coleman county agent, at the association's annual meeting in Chicago. Steele was notified in a telegram received from Knox Parr, Abilene, president of the Texas Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The award will be presented to Steele at the annual short course at Texas A&M college next summer. Basis of the award, according to Parr, includes: "Long and efficient service to the agricultural interests of Coleman and Llano counties, special recognition in 4-H work, work with livestock groups, and good contact with the citizens of the counties in which he worked." Steele became an agricultural agent in 1930, being assigned by the Extension Service to Llano county. He served there until Jan. 1, 1940, when he exchanged positions with County Agent C. V. Robinson of Coleman. He is a graduate of Texas A. & M. college, graduating from that institution in 1922 and majoring in animal husbandry.

## MILK COWS NEGLECTED FOR BEEF ANIMAL QUEST

West Texas stockmen are too intensively working to the development of bigger and better beef animals, neglecting the need for better milk cows, and more of them. One West Texas creamery is now a thousand gallons a day short of the need of this one institution only. In a short time the shortage of milk cows will become acute if stockmen persist in raising exclusively beef animals. Those who contend that there will be no milk shortage for military reasons is the fact that there are no more milk drinkers now than before are in error, not as to the number of drinkers, but to the demand. Almost no home from which a soldier came will reduce the milk bought by that home, but the milk drunk by soldiers or used in their cooking represents new demand by new consumers.

There will be mighty good money in the milk of in the future. Support our Home Industries!

## Heart o' Texas News Briefs

The demand for good beef cattle on the Brownwood market was highlighted last week when Morris T. Perkinson of near Brownwood auctioned 20 head of high grade Hereford calves. The steers, sold at the Bohannon & Steel auction brot 10.70 and the heifers 10 cents per pound, topping the Brownwood market.

Judge O. L. Parish of the 119th District Court and Judge A. O. Newman of the 35th District Court exchange jurisdiction last week with Judge Newman holding court in Ballinger and Judge Parish conducting court in Coleman. Judge Parish disqualifed himself in a case on the docket of his district and arranged the switch to expedite continued work in both courts.

A startling sight on the street of Brady is the steel can labeled "Razor Blades for Defense."

The blades are solicited by Will Kennedy, Brady taxi operator, who sells the accumulations and gives proceeds to the Red Cross. Kennerly said he received about 200 pounds of razor blades in a six-week period.

Dr. Edward W. Swartout has assumed his new duties at Brady as assistant veterinarian with the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas. He succeeds Dr. E. W. Ramsey, who has been called to service with the United States Army, and who is now stationed at Midland.

McCulloch, County ginners for the 1941 season are still shy of the 1940 production, according to the report of Richard R. Faulkner, cotton census enumerator for that county. The ginmings up to November 14, totalled 11,306 bales as compared with 11,383 for the 1940 crop. Lacking only 78 of reaching figures of last year.

The football season in District 8-A has ended with the Ballinger Bearcats winners of the title for the second straight year, and the Brady Bulldogs undisputed runners-up, having only one conference loss to mar their record and that to the Bearcats.

Eighty groups of farm people have been organized in Texas for their cooperative buying of supplies.

The Secretary of Agriculture has asked for a 14 percent increase in egg production in 1942. The Selective Service Medical Division reports that 20 percent of its rejections were for dental defects and nearly 14 percent for defective eyes.

There is no reason why all our rubber should come from some remote region. Rubber can be grown in at least 15 Latin American countries, from southern Mexico to northern Bolivia.

Altogether 3,703,466 cotton mattresses made under the government's mattress program have been delivered to rural families in the U. S. Of this number 516,153 have been made in Texas.

## American Red Cross

The recent drive for membership in the American Red Cross has netted \$294.80. This amount comes from the Santa Anna branch of the American Red Cross and was contributed as follows:

Santa Anna	\$ 170.85
Trickham	29.00
Shields	33.95
Liberty	20.00
Rockwood	20.00

No report has been received from Whon and Buffalo. When these reports come in they should be well over \$300.00.

Since the declaration of war an emergency call for more sectional Red Cross head quarters and we need to give our full support to such. For more information read the letter published elsewhere in this paper.

## COUNTY TURKEY, POULTRY SHOW

Coleman County's First Turkey and Poultry Show, which was presented Friday and Saturday in Santa Anna, is pronounced a huge success with 92 exhibitors showing over 200 birds.

Bill Griffin, show superintendent and hatcheryman of our city and H. C. Pearson Chamber of Commerce head, were highly pleased with the first of what will be a series of poultry shows at Santa Anna. The date for next year's show will be moved up to October to avoid conflicts with the turkey marketing season and the Christmas shopping season.

Pat Cooper, Abilene, American Poultry Association judge, was liberal with his praise of many of the exhibits.

S. H. Parker of Coleman won the grand championship ribbon on his pen of fine English White Leghorns. George Richardson of Santa Anna had the grand champion male of the show, a Rhode Island Red; George Stewardson, Sr., had the grand champion female, a Silver-laced Wyandotte.

Winners by classes included: Buff Orpington, Y. B. Johnson of Echo, first pen; Cecil Horne, Coleman, second pen, and first pullet.

