

Merry Christmas, Son



FORGIVE me, Lord, if my prayer this eve
 Is a selfish one. Forgive me, son,
 If I seem to falter, or beyond the seas;
 For I feel no grief, nor bitterness
 That you are gone, beyond the seas
 It's more of an empty loneliness
 I cannot help. No anguish pleas
 Shall I utter, son; just this I pray:
 Godspeed your task, may it be done
 Before another holy Christmas day,
 — Edward Lawson

HARRY CROSSING

CHRISTMAS, a Time of Spiritual Uplift

By KATHLEEN NORRIS
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NOW that Christmas is so close some of us who are getting on in years are remembering other Christmases. It rather sobers me, for one, to realize that my Christmas recollections go back more than half a century—say to Christmas in 1893.

We lived in the country then, and there were nine in our family—father, mother, unmarried aunt and six children. My father was a bank manager on a salary of \$6,000 a year, which was considered wealth. We had a horse and a surrey, two cows, chickens and a cook. The cook did all the washing in a day when ladies and little girls reveled in white starched petticoats and embroidered muslin nighties; she did all the cooking and put up 400 jars of fruit every year. Her salary was \$22 per month.

Beef was 10c to 15c a pound; best breakfast bacon 10c to 12c a pound; vegetables came for almost nothing—we had a garden; bread was 5 cents a loaf; children's "pebblegoat" shoes cost less than \$2 a pair.

We children had plenty of jobs; we had no sense of sitting back and being waited upon; my older brother had full responsibility for the cows, horse and chickens; my sister and I had to dust rooms, and fill 17 kerosene lamps every day, to set and clear the dining table, to sweep porches, to run errands for the grown-ups. When the semi-annual sewing orgy was on, and Miss Wilde came, we had to clear the sewing room every night, a job I think of even now with loathing. Scraps of threads and paper patterns littered the floor.

A Great Time

Christmas was a great time. Preparations had to go on about four fronts. Church was one important item. There must be special music, which meant

night rehearsing with all its thrills of walks in the swinging lantern light; there must be special decorations. There was a Sunday school tree for poor children, always a wonderful spiritual uplift for the luckier children who wrapped and distributed the packages.

Then there were presents to make and—more rarely—to buy. There was the tree to find, and fell, and trim. There was the kitchen excitement of seeding raisins and chopping citron, with all the grown-ups buzzing about. And finally, there were family arrivals, cousins, grandma, coming in cold and beaming, and being welcomed by roaring fires and dancing children; dinner all ready, red berries on the table and fragrant wreaths at the windows. And the solemn ceremony of stocking-hanging for the last thing Christmas Eve.

There was no war then, no talk of war. There had been a Civil War not too many years earlier, but as the family had been sharply divided between Boston and Richmond, it was never mentioned. What was going on in the Balkans or Manchuria concerned us not at all. That the machines that men were even then inventing would one day grow into such hideous power that whole cities would fall in ashes beneath them; that war would reach out across the wide oceans and engulf us, never occurred for one instant to the ladies who sat rocking before the great wood fire. Telephones were now new and considered a marvelous invention. No automobiles, radio, movies as yet. No wireless, no planes.

Without all these the world was a safer-feeling place, whatever great good they may bring to mankind in the wiser years to come.

Empty Chair This Year

There will be no Christmas like that old Christmas this year; not anywhere in the whole world. Not anywhere—father, mother, children, kinsfolk sitting down together to turkey and oy-



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ster soup and mince pie. There is an empty chair this year beside mother, and Aunt Emily is very quiet in her new black. The smallest baby gets his

rattle and his new blankets, but he doesn't get a kiss from his daddy. Daddy has been a prisoner of war for long and weary months.

Everyone is resolutely cheerful, but the old gaiety is laid aside for awhile. The women's voices aren't murmuring about sage in the dressing or the ridiculous cost of doll buggies. No, this year it's "Still missing, grandma. But Jim was a wonderful swimmer and football player, and we hope—" "They heard last week; he may get leave in February." "They got the Christmas boxes off way back in October, but of course we don't know that they got there." "He's a lieutenant now, Uncle George—in Italy, we think." And so on and on until the roll call of every beloved name—and the Johnson boy, and the Smith boy, and Mary Jones' husband, and Helen's father, is complete.

Oh, I hope the boys know it, know how our hearts are with them, how we pray for them and think of them and thank them, on all the battle fronts! In the long dull days of marking time in our camps, in the dreadful lonely white Aleutians, on the blazing, roaring red lines of war, their mothers and wives and sisters are with them, every hour of the day.

Spirit of Day Must Not Suffer

And at home we must do what we can to keep Christmas still Christmas. If the turkey has turned into a lamb stew or a fish chowder; if the ice cream is only a rather weak frozen custard; if the presents are only what was left after the boys' boxes were shipped away, the spirit of Christmas need not suffer. There may still be wreaths in the windows and candlelight on the tree; the children may still arrange their tableaux and charades;

the cousins and aunts may still come trooping in out of the cold to the welcoming fire. And if we older folk spend a little more time in the churches, re-

peating the Lord's Prayer, the old law, begging God to bring men back to a sense of it, to a respect for it, that will not spoil Christmas, either.

"I hoped you were in church, praying for me at that exact moment, Mother," wrote a boy from Rome last July. "I thought of you all, Ellen and the kids and Dad and Betsey, and where you might be. I placed them all at home—well, say getting ready for Sunday supper on the porch. But I placed you in church, thinking of me and praying for me. Somebody must be, for I seem to lead a charmed life. Don't stop."

That was well said: "Don't stop." If we're to have the right world afterward we must hold tight to the old peaceful, happy ways this Christmas. We must put our heart into making the family feel happy and confident. We must think of the words we sing in the Christmas hymns: "For in that darkness shineth an everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

REJOICE ALWAYS

We need not hesitate over happiness this year. For a child was born in Bethlehem at a time when Herod was a king and hatred and death were abroad in the world, even as they are today. The babe of a manger, the boy of the temple, grew up to teach good will and love as a saving way of life for all mankind. He who said "Rejoice always" said it confidently to men and women who lived with unhappiness and strife, among wars and rumors of wars. We can say the same words confidently now. It is surely not too much to believe that the children of this Christmas time will grow up to know a world where all nations can truly rejoice and where, as a living heritage from those who are dying today for their fellows, good will and peace will be found which a child of Judea once taught the children of men.

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. Matt. 1:23.

A STAR that GLEAMS

By WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE
(Condensed from New York Times Magazine)

CHRISTMAS, and a world in confusion: those two realities do not seem to fit together. "Peace on earth, good-will toward men" is the thought that instinctively we associate with Christmas; but now there is no peace upon the earth, and in many places good-will is eclipsed in bitterness and hate. Festivity seems unnatural in a year like this. We may approach it awkwardly, with our hearts not in it. There are too many grim tasks ahead, and we remember too many boys who kept last Christmas at home, or near it, and who this year are in the snows of Germany or in the rank jungles of the South Pacific, or in the rain and mud of Italy.