Single Comb White Leghorns Mr. Parker, first young pen and championship pen of show; Frank Bailey, Santa Anna, second old pen; George Stewardson, Jr., second hen, and third young pen; Raymoon McElrath, Coleman; fourth young pen, and first cockerel.

R. S. Traylor, Santa Anna, first hen, and first cock; Leroy Woodward, Bangs, second cockerel and second pullet; A. E. Dodson, Echo, first old pair; A. L. Irby, second young pen, third hen, second cock.

Rhode Island Reds Lovell Richardson, Santa Anna, second old pen and first young pen; G. P. Richardson, Santa Anna, first cockerel and first, second and third pullets; Miss Ophelia C. Wesley, Cross Plains Route Two, first old pen; G. P. Richardson, Santa Anna, first and champion cockerel of the show; Jess Griffith, Santa Anna, second young pen.

New Hampshire Reds, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Santa Anna, first young pen.

Barred Rocks, Clifford-Switzer, Santa Anna, second young pen, third cockerel, and first, second and third hen; W. E. L. Fischer of Coleman first and second cockerel, first young pair and first young pen.

Buff Orpington, Miss Edith Goodlon, Trickham, first young pen; Mrs. Sam Collier, Santa Anna second young pen.

White Wyandottes: Frank Gillespie, Coleman, first young pen, first cockerel and first pullet; George Stewardson, Sr., first old pen and grand championship female of show; Joe Phillips, Trickham, first and second pullet and first young pen.

White Rocks, Calvin Tankersley, Burkett, first young pen; and James Henderson, Burkett, second young pen.

Cornish Game, Mrs. O. W. Myers, Santa Anna, first old pair, first capon and second old pen; Henry Crenshaw, Valera, first old pen.

George Howard, Santa Anna won first place in the Barred Rock capon division.

Bronze turkeys, Elvie C. Byrd of Cross Cut, first old tom; Mrs. Nora Hays of Novice, first young tom and first and second hen. The Byrd turkey won the grand championship for the turkey division.

Narragansett turkeys, Geo. Stewardson, Santa Anna, second young tom, and H. Mathews, Santa Anna, first young tom.

Black Spanish turkeys, W. E. L. Fischer, Coleman first young pen and first hen.

One of the oddest birds in the show was the plume-tooned turkey entered by Mark Justice of Coleman. Veteran turkey dealers say it's the first bird like it they have seen and

they branded it as a freak.

A pair of pheasants entered for exhibition purposes by Tommy Upton attracted quite a bit of attention.

Best Dozen Eggs Eggs: Red—Lovel Richardson first, Jess Griffith second; White—Arty Irby, first, Richard Traylor second.

## CITY OF SANTA ANNA TAKES CARE OF BOYS NEEDS

Sometime ago a committee of city officials went to Camp Bowie to investigate the needs of our local boys, principally the 142nd Anti-Tank Company for their "Day Room." They found that the boys had a room with practically no furnishings.

Immediately the local people went to work to do something about the situation, getting out and getting contributions of chairs, tables, floor lamps, reading material, etc. The response was very good but not quite enough. A group of ladies took over the reins and proceeded to raise \$118.00 with which they purchased for the "Room" the following: 2 divans, 2 end tables, 1 occasional table, 1 oval rug, 2 smoke stands, and 1 big floor lamp.

The boys were overjoyed at the fine response of their home town and community in supplyign these things and want it known that they appreciate them and send "Thanks" to the people for them.

In view of this drive, the seniors of the 1940 class of Santa Anna High School donated \$4.05 which was left over from their fund at the time of their graduation.

## FURTHER RED CROSS FUNDS NEEDED

R. G. Hollingsworth, chairman of the Coleman County Chapter American Red Cross received the following telegram from Norman H. Davis, National Red Cross head.

"Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for services to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians. To provide essential funds Red Cross is today launching a campaign for war fund of minimum of FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal. Coleman County Quota is \$4,100 dollars. Chapters may retain fifteen per cent of their collections for local war relief expenditures. Chapter should at once devote full efforts to raising their quotas in shortest possible time. Please report action taken. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis."

## COY BROOKS INJURED

Coy Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks of Camp Colorado, met with an accident Sunday when returning from a hunting trip in that community, in the company of Payne Henderson Jr. He had his hands clasped over the barrel of the gun, not knowing it was loaded and it went off, the bullet passed through both hands, grazed his neck and shot off the end of his left ear. He was taken to the Sealy Hospital here where he is convalescing nicely.

## STATEMENT BY SOUTH

As soon as word was received that we had been attacked by Japan, Representative Chas. L. South issued the following statement:

"We have been attacked by Japan and we must promptly declare war on her and prosecute it with vigor to a successful conclusion. Japan has let Germany maneuver her into committing rash act which can result only in her destruction."

## Coleman Co. News Briefs

The .23 inch of rainfall recorded in Coleman County during the month of November raised to 39.23 inches the total rainfall for the year. Other months of the year had the following amounts of rainfall: January 1.56 inches, February 3.92, March 2.83, April 4.47, May 5.17, June 6.79, July 7.0, August 3.82, September 4.54, and October 5.11.

Thirty-five students have enrolled in the typing class under Mrs. Mary C. Ryan; 25 in the English class under Mrs. Annie Carriger; and 21 in the book-keeping course taught by Mrs. Maggie Snedegar under the sponsorship of the WPA in Coleman. These are daily classes and have as an objective the restoring to private employment persons who have been working for the WPA and NYA.

Parasite control in cattle was the subject of the meeting held at the T. J. Allen Ranch, yesterday, December 11. Principal speakers were Cameron Siddall, entomologist and A. L. Smith, livestock specialist of the Extension Service.

Recent real estate deals in Santa Anna, Burkett and Coleman involved approximately 3,500 acres of land, which sold for an aggregate price of more than \$55,000.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cheney of Coleman recently received a picture of their "adopted" English booby, seven-year-old Ronald Hallam and a message of thanks from his mother. The letter came from the British Aid to Children Federation, which assisted in the transfer of the youth to his American "parents." Ronald's father was killed in an air raid on London, where his mother still resides.

Cadet T. L. "Cotton" Gann of Coleman visited relatives in Coleman last week while enroute from Maxwell Field, Ala., to the army air base at Albuquerque, N. M., where he will take a 10-week course in the bombardment school to attain his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Funeral services for Mrs. Texanna Drummond 83, of Stacy was held last week Tuesday at Stacy. Burial was made at Comanche. Mrs. Drummond was the wife of the late Andrew Millican Drummond.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wise and daughter, Gaila, have moved to San Marcos, Tex., where Wise has accepted a position in the Baptist academy as a teacher. He has been teaching at Mozelle high school for the past five years, serving first as coach and later as principal.

Marriages in Coleman County slumped in November, but still outnumbered the number of divorce suits by a ratio of almost four to one. During November 15 couples were given licenses to wed while during the same month four petitions were filed in district court asking for divorce.

Interest of Robert W. McKisick of Abilene in three Coleman county oil leases on which there are 16 producing wells has been sold to States Oil corporation of Eastland for approximately \$187,500, it is reported. The properties are in the Novice area and belonging to the Robrtson-McKisick Company of Haskell and Abilene. Sale also included McKisick's interest in a new gas recycling and repressuring plant in the Novice field. Wells involved are 11 on the J. P. Morrill estate, four on the Lou C. Gillespie lease and one on the V. W. Owens lease.

A reduction in freight rates on nursery stock will become effective December 1. This applies to Texas and all or part of 5 other states.

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Editorial

WE ARE TO STAY IN SANTA ANNA. For the coming year, at least. Our lease calls for one to three. We are rather glad that conditions have made our stay possible for a few more months. Since coming here we've made a lot of good friends, are satisfactorily housed, have a good work shop, and while it means continued hard work to get by, we hope we will not only be able to make it, but do better than in past years. Laboring under difficulties, we have not been able to do what we desired to for our town. The New Year will see some readjustments that may prove profitable to all of us, albeit there will be additional strictures by reason of the war. To the many good friends among the business people here, we wish to offer a premature New Year resolution. Better co-operation for mutual benefit in 1942. To our readers: a better paper. Santa Anna has every right to be the greatest trading center in this part of the West. We can make it so at a little cost, to our great benefit. We wish to do our part in every way for the betterment of our city, our social and commercial elements, our religious and educational systems, and the interests of the people and activities of our surrounding communities. The year 1942 holds quite a bit of promise for us in a commercial way. We trust it will permit us to forge ahead in all other desirable ways.

NEXT YEAR, A POLITICAL YEAR, will find a host of candidates in the field, all seeking public employ. Some will offer for altruistic reasons, some will be seeking a possible sinecure, others a fat job at public expense. You will have to make your choice, and let it be a wise one in every instance. This commissioner's precinct has been a bit forgotten by county officials as far as our knowledge goes. With three paper in the county, two of them in one precinct. The News has had about \$25.00 worth of print and publications. Either the county has been highly successful in going two and a half years on \$100 worth of printing and publications, or this precinct's newspaper has been given the Bronx cheer. The News wants a square deal for this precinct and itself and county officials re-running and new candidates are on the spot. They might show their rock-ribbed honesty and squareness and sense of fair play (they'll tell you voters all about that!) right from the first. Our records show we received a few small orders from the tax assessor's office, one from the sheriff's and one or two from the county judge's office in 30 months. If the other papers in the county received approximately three times our receipts between them, then we have no criticism and will apologize.

COLEMAN COUNTY TURKEY AND POULTRY SHOW number one is now a thing of the past. It was a mighty fine show for a small town's first try, and it was extraordinarily well attended both days. Interest was great and comments flattering and yet sincere. With such a start, the next show, in 1942, should be many times as large and important as this one has proven. The development of the poultry industry to the end that higher quality and better prices be secured is most valuable to every corner of our area. To Bill Griffin and Howard Pearson great praise is due for the arranging and carrying out of the first annual show. All Coleman county can well join hands in making this event greater each year, for the benefits this show brings is everyone who will listen and learn, regardless of where he lives.