Nevertheless, the thought of Christmas was and the mood of Christmas do belong to this year, as to every year. Indeed, they belong to it more because they are needed more. It was exactly 100 years ago that Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol," that bright and glowing fantasy which it is safe to say will be read and rejoiced in long after another hundred years have come and gone.

It is true there was no great war to shadow Dickens' world in the year when he wrote it, but that world of his was very dark in other ways. His England was blighted with the worst cruelties of the new industrial age, its skies blackened with unaccustomed smoke, its children exploited the slums of its cities filled with huddled human misery.

Out of a Dingy Cloud

But out of this dingy cloud emerge the figures of Dickens' immortal story, with their invincible chorus of "Merry Christmas" and with the final words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one!"

What sort of bright message then does Christmas have for us in the winter weather of this year of war?

First, there is the remembrance that it is not the seeming big things but the little intimate things that matter most. The story of Christmas centers in a family—the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary and the little Child who was born in Bethlehem. But every family has in it something that can make it holy, something—that is to say—which lifts people up and makes them better

than they would have been alone.

Let us, therefore, turn back and consider that contrast out of which the whole commemoration of Christmas grew. The civilization which the first century knew was in many respects hard and cruel. To great populations their lot must have seemed as bitter as the lot of those nations in Europe that are bowed beneath the Nazi yoke. Rome had subjugated the whole of the western world, and the figure of Mesala in "Ben Hur" is perhaps not overdrawn as a representative of the arrogance of Roman mastery.

Caesar Augustus

Over the Roman Empire Caesar Augustus ruled, the nephew of Julius Caesar, who had destroyed the power of Brutus and Cassius and later of Marc

one more child happened to come into existence in this Palestine which was only one of the less significant provinces over which Rome ruled? Apparently no difference at all.

Eclipsed by a Child

That is the way in which men always are inclined to reckon. The actions of governments, the practical matters of taxes and tariffs, the big decisions by the seemingly big people—these are the things that are supposed to be of overwhelming consequence. The new impulse that may be stirring in some soul that the world has not yet heard of is unnoticed. Who in the first century would have admitted that anybody in his senses could suggest that Caesar Augustus would be eclipsed in history by a child born of one of his subject peoples?

But as a matter of fact, that reversal has long since taken place. Nobody cares much today about Augustus. His name stirs interest in the mind of a student of history; but it stirs no emotion in any man's heart. So far as anything we live by or live for is concerned, nobody would feel any distress if the name of Augustus should suddenly vanish from the records of the earth, but millions of people, including multitudes who are not Christians, know that something infinitely enriching would be lost if we should ever lose the influence of Him whose birthday has become our Christmas.

So Christmas centers around a great event. It has to do with the coming of a Child; and ever since the Child of Bethlehem was born there has been a more sensitive reverence for life's new beginnings. In the Christmas story a star stands over Bethlehem, shining with a light that never wholly was on land or sea. To many a father and mother their own child has seemed to reflect some of this same light.

And now once more we stand at a decisive moment. In these recent days there have been meetings of statesmen, proclamations of purpose, plans for constructive action, including peace plans, which gleam like a star in a shadowed sky. But that star, if it is to be really the signal of a larger hope, must be seen and followed by the younger generation coming on.

So it might result that not for a few people and not for a few nations only but for all mankind, the words with which Dickens concluded the "Christmas Carol" would come true: "God bless us, everyone!"

Hollywood's Yuletide Will Be Quiet

By HAROLD HEFFERNAN
(Motion Picture Editor, The Detroit News)

AS IN all other parts of the civilized world, the simple, time-honored greeting, "Merry Christmas," will be exchanged throughout movieland, but Hollywood's fourth wartime Yule observation will be even more quiet and reverent than ever before.

This year many movie workers who had sons, brothers and husbands at home last Christmas will be touched by loneliness, thereby turning sobering thoughts toward their men in the service. In 1943 Hollywood was practically squeezed dry of its available males.

It became apparent in an early checkup that many of big name personalities have not yet completed plans for the holiday. One thing, however, is certain: It will be very much of a stay-at-home Christmas. Only in a few isolated cases have stars dared the transportation tangle by embarking on cross-continental trips.

Hollywood Canteen to Be Merry

While Christmas, 1944, will be extremely quiet for most residents, there is one spot in town where it will be plenty noisy. All the stops will be pulled out at the famous Hollywood Canteen, where some 100 stars and featured players will join for a couple of hours or so to entertain service men.

Bette Davis, who heads the canteen and has been the moving spirit in the organization since its birth 30 months ago, says the gaiety and cheer at that spot Christmas Day will top that of 1942, when Eddie Cantor played Santa Claus and distributed more than \$5,000 worth of gifts to visiting members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Cantor, it is hoped, will repeat his feat.

The Hollywood Victory Committee reported that in 1943 some 90 stars and well-known actors agreed to forfeit their holiday at home to participate in a Christmas Caravan, which carried good cheer to Army and Navy hospitals throughout the United States.

Greeting Cards

Incidentally, if you get a greeting card from a star this year you can consider yourself lucky. Even before the war, Hollywood was cutting down on its policy of sending out elaborate and costly cards—dropping from an average price of 35 cents to 10 cents. After Pearl Harbor, practically the

entire colony subscribed itself to the moderately priced, simple little greetings printed in job lots by the Motion Picture Relief Fund. Last year this worthy organization, which silently cares for indigent old-timers of the movie industry, realized \$6,000 from the sale of Christmas cards. This year it has gone out of the card business because of the paper shortage. With greeting telegrams long since banned, plenty of stars will use the telephone to call up their friends.

Seems like a century ago that the late Tom Mix startled the town, and all his acquaintances, by sending out 5,000 greeting cards, two feet long, in five colors and costing \$2.90 each. But it was only 15 years back, when Tom and Tony were riding the high range of fame and fortune.



BETTE DAVIS
She will head the Hollywood Canteen for service men.