LET US EAT AT HOME The economy of living as well as economy of farm operation will be the major factor in keeping the farmer's living standard at the present level after the present war. A large majority of the Texas farmers, at present, are buying a large part, if not all, of their commodities from the store. Most of these edible commodities could be raised at home. Food is the largest daily expense item on most farms. The growing and consuming of our own food will not only help utilize some of their idle time but will keep us from paying the high taxes on bought foods. We, the rural population, have gotten away from the practice of self-sufficiency that our forefathers almost perfected. Higher taxes as well as prices, inflated by the war production will soon make

farmers to enjoy the same standard of living they are used to having. Our living standards at present can be raised to a higher level and bank deposits increased considerably by eating home produced beef, pork, vegetables, fruits and other commodities needed in our diet. In most communities different governmental agencies are on duty to help the farmer plan his "live at home" program. Why can't more of us make use of these agencies that are set up with our tax money. Value Of Poultry Improvement The Secretary of Agriculture, Wickard, has asked the farmers to produce more food and feed in 1942. This extra food will be used to feed the people in war-torn Europe. In the countries that are being attacked by the

of the outstanding needs of all England. Secretary Wickard has asked us to increase our egg production 10%. The price of eggs is high and will continue to be high because of the ever increasing demand both in this country and from foreign countries. From observations that I have made over Coleman County it is evident that many of the farms have been neglecting a potential source of higher income. Many have 25-200 hens on the farm and do not have proper housing facilities and no organized feeding program. The hens will not lay the maximum number of eggs under these conditions. Therefore, there are many inferior birds that will not pay for their keep, much less their initial cost. There are numerous government agencies in this county where information and help can be obtained in carrying out this poultry improvement program.

(The two above articles were written by the two A&M students who did practice teaching in Agriculture in the local high school last week.) They were Joe M. Routh and Cecil Ballow.

School News

WARD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND SIX WEEKS

EIGHTH GRADE—W. H. Blake, Alice Anna Guthrie, Betty Sue Hair, Joyce Hunter, Calice Jane Overby, Sybil Simpson.

SEVENTH GRADE—John Hardy Blue, Rita Campbell, Era Lee Ingram, Betty Ann McCaughan, Sarah Frances Moseley, Rhoda Pritchard.

SIXTH GRADE—Estel Mae Dixon, Earl Halmon, Jim Tom Simpson, Gene Smith, Jane Taylor.

FIFTH GRADE—Elaine Burgett, Jack Woodwell, Nancy Morgan, Anne Priddy, James Neal Williams, Raymond Zimmerman.

FOURTH GRADE—Julia Ann Bailey, William Adams, Helen Day, Charlie Jo Harris, Frank Holt, Margaret McCaughan, Jeannine Post, Richard Shield.

THIRD GRADE—Sarah Jane Davis, Max Eubank, Ineta Fay Hudler, Geraldine Lewellen, June Parker, Mary Frances Williams.

SECOND GRADE—Patricia Baird, Helen Browning, Peggy Crump.

—WORK CLOTHES THAT GIVE YOU SATISFACTION AND SERVICE. PRICED RIGHT. J. W. PARKER TAILOR SHOP.

—Dr. S. E. Phillips, the drugless doctor, is coming to Santa Anna every morning from 8:00 to 12:00 Office in residence of Mr. Will See. Treatment of rheumatism, neuritis, etc. 9-1f

Beware! The big shot of today may be fired tomorrow.

TO MAKE THAT GOOD IMPRESSION

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GLEN WILLIAMSON  
SHOE REPAIRING

Watts Creek

Doris Jane Henderson  
The Bible Reading Contest at the local church closed Sunday. The Senior class won. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tabor visited in Coleman Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Browning visited in the J. D. Henderson home Sunday. Among the visitors attending the Bible School last week were Brother Hawford of Crws, Brother and Mrs. McCloud of Talpa and Brother O. B. Yancy of Brownwood. Mrs. P. P. Seals is ill in the Coleman hospital. We hope she will soon recover. Mrs. Clyde Seals spent Friday night with Mrs. Claud Seals of Santa Anna. Visitors in the Payne Henderson home Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Buster Woodard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Brooks and son of Camp Colorado and Doris Marie McGahey.

DT' News

It was decided by the executive board of the local P. T. A., held Thursday, to postpone the December 19th meeting, because of the illness among the children.

—SHIRTS AND SHORTS, ALL KINDS, SIZES AND PRICES. PARKER TAILOR SHOP.

Support some merchant's.

NAVY NEEDS STOREKEEPERS AND STENOGRAPHERS

The Abilene Navy Recruiting Station has vacancies for eight storekeepers and four stenographers to serve in the Naval Reserve for the duration of the national emergency, C. L. Wylie, officer in charge of the station, announces. To be eligible, applicants must be physically fit, between the ages of 17 and 50, and have some training or experience in clerical work. The pay ranges from \$60.00 to \$99.00 per month, plus lodging, subsistence, medical care, and \$34.50 rental allowance, if married. Applicant must be in person at the navy recruiting station at Abilene, on or before December 27th.

GLAD I AM A BOY

(Following are a couple verses taken from the poem "Glad I Am a Boy," reprinted from the Liberty Vindicator.)

Blessings on thee, little dame,  
Bareback girl with knees the same,  
With thy rolled down silken hose  
And thy short transparent clothes;  
With thy red lips, reddened more,  
Smear'd with lipstick from the store;  
With thy make-up on thy face  
And thy bobbed hair's jaunty grace;  
From my heart I give thee joy,  
Glad that I as born a boy.