No Gaudy Decorations On the Landscape

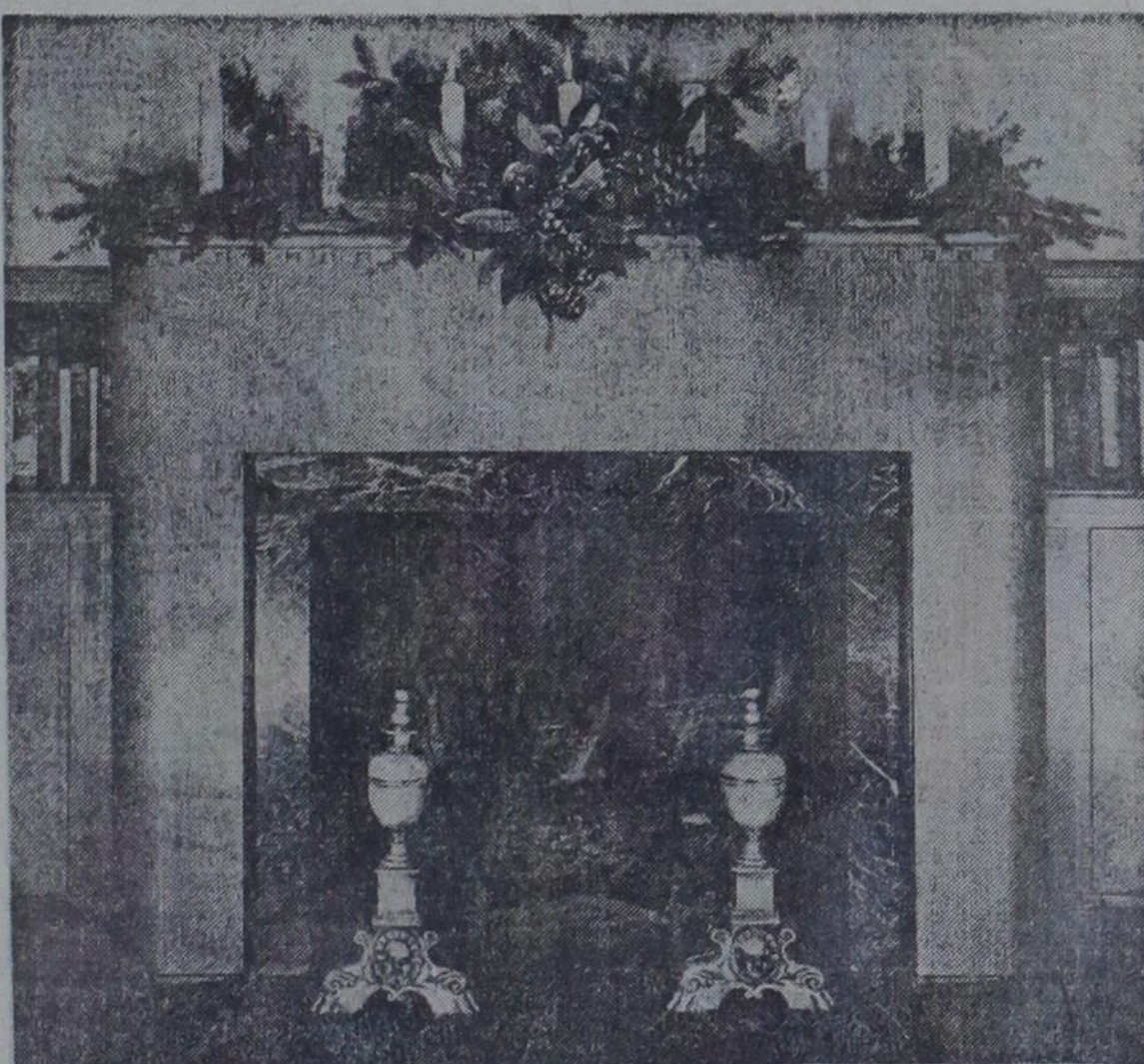
Likewise, it seems ages back that Beverly Hills and Bel Air residents were waging their annual Yuletide battle of outside Christmas decorations. Fancy homes and vast front yards of the stars were aglow with fantastic Santa Clauses, reindeer, artificial snow and other decorations two weeks before the big day.

At night, Beverly Hills thoroughfares were thronged with sightseers, on foot and in automobile, gawking at the illuminated ornaments. And each year a committee of city fathers, sitting in solemn session, awarded prizes to property owners putting forth the most amazing display. While the dimout has been lifted, there'll be no such gaudy shows in the Hollywood area this Christmas.

Even the traditional symbol of the Holy Day—the Christmas tree—will be absent from many a living room. Transportation difficulties have reduced the allotment to a comparatively few limbs of the scrawny cedar variety. And these have been marked up with prohibitive price tags. The \$5 tree of last year is now \$15, so many an actor has decided to decorate the mantel and buy a War Bond instead.

But the true spirit of Christmas—all that it stands for—will not be absent in Hollywood. The little remembrances, the good will, the kindly greetings will be just as cordial and sincere as ever.

With 11,800,000 men in the armed forces, the Selective Service Administration reports inductions now averaging 70,000 a month and discharges about 35,000 a month.



Antony, and had centered supreme authority in himself. According to the Gospel of St. Luke, in which the story of Christmas first was written, "there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed"; and it was in obedience to the edict of the Roman ruler that Joseph and Mary had to go up to Bethlehem for the tax enrollment and that so in Bethlehem occurred the birth of Jesus on what is now called Christmas Day.

To the vast majority of men then living those facts seemed incomparably more important than the other. The important fact was the taxing that the Emperor ordered: the fact that a child was born was negligible. Everybody was concerned about the taxing; everybody obeyed it, because all had to. But what difference did it make to anybody, except to his own parents, that

CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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Faith

ON weekdays through the year the door of many a city church stands open, and on those days—notably now, as Christmas nears—people come in from the noisy street, the busy avenue, to sit a while in meditation, to kneel a moment in prayer.

Burdened, anxious, saddened, devout, they are a cloud of witnesses, silently testifying: "Though all be ill with the world, God is in His Heaven: In Him is our trust." The shocks and strains and changes of a troubled time cannot shake that faith.

What is faith? It is that by which the just have lived; that which made the leper whole; that which makes any care or sorrow possible to bear. It is the light by which men may walk when the way is too dark for sight. It is the mind at its bravest. It is the chain that binds us to the Infinite, lifting us above fear. It is a bridge across the gulf of death.

Faith differs among men. One man's conception of God may scarcely resemble another's. But who would quarrel over that, so long as the faith of both means that goodness is the eternal law of God's universe and will forever overcome evil? And with such faith shining on life comes faith in our fellow-men and ourselves.

There must surely be a blessing for those who have faith. Look for its sign in the clear eyes and the calm faces of people as they come out from the sanctuary into the throbbing world again, strengthened for whatever responsibilities, whatever trials may await them.



War and Migration Take 4,748,000 From Farms

The nation's farm population decreased 4,748,000 in the last four years, the Department of Agriculture reported.

Last January 25,521,000 persons were living on farms, against 30,269,000 in corresponding month of 1940, according to the Federal estimate.

Half of the decrease occurred in 1942, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, when migration to war industries and the armed forces was heaviest.

A breakdown showed these changes in the last four years.

A net loss of 1,650,000 to the armed forces; a net loss of 4,660,000 persons of both sexes in all ages who either

moved away from farms or who now are living on places no longer regarded as farms, and a net gain of 1,652,000 through the excess of births over deaths.



Will Ever Exist

Christmas holidays always will be holidays whether or not there is a war. For the spirit of Christmas will ever exist in a country such as ours where ideals are based on the tenets of fair play. Tinsel trees, gay gifts, wrappings, holly and mistletoe and candles flickering in windows are outward manifestations of Yuletide, and these traditions will be carried out even with an empty chair at the dinner table. These are the very things for which our boys are fighting, and these are the things they would have us do while they are gone. And because we do them, our morale rises despite sadness, uncertainties and reminiscences of other happier years. The very fact that the season has arrived and the effort is made, brings charity, hope, love, faith, and even gaiety into our lives. So it should be a happy Christmas for all who make it so.