If Your Blood-Pressure is Up . . .

THAT'S BAD

If Your Heart-Beat is Up . . .

THAT'S BAD

BUT

If Your Circulation is Up

THAT'S GOOD

AND

OURS IS UP

A growing circulation indicates a healthy interest on the part of the subscribers in their home town newspaper. And ours is growing steadily . . .

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Santa Anna News

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San Angelo Weekly Standard

Sixteen or more pages every week with leading features from the daily for the preceding week including all livestock news, one year by mail in West Texas . . . . . \$7.00

By the way, don't you have some relative or friend in the Service who would appreciate a subscription to a West Texas paper more than anything else you could send them?

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Through the coming cold weather you will depend on your radio more and more for entertainment and war news, so why not make the evening more enjoyable by listening to a dependable sweet-tone Airmaster Radio.

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If you build a residence, a brick building or buy a farm and rent it out, how long will it take to get your money back?

See

BANNER CREAMERY

for further information.

Advertisement for Star-Telegram newspaper subscription. Includes text: "Order Your 1942 Mail Subscription NOW and SAVE", "1941 has been a 'big year' for news! But 1942 will be even bigger.", "YOU GET ALL THE NEWS WHILE IT'S HOT", "LOTS OF PICTURES THAT MAKE THE NEWS LIVE", "COMPLETE MARKETS and BUSINESS NEWS", "PLENTRY OF SPORTS NEWS AND PICTURES", "DAILY RADIO CLOCK", "WOMAN'S PAGE SPECIAL FEATURES".





The Mountaineer

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND SIX WEEKS

FRESHMEN: Elizabeth Eads, ...

SOPHOMORES: Oma Dean Mc Donald, ...

PEP SQUAD PLAY

A three-act farce entitled, "The Mystery of the Masked Girl," ...

The play is designed for real entertainment. The cast includes LeVerne Martin, ...

The play is being directed by Miss Merritt with Margaret Bruce assisting her.

The committee in charge of publicity and sale of tickets is Marie Newman, ...

An advanced sale of tickets at reduced prices will start next week. The price of all tickets purchased before Friday, 19, will be reduced.

The play is being produced in order to raise money for the pep squad to pay for the sweaters awarded to the pep leaders.

All high school students, especially, are urged to purchase tickets early to take advantage of the lower prices.

TO SWAP—Glen Pope for Wayne Haynes or Roy England. "Lolly" Arrant.

NOTICE—A. T. is not for rent, swap, trade or give away. Gloria H.

WANTED—A new boy friend or a cage for W. H. See Blitha "Jinx" Barrington.

EXTRA—A girl, preferably ugly, to be always ready to take care of the extra boy friends. Maria N.

WANTED—To know what Carol Holt sees in other girls. Wanda Wood.

WANTED—A new romance in S. A. E. S. (Or a relapse) Peep and Squawk.

FOUND—How it feels to see a team lose 75 to 7. S. A. Mountaineers.

LOST—All hopes! Haskell H.

FOUND—Miss Merritt with a handsome guy Sunday. Opal May "Bugs" Stockard.

DR. R. A. ELLIS

Optomtrist 10-11 Citizens Nat'l Bank Building Brownwood Texas

BAND NEWS

Last Friday night, at the Christmas opening, the band, marched and played on the street, and in the Armory. Monday night, the band went to Goulds, Trickham and Rockwood and to Buffalo on Tuesday. These were mostly good-will trips.

The band is studying theory now, and will not do so much marching and playing now that the football season is over.

We are going to have our Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 12th.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The Junior Class had a party at the High School on Wednesday evening, December 3. Each brought a picnic lunch.

Classified

FOR SALE

FEED YOUR HENS San-Tex Egg Mash now for early fall production. Griffin Hatchery.

FOR SALE—20 head Jersey cows and heifers. Good milk strain. See or write D. O. Gaudiney, Cross Plains, Texas. Box 723.

FOR SALE—Brownwood Business College scholarship. Ask at The News office.

FARM FOR SALE—160 acres, 85 in cultivation, 5 room house, good well, windmill, good barn. 4 miles east, 1 south of Santa Anna. A. L. Polk, R. 3, Brownwood, Texas. 47-3tp

FOR SALE—Globe Black Leg Bacterin and Hemorrhagic Septicemia Bacterin. Vaccinate your sheep and cattle now—Griffin Hatchery.

FOR SALE—Turnips, fine turnips, big turnips, 50c bu., at the garden. A. F. Bailey, Barton Ranch. 49-2tp

FOR SALE—100% beef type turkey toms, early hatched and extra nice. \$8.00 through December. Mrs. Nora Hays, Novick, Texas. 49-3tc

FOR SALE—1939 Ford Coupe. Dough Moore. 49-1tp

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY—For immediate shipment, large quantity iron, \$7.00 per ton and up and cable, \$4.00. Top prices. E. K. Jones. 45-4tc

WANTED 100,000 rats to kill with Ray's rat killer. Sells for 15c, 35c and 50c. Harmless to anything but rats and mice. Guaranteed at Phillips Drug Co. 47-4tp