Largest and Most Powerful Fleet

Dramatic naval developments in the Pacific, culminating with the crushing defeat of the Japanese fleet in the battle of the Philippines, has brought the focus of war to bear on American sea power.

The curtain of censorship has been lifted sufficiently, in celebration of this the largest and most powerful force of historic victory, to give us a glimpse of fighting ships ever to sail the Seven Seas. That it is such is no longer unknown to the enemy. He has felt its sting and has fled, bleeding and mortally hurt, to the temporary security of his home waters.

The growth of the United States Navy is one of the awe-inspiring stories of the Second World War. From 369 in 1940 the number of U. S. combat craft has been increased to more than 1,500, despite the loss of approximately 170 vessels.

Of the 26 battleships, 16 are reported by the Navy to be operating in the present area of Pacific hostilities.

Included in the battle line are at least three super-dreadnoughts—the

Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. These are 45,000-ton giants each carrying nine 16-inch guns that can blast a target nearly 19 miles away over the horizon.

Even more impressive is the growth of the Navy in the category of aircraft carriers. There are perhaps 100 of these of all types.

In addition the Navy has in commission and fit for action approximately 75 cruisers, heavy and light; 345 destroyers, and more than 200 submarines. Behind this mighty fleet of fighting ships is a supporting armada of more than 50,000 vessels, including landing craft.



Mints Set Record Output for Coin

Production of coins in the Denver, San Francisco and Philadelphia mints has reached a new all-time high this year, with 3,000,000,000 made during the last year. This tops previously yearly records by 1,000,000,000 coins.

"Cartwheels"—silver dollars—are also enjoying a production boom this year. By June 30 at least 3,000,000 of them had been made at the Denver mint in one year. Nickels and dimes are not being ignored in this new coin boom, and a considerable part of the monthly production at all mints is devoted to the nickel and silver coins.

Manufacture of the steel penny, introduced as an emergency measure when copper was scarce at the beginning of the war, seems to be a thing of the past. But with \$7,000,000 worth already in circulation, mint officials estimate that Americans will still be handling them in their daily business for many years to come.



The Aerial Bazooka

The bazooka is probably the strangest instrument of destruction to come out of our armament factories. Looking like a castaway iron pipe, it unleashes gunfire sufficient to destroy a tank or penetrate the thickest wall. At Lowell, Mass., some of the barrels of this amazing weapon are being made of paper plastic.

Offspring of the famous bazooka used by the infantry, they are part of the armament of fighter planes. Paper plastic was chosen because of its light weight. Tests proved the paper barrels to be fire-resistant, successfully withstanding the fiery blast of the missile as it is discharged.

Firing of the flying bazooka is controlled by the pilot in the same manner that he fires his wing machine guns, by pressing a trigger in his control stick. The bazooka—or rocket launchers as they are called officially—are mounted under each wing, three of them in a cluster.

New Sugar Cane By-Product

A by-product of sugar cane which has heretofore been considered practically worthless could form the basis of a thriving new industry in the South, says Dr. E. E. Litkenhous, professor of chemical engineering at Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tennessee.

The material is bagasse—the pulp residue left when the juices are squeezed out of sugar cane. It now is burned as waste, or used as fuel in sugar mills.

In a report prepared for the War Production Board, the Vanderbilt scientist said bagasse can be manufactured into paper and that production of paper from the material "could be gotten under way within a very short time," helping to solve the current paper shortage.

"It has been estimated that more than two million tons of bagasse pulp could be consumed now in the paper industry for various types of specialty papers and corrugated board, thus freeing a similar quantity of wood pulp for other uses," he reported.

And the by-product has a dozen or more other uses forming the basis for products ranging from shellac to stockings, Dr. Litkenhous declared.



War Bond Purchases of Servicemen

Servicemen are salting away a lot of their hard-earned money in war bonds.

They're doing it by allotments—having so much deducted from each month's pay—or buying with cash.

The monthly investments now: Soldiers, about 46 million dollars; navy men, about 13 million dollars.

So far the most popular allotment has been \$6.25. Taken monthly from a man's pay, in three months full payment of \$18.75 has been made for a \$25 bond.

Now, there is a new \$10 "GI" bond for servicemen, issued August 1. They can buy it for \$7.50. It has to be in one payment.

The bond purchases do double duty: They help servicemen save money for after the war; and they help siphon off an overseas serviceman's loose cash.

With less loose cash, servicemen have less chance to bid up prices in freed or occupied territory. This helps prevent inflation there.

Bond purchases are only part of the money coming out of a serviceman's pay. Allotments also are made for dependents at home, for life insurance, and for a special soldiers' deposit fund.

That deposit fund is a saving account in which servicemen put their money either through allotments or by direct cash payments.



Shell Rationing Shows Need for Paper

The waste paper you are discarding or burning now and after the holidays may be enough to make the casing for that last shell required to bring victory to the Allies.

Shipments of ammunition, food, and supplies of all kinds to the Pacific front also depend on paper. Waste paper is still the most critically needed war material.

Spurred by Undersecretary of War Patterson's warning that artillery ammunition is now being rationed on the western European front, many organizations are increasing their efforts to set a new record in the collection of waste paper.

Boy and Girl Scouts, civic clubs, women's clubs, and others are doing all they can, but a still greater effort is necessary to meet the greater need and eclipse past records. The wholehearted co-operation of every family is urgently needed.



Flight Nurses

Flight nurses in air evacuation transport squadrons of the Army air forces are performing some of the most heroic jobs of the war.

Some of the girls have more than 1,000 flying hours to their credit in nursing wounded soldiers being evacuated from the front lines to base hospitals in more peaceful territory—from France to England and from England and France to America and Africa.

Crews of the transports in which the nurses fly often are given a furlough after they have spent a certain number of hours aloft or traveled on a certain number of missions, but the nurses stay on the job all the while—and most of the girls wouldn't trade their work for anything else in the world, they declared.

The day before a wounded soldier begins a journey to a hospital he is visited by an Army surgeon in company with the flight nurse who will have charge of the injured man. The doctor explains the nature of the wound and the care the man will require. Then the nurse tells the patient what the trip will be like and attempts to overcome any nervous tendencies she may discover.

Boys on stretchers, as a result, are in good spirit when their ambulances arrive at evacuation airports.

Grass Root Reveries

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ALL of us should pause this Christmas to offer a prayer for our soldier boys on the battlefronts. Theirs will be a lonesome Christmas despite the millions of gifts sent to them. Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home, and home and the homefolks will be uppermost in the minds of the soldiers at Christmastime. So let's ask the Giver of all Gifts—our Lord and Saviour—to watch over and protect them in these perilous times.