LOST

LOST—Jersey heifer calf, about 8 months old. Earl Watkins. Santa Anna. 49-1tp

RENT OR LEASE

FOR RENT—Furnished 5 room house, west part of town. Enquire at News office. 50-1tp

FOR RENT—Apartment. Mrs. C. F. Freeman. 49-1tp

BABY CHICKS

We are now booking baby chicks for January 5th and later delivery. Book your chicks now and get them when you want them. Griffin's Hatchery.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Burial insurance paid in CASH anywhere. Family group feature. Double indemnity. City National Life Insurance Co. For further information, see MEAD FUNERAL HOME, Coleman. Tune in on K. G. K. O. 12:30 noon for the Friendship Program. 50-1t

TO SKIN ON STOMACH

and HEMORRHOID SUFFERERS Ask about that Strange California Oil "Cela-Nol" Oil. "Cela-Nol" users have said it was worth \$500 a bottle to them. Sold on Money Back Guarantee by Phillips Drug Company

For Christmas Delivery..

Advertisement for Philco radio featuring a Philco 390X radio and the HOSCH logo.

A good time was enjoyed by the few that attended.

Students Listen To President's Speech

Monday morning, the students and faculty in Santa Anna High School assembled in the auditorium to listen to the speech given by the President of the United States. Afterward the speech was discussed by the students and Mr. Pettit.

J. K. McClain Selected All District Quarterback

J. K. McClain, quarterback of our football team, was selected all district quarterback. The all district team is selected by the coaches of the seven schools in this district.

Lettermen Announced

Last Friday in chapel, Coach McCreary announced the fourteen boys that have lettered in football this season. The lettermen, and the years they have lettered are: J. K. McClain, 3; Rex Turney, 2; Dayle Nolan, 1; LeRoy Casey, 1; Darrel Downs, 1; Julian Whitley, 1; Darrel Cupps, 1; Roy England, 1; James Avants, 1; Douglas Avants, 1; James Dixon, 1; Garland McCarrel, 1; Billie Bible, 1; Wayne Haynes, 1.

Rex Turney and J. K. McClain who are graduating this year, are the only boys that will not be able to play next year.

A&M Practice Teachers Here

Two A&M practice teachers are here taking over Mr. Pettit's agricultural class for five days.

Fred Keefe of Richland Springs, Texas, Senior A&M student, is teaching the second year agricultural class.

Richard Grate of Fredericksburg, Texas, also a A&M Senior is conducting soil conservation in the first year class.

Christmas Holidays

The Santa Anna public schools will close for Christmas holidays, the nineteenth of December. After nine days the students will return to school, on Monday, December 29.

CIVIL SERVICE

Investigators for work in the Material Division of the Air Corps are being sought through civil-service examination for the War Department it was announced by the United States Civil Service Commission today. The salaries for the positions range from \$3,200 to \$4,600 a year.

Field representative in the Apprenticeship Section, Division of Labor Standards, Department of Labor. The salaries range from \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year.

Senior Electrician, \$1,860 a year, and Electrician, \$1,680 a year for appointment in Washington, D. C. and vicinity only.

Office Appliance Repairman, \$1,680 a year, for appointment in Washington, D. C. and vicinity only.

The Civil Service Commission has amended the announcement of the examination for Border Patrolman, \$2,000 a year, in the Border Patrol Department of Justice. The closing date for filing applications has been extended to February 2.

EVEREADY

1000 hr. "A" and "E" Batteries for your 1 1/2 volt radios \$5.35 RADIO ELECTRIC SHOP

What Will They Think Up Next

A New York production concern announces that after four years of experiments, a new fibre named aralac and made from caseln, is being produced commercially for the textile industry. In case you don't

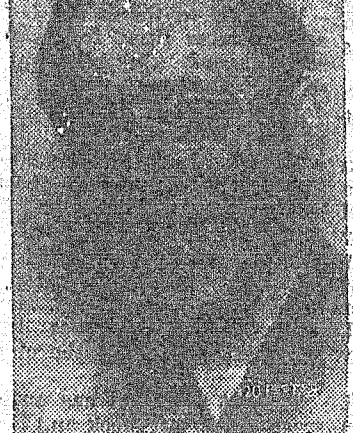
INDIGESTION

may excite the Heart Gas trapped in the stomach or bullet may act like a hair-trigger on the heart action. At the first sign of distress smart men and women depend on Bull-ona Tablets to get gas free. No laxative but much of the fastest-acting medicine known for symptomatic relief of gastric hyperactivity. If the FIRST TRIAL doesn't drive Bull-ona better, return bottle to us and receive DOUBLE Money Back. 25c. at all drug stores.

EARLY SADLER'S SHOW TO BE AT COLEMAN

Harley Sadler and his Famous Tent Theatre will play Coleman, December 12 and 13, for two nights only. Showing under the auspices of the Fire Department.

Harley Sadler stage show needs no introduction to the



HARLEY SADLER

theatre fans of this section as he has been conducting high quality entertainment in West Texas for almost a quarter of a century, and he has never failed to provide his audiences with clean, high quality performances.

The veteran showman and actor predicts that a great deal is in store for his friends in Santa Anna this visit. He has secured much new talent which includes singers, dramatic artists, vaudeville headliners all unsurpassed in their respective lines.

One of the main features this visit will be "Wake Up America" a patriotic musical presentation which precedes the play and regular vaudeville.

The doors will open at 7:15. The presentation "Wake Up America" will start promptly at 8:10. The big tent theatre is water proof and comfortable in all kinds of weather. Popular prices will again prevail.

1942 in order to secure additional qualified eligibles. Shipfitter (planner and estimator) \$1.40 an hour; place of employment, Tenth United States Civil Service District, States of Louisiana and Texas.

Application blank and supplemental form may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners Post Office, at any first or second class post office

What Will They Think Up Next

CLEANING AND PRESSING THAT IS PLEASING TO THE PATRON. PARKER TAILOR SHOP.

There is a tremendous amount of loss from indigestion, school and other over-eat causes many

Advertisement for Bull-ona Tablets for indigestion, featuring a testimonial and product image.

IN WAR AS IN PEACE We Serve

Now that our country has been drawn into the Second World War, the duty of the nation's banks has increased by a greater duty to those they serve.

In addition to caring for the needs of local enterprises, banks today have the honor and duty of co-operating in the nation's war financing, aiding in supplying the monetary sinews of war so that the American Way of Life may be perpetuated.

SANTA ANNA NATIONAL BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM AND FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Large advertisement for Red & White Stores featuring a list of special products and prices for the week-end.

Advertisement for Baby Chicks from Griffin Hatchery, including details about incubators and hatching services.

Advertisement for KC Baking Powder, highlighting its quality and long history of service.

Large advertisement for Santa Anna National Bank with the slogan 'IN WAR AS IN PEACE We Serve' and details about war financing.

City of Santa Anna



# SOCIETY - CLUBS

## Social Notes

**Junior Self-Culture Club**  
Miss Agnes Hays was hostess to the Junior Self Culture Club Tuesday night.  
A report was made by the Christmas party committee.  
After the business meeting, Miss Rebecca Turner read an interesting paper on "Extra-Sensory Perception."  
Those present were, Misses Ouida Casy, Rebecca Turner, Francine Merritt, Ruby Harper, Eunice Wheeler, Mattie Ella McCreary, Lonella Taylor, Marie Blewett, Mary Lela Woodward, Cody Wallace, Mrs. Frank McCreary, Mrs. Brownlee Hunter, Misses Flora Martin and Mazie Bradburn, guests from Coleman and the hostess.

### J. K. Harrison's Hosts

Members of the Jolly Pastime Party Club were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Harrison. Four tables of progressive forty-two were played.  
Mrs. Perre Rowe and Mrs. Roy Stockard were high score winners.  
Refreshments of sandwiches, caramel cake, chocolate and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Pierr Howe, Jess Williams, Paul Bivins, Seth Rinsinger, Fred Rollins, Bill Griffin, Dick Bass, Roy Stockard, Mrs. Hallie Bissett and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Harrison.

### Paul Bivins Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bivins entertained friends at their home on Tuesday evening, December 2.  
The Christmas theme was used in home decorations and noted in the high score prizes which were awarded Mrs. W. B. Griffin and Pierre Rowe.  
Refreshments of chicken salad, sandwiches, date bars, pecan tarts and hot chocolate were served to Mes and Messrs. Artie Irby, Jim Daniell, L. M. Cole, Firre Rowe, Jesse Williams, W. B. Griffin, Welton Holt, Lovell Richardson, Raymond Williams, and Miss Ruby Williams.

## Personals

With our apologies—we regret the small amount of local news this week in the form of personals or society, but due to our country's entering the war, people can't collect their thoughts enough to remember just what they or others have been doing the past few days.)

Miss Evelyn Eubanks spent Tuesday in San Antonio.

J. B. Dodgin left for Randolph Field Tuesday morning.

Adrian Speck of San Angelo visited in Santa Anna last weekend.

Burton Gregg of San Antonio spent part of last week in Santa Anna.

Mrs. Annie Childers will hold an art exhibit at the Coleman Recreation Building Friday, December 12.

Miss Sue Turner of Brownwood spent the weekend in Santa Anna.

**HANDKERCHIEF AND TIE SETS. PARKER TAILOR SHOP.**  
G. T. England of Howard Payne College spent Saturday in Santa Anna.

June Gibson of John Tarleton College in Stephenville is visiting Mrs. Kate Garrett.

Miss Evelyn Oakes returned from Texarkana Saturday.

Sparks Whelstone has completed his course in Lincoln, Neb., and will report to San Antonio shortly.

Mrs. Floyd Reynolds of Abilene visited Mrs. Ben Vinson last weekend.

Miss Ruby Harper and Mrs. Pinney went to Cisco Sunday

## SUNDAY DINNER

- Turkey and Dressing with Cranberry Sauce
- Peas and Carrots
- Baked Potatoes
- Jello Salad
- Mince Pie
- Hot Rolls - Coffee or Tea

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## Service Cafe

to visit Mrs. Jewel Hill who returned home with them.

Miss Mattie Ella McCreary went to Cisco Saturday to visit Mrs. Jewel Hill.

Miss Luella Chambers had as her guest Tuesday, Miss Mabel Gibson of Coleman.