Give war bonds and stamps for Christmas presents. As the years go by they will increase in value and the recipient will thank you for your foresight. Those who save their war stamps and bonds will be far wiser than those who spend them. Until the government called in all Liberty Bonds of World I, I owned about \$600 worth and they paid me \$360 in interest over a 20-year period. Many the time this interest money was food and clothing to me and my family.

No more fitting time than now to read the Bible. A most interesting book, it is inexplicable that some folks never read the Scriptures. There are stories in the Bible as thrilling as in the best seller. For a real love story you can't beat Ruth and Boaz. For adventure, there is the story of the Prodigal Son and the wanderings in the wilderness of the Israelites. Take time off during Christmas and read Christ's Sermon on the Mount. It is a message of good will to all the world, a plea for a better social order and for kindness and tolerance among all nations. One sentence in the Sermon on the Mount, if put in practice, would end all wars, crime and poverty. It is, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them."

The cigarette shortage shows the helplessness of this generation. Back in the good old days everybody "rolled their own," learned to do it expertly. I have seen cowboys roll a cigarette with one hand and light it with the other while running their horses at full speed. Girls didn't smoke in those days and a boy who couldn't roll his own was a sissy.

The mince pie that we make so much of at Christmas is a third poor seller at hotels and restaurants. The best seller is apple pie, second pumpkin pie, and third mince pie. A waitress in Fort Worth's leading hotel told me that men eat more pie than women. Men also like peach and cherry cobbler and some of them eat it like kids, that is, greedily and noisily.

There's more bad news for Tokyo on Consolidated-Vultee's assembly lines at Fort Worth and Tulsa. Off these lines are now coming the new B-32s. Consolidated's new—and some say better—counterpart of the Boeing B-29 Superfortresses, which have been blasting Tokyo's war plants. Better, they think, because in the B-32s have been incorporated changes in designs and equipment dictated by battle experience of the Superforts. The new B-32s will be known as "Dominators."

Uncle Sam's mints are making silver dollars. That's good news to those of us who don't have gobs of money, for with a few silver dollars jingling in our pockets we feel like financial giants. I never can get any kick out of paper currency dollars. Most of them need a good scrubbing with soap and water. But silver dollars are clean and sound like sweet music in a poor man's pocket.

The farm population of the United States has declined almost 5,000,000,

from 30,000,000 in 1940. Nevertheless, more food has been produced on the farms each year the past three years than ever before. By working harder and longer hours, the farmers of the United States have contributed nobly to the war effort. General Eisenhower recently reported a shortage of ammunition but no shortage of food. We thank the farmers for staying on the job—and especially for not pulling off strikes.

It is reported that 9 million cigars a day are being shipped to Uncle Sam's bluejackets in the Pacific. I hope they are better than the 12c cigars now sold over the counter which taste like cabbage leaves and smell like vulcanized rubber.

Although this year may not have brought you all the blessings you felt you were entitled to, you can surely be thankful for thousands of small things. It's the small, not the big, things that make us happy. "What profiteth a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul." The rich man is not he with a million dollars, but he who has good health, a clear conscience and faith in himself and his fellowman. Fortunate is the man who has the ability to appreciate little things.

The War Shipping Administration has allotted 17 cargo vessels to the War Department for use in transporting mules to the battlefronts. In spite of their well known stubborn streak, the Army can't get along without mules. Since a small boy I have worked with mules and from my experience I don't believe they are as stubborn as some people. Treat a mule kindly, feed him well, and he will work faithfully. But if you are mean to him, better stay away from his business end or he will kick the innards out of you.

Hitler has a hideout, reports say, and will stay there until the war is over. His co-butcher, Goebbels, is also in hiding, leaving Himmler to run the show. Rats dive for a hole when a killer is after them.



TEXAS BRIEF NEWS --- from Over the State

BURNS MONEY, THEN SUICIDES
Charlie Louis Sherry, age 72, of Houston, burned his savings of \$800 in currency before committing suicide.

BURGLAR SLITS PILLOW CASE
While J. C. O'Connell, of Corpus Christi, slept, a burglar slit the pillow case under his head and removed a bill-fold containing \$150. The cut was within two inches of O'Connell's head.

CLOTHES FROM SACKS
Clothes made from flour and feed sacks were modeled at a style show presented by the Big Four Booster Auxiliary at Palestine, (Anderson county).

BORN WITH TWO TEETH
The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bodin, of Wills Point, (Van Zandt county), was born with two perfect teeth.

EDUCATED HEN
A hen belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ges, of Troupe, (Smith-Cherokee county), is reported to have laid an egg with the words "bride" and "age" clearly printed on the yolk.

RARE COIN
A rare gold half-dollar has come to light in Stamford, (Jones county), where it is in the possession of E. G. Keese, cashier of the First National Bank. The coin was minted in 1860.

GIRL WINS MULE
Mrs. Kathleen McKinney, deputy county tax assessor and collector of Palestine, (Anderson county), won a mule at a drawing conducted by the Lions Club. She auctioned the mule to the highest bidder.

FAMED CONFEDERATE DIES
Dr. Hugh Monroe Longino, of Mineral Wells, (Palo Pinto county), believed to be the last of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's famous Confederate cavalry brigade, died at the age of 100 years.

CAPITOL'S FIRST MURAL
The first mural to decorate the walls of the State capitol is one by Edna Collins, of Austin, depicting all the industries within the Railroad Commission's jurisdiction.

TEXAS HEADS SOUTHERN STATES
Texas was at the top of the list of construction in Southern States during September, according to The Manufacturers Record. Construction in Texas totaled \$11,948,000.

CENTURY OF HISTORY
Data on a century of Texas history has become available to Texans with the addition of the George Travis Wright papers to the University of Texas Archives. The papers cover the period from 1825 to 1917.

LUCKY FISHERMAN
Roy Brown, operator of a Lake Nasworthy bait stand, (Tom Green county), caught a 37 1/2-pound catfish on a set line. The line was baited with large minnows and perch.

WARNED OF FOREST FIRES
Hunters in the East Texas piney woods are being warned of the danger of fires by W. E. White of the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College. The woods are in an extremely inflammable condition, he said.

WANT A PLANE?
Several thousand airplanes stored in five Texas depots are to be sold to civilians, according to the Dallas Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The planes were bought by the government for training and transportation purposes.

NEW TEXAS INDUSTRY
Siliceous limestone, used in rock wool manufacture, has been found in the Llano region of Central Texas. Sample testing indicates that Texas industrial expansion will have another outlet in insulating material.

MESSAGE GOES TO IRELAND
Three hundred miles off the Virginia coast, J. E. Martin, of Fort Worth, threw overboard a bottle containing his wife's name and address. Mrs. Martin received a letter from a woman in Ireland that she had found the bottle on a beach there.

PREDATORY ANIMALS TRAPPED
Seventy-nine coyotes and 10 bobcats were trapped in 30 counties during September, according to Henry Plueneke, junior district agent. Martin county led with a catch of 21 coyotes. The catch in August was 37 in that county.

ADVERTISED FOR LOST DIGGER
Buddy Davis, of Hillsboro, (Hill county), loaned his posthole digger so many times he lost track of who had it. So Davis finally advertised: "If the person who borrowed my post hole digger last will let me have it for two hours, I'll appreciate it."

DANEVANG CELEBRATES
The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Danevang community, (Wharton county), was celebrated at the town's annual fall festival.

ALFALFA VITAMIN PLANT
A trial test was made at the Valley vitamin plant near McAllen, (Hidalgo county), on extraction of vitamin A from alfalfa. The plant is expected to be in production soon.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS NAMED
Ira B. Heard, sheriff of Refugio county, has been elected president of the South Texas Breeder Feeder Association. Sidney Smith, of Beeville, is vice-president and Paul Russell remains as secretary-treasurer.

IMITATION PEPPER
Imitation black pepper recently on the market is made from cottonseed flour, plus other ingredients including oil. It looks and tastes like black pepper but not so hot.

ROBBED WHILE GARAGE BURNS
The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thigpen, of Houston, was burglarized while the family and neighbors helped extinguish a fire in the garage. Police believe the burglar set fire to the garage for the purpose of robbing the house.

100 BLOOD DONORS RESPOND
More than 100 persons volunteered to give blood to save the life of 13-year-old Quintella Shirley, of Galveston. The girl is dangerously ill with an organic disease. Many servicemen were among the volunteers.

BANANAS IN DIMMITT COUNTY
Charles Harr, of Dimmitt county, is displaying two well developed bananas grown on his farm. He has about fifty trees which he raises for the novelty. Several fruited this year.

FAMOUS TOWN NAMES
There is a Roosevelt, Texas, in Kimble county and a Deweyville in Newton county. Roosevelt was named for "Teddy."

LEAVES HOSPITAL TO VOTE
Charley Thompson, 90-year-old Houston resident, left his bed in Methodist Hospital and went to the polls in an ambulance to vote. Clerks took the ballots out to the ambulance for him to mark.

UNUSUAL FLOWER
Mrs. C. E. Canafax, of Weatherford, (Parker county), grew a prize-winning Prince O'Feather in her backyard. The plant, topped with enormous flowers, grew on a single stem 12 inches wide.

FIRES SPREAD
J. O. Burnside, chief of the Forest Service, A. & M. College, said that 62 fires had burned more than 3,500 acres of forest land during one week-end in East Texas.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH STOLEN
Glenn Powell, Houston bus driver, reported to police that a little black bag containing his artificial teeth was taken from his parked car. He was wearing a spare set at the time.

RARE COINS GIVEN UNIVERSITY
A collection of rare coins and currency has been bequeathed to the University of Texas by the late Mrs. Patricia Howell Campbell, of Houston. The collection contains 497 coins, 47 medals and 3,556 items of currency.

STRANGE ASSAULT
A stranger who approached Ed Hart, of Dallas, saying he didn't like Hart's tie, proceeded to cut off the necktie with a pocketknife, then slashed Hart's coat several times. He was arrested for aggravated assault.

SHOOTS SKUNK
Harry Hoy, of El Paso, shot a skunk in the backyard of his home on Baltimore street. Skunks have been bothering Lower Valley residents recently. They live along the irrigation ditches and sometimes prey on poultry.

PROGRAM ON SNAKES
A program on snakes was presented to high school students of Lamesa, (Dawson county), by Jack Raymon, famed traveler. Raymon exhibited 15 live specimens of reptiles, the poisonous and the non-poisonous.

DOG HERO OF FIRE
Barking of their little Spitz dog aroused the three members of the E. D. Foster family of Houston in time to escape from their burning home.

EIGHTEEN RATTLER SNAKE
T. J. Wilroy bagged a rattlesnake with eighteen rattlers while he was squirrel hunting near his home in Lufkin, (Angelina county).

GOLD WATCH EXCAVATED
A gold watch that had been lost nearly 60 years ago, when the Parker county courthouse was being built, has been excavated by workmen who are remodeling the building.

FIRST PLANE RIDE
On his first plane ride, 70-year-old Walter E. Chaney, of Terrell, (Kaufman county), took over the controls and flew the plane for 30 minutes. He said he could also land the ship but he'd rather have one lesson at a time.

PENNIES SAVED FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
An Edinburg, (Hidalgo county), couple saved and paid 100 pennies for a marriage license. They probably assumed that pennies thus saved would bring good luck.

BREAK NATIONAL BLOOD RECORDS
A total of 529 pints of blood given by men and women of Camp Hood, (Bell county), in 6 hours and 40 minutes broke two national records for blood donations.

SENDS PET TO WAR
Nixon Overby, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Overby, of Bartlett, (Bell-Williamson county), has sent his 16-month old German Shepherd Collie, Bum, to the Dog Corps of the U. S. armed forces.

CELEBRATES 2,000th MISSION
Corporal Jesse J. Williams, of Marshall, (Harrison county), is a ground crew member of a P-47 Thunderbolt group which recently celebrated its 2,000th mission since entering combat services in the European Theater of Operations.

LIST OF CONFEDERATE GRAVES COMPILED
Judge R. E. Sparkman, of Italy, (Ellis county), has presented the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, a list of 1,600 Confederate graves in Texas. He has secured government markers of marble and granite for the graves.

FIVE-STAR MOTHER
Hettie Hanna Austin, negro, of Bryan, is believed to be the only mother in Brazos county with five sons serving with the armed forces overseas.

JUBILANT ON 104th BIRTHDAY
D. Newton Yeary, of Dallas, realized his fondest hope when he reached his 104th birthday. Two friends who have helped him celebrate each birthday for the past 24 years were present. Yeary was a captain in the Civil War.

DAHLIAS A SUCCESS
Mrs. C. W. Shaeffer, of Dawson county, has proved that the soil and other environments of Dawson county is good for growing of dahlias. From five bunches of dahlia bulbs which she planted last spring she has gathered as many as 75 to 100 of the blooms at one time.

OVERCOMES HANDICAP
Although bedfast for the past six years with arthritis, Hollis Whitt, 29-year-old Hopkins county resident, has earned money by raising chickens, a hog and a cow. He also buys clothes through mail order houses and sells them to residents of his community.

POT OF GOLD FOUND
A pot containing \$380 worth of gold pieces in various denominations was unearthed by workmen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Davis, of Devine, (Medina county). Mrs. Davis' father had hidden the gold before his death more than 30 years ago.

BOY SCOUTS LAKES STOCKED
The Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission is placing 55,000 baby fish in the lakes of Camp Strake, Boy Scout camp near Conroe, (Montgomery county). The stocking is a long range program which the commission hopes will be an example for all Southeast Texas.

TEXAS LEADS IN RUBBER
With Texas leading in production, the nation now has the capacity to turn out more synthetic rubber than is needed, according to R. L. Savage, a Rubber Reserve Company official. However, automotive tires, enough for all demands, cannot yet be produced. The bottleneck is lack of man-power.

GRAPEFRUIT GROWN IN PANHANDLE
R. M. Chastain, of Pampa, (Gray county), grew a grapefruit indoors. It is the first record of the citrus fruit having been grown in the Panhandle.