## HATS AND SHOES TO MEET DISCRIMINATING TASTE. ARKER TAILOR SHOP.

Mrs. W. W. Ragsdale, age 79 of Salado, Texas died last Thursday with burial Friday at Salado Cemetery. Those from Santa Anna to attend the services were, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale, Mrs. Aubrey Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Campbell.

## Church Societies

Methodist W. S. of C. S. Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, met Monday at the home of Mrs. Bill Griffin, in a regular business session, followed by a Christmas party.

The gift exchange consisted of shower presents, which were presented Mrs. Habel Gilbert McCreary, a recent bride. Dainty refreshments were served to about twenty ladies.

## Weddings

### GILBERT-MC CRARY

Miss Hazel Lee Gilbert became the bride of Luther McCreary, Tuesday evening, Dec. 2 at 2 p. m. at the home of Rev. H. C. Bowman.

Attending the couple were Miss Jane McCreary, sister of the groom and Miss Earlene Ine Parker.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a short honeymoon, visiting in southern Texas and Mexico.

For the ceremony the bride wore a blue crepe sport dress, with black accessories. For traveling, she chose a black and white suit, with black accessories.

The couple will make their home in the Watts Creek community.

### GREGG - SCHULLE

At 2 p. m. Sunday, December 7, Miss Mary Jo Gregg became the bride of Will Schulle at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg, Rev. S. R. Smith of the Baptist church conducted the ceremony.

Edith Schulle, sister of the groom and Byron Macdonald of Coleman were the couple's attendants.

The bride wore a navy blue and dusty rose ensemble with a corsage of white carnations. Miss Schulle wore teal blue.

The groom attended Buffalo High School.

The bride is a student at Santa Anna High School.

## Deaths

### Mrs. D. B. Holland

Emily Catherine Wolters was born March 17, 1899 in Van Zandt County, Texas. She moved to Coleman County, with her parents when she was six years old.

She was married to D. B. Holland, December 23, 1890 at Trickham, Texas.

To this union were born ten children, eight of whom survive as follows: Horace and Daniel of Ballinger, Clarence and Raymond of Santa Anna, Mrs. Ruby Hudson Mrs. Nettie Dean, Miss Bertha Holland, all of Ballinger.

Mrs. Ida Boone of Brownwood, and one sister, Mrs. P. E. Moody of Ballinger.

Her husband, D. B. Holland, and two sons preceded her in death.

Death came to Mrs. Holland at 3:30 a. m. Tuesday, December 2, making her 72 years, 8 months and 15 days old.

Funeral services were held at Rockwood Cemetery with Rev. E. H. Wylie officiating.

## H. D. C. News

### Santa Anna H. D. C. News

Santa Anna Home Demonstration Club will have their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. F. Goen, Friday afternoon at 2 p. m.

This meeting will be the last for this year.

### PARTY FOR SOLDIERS AT RECREATION HALL

The Santa Anna Work Projects Administration Staff gave the little city our first defense party at 7:45, Dec. 8th, 1941. Some 250 people participated.

102 soldier boys from Camp Bowie were picked from the 11th, Medical, 11th Engineer, Infantry Artillery Cavalry, 8th Corp and 3rd Army Troops.

The hall was lovely in its array of Red, White and blue decorations.

The party started at 7:45 with the boys marching in, in a body. Eighty girls greeted the guests and they then formed for the grand march.

Games of various kinds followed. 48 couples participated.

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in the old fashioned cake walk. When one of the girls won a prize of a cake she gave it to one of the boys. A dramatic session followed the games.

Refreshments of coffee and cakes were then served.

Zelda, Charlotte and Sara Frances Moseley gave a dance routine which was hugely enjoyed.

In all it was a very nice party and the boys commented that it was one of the best parties they had ever attended.

We wish to thank the ladies and business firms for helping make it such a grand evening.

### W. F. A. NEWS

By Jean Erick

The local WPA Recreation Hall had an attendance of 2064 last week. Of course we had the Christmas opening with an estimated attendance of 400 for that and we had many special events held in our building.

Many new Christmas games have been introduced to the children.

The art class has had an average of 100 per week and over. Since some bad weather, Weaver Park hasn't had a big attendance, however we get them in the building.

Music and Christmas songs have had a big run of things. Everyone still enjoys Christmas carols.

Jumping rope and relay games have held interest at the school grounds. We hope to have a basket-ball court.

Unger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Unger of White Plains, N. Y.

Miss Tisdal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tisdal of Whon, attended Santa Anna High school and Howard Payne College.

Mr. Unggr attended Seardsdale High School and the Roxbury School in Connecticut. He has been making a study of ranching in West Texas for several months and will later enter the ranching business in Coleman County.

What Will They Think Up Next

A mechanical "stone picker" that picks up all stones, from as small as an egg to as large as eight inches in diameter, has been put on the market. It is powered by a tractor.

In a test conducted by Pennsylvania State College, the machine picked stones from a field at the rate of 12 tons an hour.

Besides picking up the stones the teeth of the machine break up the clods and spray the soil through the rake so that it settles in a finely pulverized state. Then a roller comes along and firms it down again.

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## BEULAH TISDEL AND BOB UNGER TO WED

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Beulah Tisdal of Whon and Bob Unger of Coleman.

The ceremony will take place in February in the home of Mr.

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