ALARM CLOCK BURGLARY
W. J. Weiser, a Houston watch repairer, reported the theft of nine alarm clocks. Weiser had taken the clocks home to work on them. Since Pearl Harbor few dealers have been able to get alarm clocks.

TRAIL DRIVERS CONVENTION
Approximately 2,000 members of Texas' Old Trail Drivers' Association met for the 29th reunion at San Antonio. President is 82-year-old A. W. Billingsley, of San Antonio.

HEIRLOOM LEFT TO COUSIN
A historical necklace, heirloom of the family for more than 200 years, was willed by the late Miss Virginia Leslie, of Waco, (McLennan county), to a cousin, Miss Virginia Fairfax, of Covington, La.

NEW UNIVERSITY PLANT
A new Trinity University plant at San Antonio is planned by the Texas Synod of Presbyterians. The construction program includes 12 buildings and the purchase of 70 acres near Brackenridge Park.

TEETH CREDITED TO WATER
Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's perfect set of teeth is attracting attention to the water he drank at Denison, (Grayson county), where he was born. Eisenhower said dentists had gone to Denison to study the water.

ELECTRICITY FOR FARMS
Rural electrification now services 130,000 Texas farms and within the next 15 years more than 230,000 farms will be receiving electricity, according to P. T. Montfort, project director of a committee on relation of electricity to agriculture.

\$100,000 RURAL CHURCH
The community of Ericksdahl, (Jones county), boasts a \$100,000 church with a copper-sheathed spire rising 106 feet. The Bethel Lutheran congregation, which worships in the fine structure, was formed in 1905.

EDITORS BUT NO REPORTER
The Corsicana Sun, (Navarro county), is operating without a reporter. The staff boasts an editor, telegraph, sports and society editors and a proof-reader—but no reporter.


WACO REPRESENTED IN AIR, ON SEA
A Liberator bomber, paid for with war bonds bought by Wacoans, carries the name "The City of Waco." The Texas town's name is also on a new constructed freighter-transport, "Waco Victory."

PROVIDES FOR CHARITIES
According to Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Texas City, (Galveston county), her late husband, Col. Moore had asked that a part of his estate be used for a Salvation Army home and library to be erected in Texas City. Mrs. Moore said both buildings would be erected.

HISTORIC CHINAWARE
On display in the University of Texas library are 12 old and beautiful pieces of China labeled, "Texan Campaign," 1850. Genuine Staffordshire ware, the China depicts San Jacinto battle scenes.

POSTCARD COLLECTION
Mrs. Wallace W. Snider, of Tyler, (Smith county), has been collecting postcards for 15 years. Her collection includes 1918 cards from all parts of the world that commemorate many historical events. Some are dated as early as 1909.

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATED
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Short, of Wichita Falls, are possibly the oldest married couple in the United States. They have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. The Shorts have 93 living descendants. They moved to Texas in 1879.



Upon the Midnight Clear

(A CHRISTMAS CAROL)

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the Earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on Earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King;
The World in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When a new Heaven and Earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole World send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

THE FLOP FAMILY



A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Pay Day "Fit"

A man went to work for a large corporation. With his first salary check he observed a deduction with the notation, "FIT." Returning to the paymaster he sought an explanation. "I don't recall," said the man with a somewhat heavy effort at humor, "having had a fit."

"Oh, yes," said the paymaster earnestly. "Everybody has fits every pay day. FIT is for Federal Income Tax."

Surprised Yankee Leader

During the Civil War, the famous guerrilla leader, Captain John S. Mosby, raided Fairfax Court House in Virginia, where he surprised General E. H. Stoughton, the Yankee leader in possession of the town, sound asleep in bed. Mosby woke him with a slap, and the general sat up groggily.

"Have you ever heard of Mosby?" asked the stranger.

"Yes," said the general excitedly, "Have you got him?"

"No," replied the captain grimly, "he's got you!"

Newspaper Lingo

The newspaper publisher's little daughter returned from Sunday School carrying an illustrated card.

Mother: "What have you there?"

Little Girl: "Oh, just an advertisement about heaven."

Bounced Out

Leaping jauntily over the Australian plains with his wife leaping beside him, the kangaroo came to a sudden stop.

"Judith," he cried excitedly, "where's the baby?"

"Gosh," exclaimed Judith in dismay, "he must have bounced out of my pocket."



Sortin' 'Em Out

A cab driver was hailed by the doorman of a night club at two a. m. one morning. The doorman escorted four inebriated men to the taxi, arranged them carefully within and then instructed the cabbie: "The man on the left goes to 277 West End Avenue. The one next to him gets off at 79th Street and Riverside Drive. The one on the left front seat at 35 West 90th Street, and the other at 96th Street and Central Park West." The chauffeur nodded understandingly and drove off.

A few minutes later he was back, beckoning to the doorman. "Say, buddy," he said, "would you mind sortin' these guys out again? I had a collision on Sixth Avenue."

Talk-ee Too Long

The late Will Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb once attended the same dinner. Humorist Cobb, one of the speakers present, showed his fellow guests no mercy by speaking an hour. When Cobb finally completed his talk and seated himself, master of ceremonies Rogers commented:

"Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have just heard an address by that venerable Chinese sage, Talk-ee Too Long."

Reversed Order

Toasts were in order. The toastmaster arose to introduce a prominent elderly speaker and said:

"Gentlemen, you have just been giving your attention to a turkey stuffed with sage. Now will you give your attention to a sage stuffed with turkey?"

Legends of Lethargy

Instead of short length wood, Uncle Alf Reeves, pioneer New Mexico ranchman, always burned whole mesquite poles in his fireplace. He'd shove one end of the pole into the fireplace and build a fire around it, leaving the other end 10 or 15 feet extending across the living room floor. As the fired end burned off, the pole was shoved up again.

"It saves a heap of wood-chopping," Uncle Alf explained.

Seven Kings

The class compositions was about "Kings." One boy wrote this:

The most powerful king on earth is Wor-king; the laziest, Shir-king; the wittiest Jo-king; the quietest, Thin-king; the thirstiest, Drin-king; the shyest, Win-king, and the noisiest, Tal-king."

Yuletide Trimmings

By MARY MADISON
(Condensed from New York Times)

IN spite of the "tinsel shortage," the "ribbon shortage" and a horde of other new shortages that the season has revealed, Christmas trimmings can be just as bright and festive as ever before. And a lot more interesting.

For example, the tree shortage may be neatly supplemented by means of the "ruffle tree." This rather unusual bit of horticulture is formed entirely of layers of rufing, made from strips of theatrical gauze or tarlatan. The material is cut into strips about six inches wide and then shirred on one side (a sewing machine will accomplish this part in a trice) and wound in a spiral about a cardboard cone base.

The size of the "tree" depends entirely on how big a piece of cardboard one can find. The gauze may be any color at all—two or three different shades of green provide a lovely effect, and a tree entirely in pale yellow looks especially charming when trimmed with emerald green balls. (These, incidentally, may still be had in most dime stores).

This wartime tree may be topped with a cellophane star or one of the enchanting Christmas angels that school children concoct out of clear cellophane straws and a few bits of shiny paper. Child-power, incidentally, is an important feature of this Christmas. Children adore stringing popcorn and cranberries, cutting out gingerbread men and snipping out stars—and their efforts contribute ma-

terially to the generally gaiety.

Used in Many Ways

The balls and available glittering bells, of course, may be used in many ways. A cluster of all silver balls, tied to a green sprig, may be used to decorate wall-bracket lighting fixtures—where their shininess is amplified by the lights. The same sort of thing makes an attractive substitute for the formal door-wreath and may also serve as a table decoration.

The ribbon, shortage, which is especially noticeable in the case of gold, silver and red ribbon, may be combated by the use of wide strips of organdie or ribbon in untraditional colors. Pale blue, used to tie wreaths, is rather lovely if reflected by a few

ice-blue tree balls. Canary yellow, looks quite beautiful with green—and a whole room might be decorated in this scheme—with yellow bows on the greenery, a yellow bowl full of green balls and tall yellow tapers in silver candlesticks. Candles, of course, provide gaiety and glamour all about the house—and there are still a few to be had in department and dime stores.

An unusual and simple mantel decoration may be made by driving a row of long nails at six-inch intervals through a narrow board just a little shorter than the mantelpiece. The board is then covered with greenery. Fat white "night candles" are impaled on the spikes, and the lighted row replaces electricity for Christmas Eve.



STRONG DECISIONS AND FAITH

A program for meeting life's problems is a large order; but Jesus in His teaching and example has met it in a large way.

The story of the temptations of Jesus directly implies that the first and major problem that has to be faced is that of basic decision. What sort of life is ours going to be? Do we most want to be true and right, or are we more concerned about worldly success.

Compare the lives of the many church members who go to church when they feel like it, with the life of a real Christian who has made the service of God and his fellowmen the supreme thing in his life, and not a matter of whim, mood, or convenience. The kingdom of God and its choice is the first thing in life, according to Jesus.

No life can be strong that is marked by doubt, distrust, or worry. Yet faith is not always easy, and we would be less than human if we did not worry when things go wrong. We must learn in the school of the Master if we would at-

tain the fullness of faith, and learn to live above worry, putting all our strength into making bad situations better, instead of allowing them to depress and conquer us. Jesus said the spirit of the Lord was upon Him because, in the language of the prophet Isaiah, He was anointed to preach the gospel to the poor.

The words may change, but the substance remains. Every age and situation needs those who will love and serve. It is often the way of sacrifice, and sometimes of hardship. But those who have taken that way have found that, in helping to solve the problems of others, they have gone far toward solving their own.

INDIANS OUTLAW LOAFING

It now is unlawful for a Navajo Indian to loaf.

The tribal council has approved a resolution condemning vagrancy and loitering and providing fines or imprisonment for young men not engaged in useful work. While taking this action the council pointed out that 2,500 members of the tribe are in the armed forces and 10,000 others engaged in war jobs off the reservation, which is located near Gallup, N. M.

HUSBAND SHORTAGE FACING NATION

The United States is facing a husband shortage!

According to the census bureau, there are about 1,700,000 unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 34 years in civilian life today and some 4,000,000 unmarried women of the same age.

For the first time in history, this republic has a feminine majority. Married and single, civilian and soldier, the bureau estimates there are 600,000 more women older than 21 than there are men. The bureau figures the war boom in marriages is about over until the boys return home. Then, if the trend of the First World War repeats, the bureau expects a sharp spurt in the orange blossom and bridal veil trade.

Latest figures show the median age of bridegrooms

was 24.8, and brides was 21.8. For girls who want to do something constructive about getting a husband, the charts point toward the West rather than the East and to small towns rather than the cities. In New York City the ratio is 100.4 men for every 100 women. Chicago has a rate of 102.7 to 100; Detroit 110.1; Oklahoma City, 102.3, and Sacramento, 113.3 men to 100 women. New England averages 97 men for each 100 women, compared with 111.4 in Idaho; 148.8 in Montana; 116.7 in Wyoming.

Americans will be asked to lend the government \$14,000,000,000 more to help finance the war in the Sixth War Loan to continue until about a week before Christmas. Final treasury figures reveal that the \$16,000,000,000 goal of the last loan was oversubscribed by almost \$5,000,000,000.

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Texas Farm News Reports

From a 60-cent investment in tomato seed, M. L. Cannon, of Hopkins county, realized a \$1,000 profit from his 1944 tomato crop.

Texas probably will lead the nation in the production of pecans, according to a forecast which estimates the 1944 crop at 45 million pounds.

An increase of 50,000 bales in the indicated production of Texas cotton has been forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture. The outlook is for Texas to produce 2,500,000 bales in 1944.

Members of the Agricultural Workers Club at a meeting in Marshall, (Harrison county), agreed successful postwar farming in East Texas will depend on smaller farm units and adaptation of each type of land to crops suitable for it.

A few sheep are good property on almost any farm at any time, according to an article in Farm and Ranch publication. The article says about 35 ewes and a high quality purebred ram is a good number for most beginners.

During the past five years, Robert Lee Rummel, Jr., member of the boys' Five-In-One 4-H club of Wilbarger county, has produced 8,285 pounds of beef for which he received \$1,823. In recognition of his achievement, Robert Lee has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, December 3 to 6, says County Agricultural Agent Frank Wendt. He has three calves in his current club demonstration.

A 500-mile barb-wire fence extending from the Gulf of Mexico near the border to the Devil's river in Val Verde county is being planned after the war by the Livestock Sanitary Commission. The fence will be designed to prevent drifting of cattle from Mexico into Texas. The commission considers it will be effective against tick-infested cattle getting into tick-free herds in Texas.

According to records submitted to County Agricultural Agent D. L. Dudley, Aubrey Parsons, Brazos county 4-H club boy produced in 1944 food equivalent to the rations of 38½ fighting men for one year. Most of it came from his dairy demonstration. He has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, December 3 to 6, and although a student at Texas A. & M. College is continuing his club work.

Burning has no place in conservation farming, according to G. G. Goss, chairman of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District. It increases soil erosion and water losses, destroys organic matter needed for soil improvement, causes loss of nitrogen, and increases losses of other plant nutrients by leaching or by rainfall run-off. Returning crop residues to the soil in cultivated fields is essential to maintaining fertility, Goss added.

Twenty-year-old Elton Ellison, of Ralls, (Crosby county), who was proclaimed the star American farmer of the Future Farmers of America, cleared \$3,500 last year on farm products. It was the first time the \$500 award of the FFA had ever been presented a Texan. Ellison, now in the armed service, was unable to attend the Kansas City convention to hear himself proclaimed "best all-around young farmer."

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L. M. Stephens, of Lometa, (Lampasas county), contracted 100,000 pounds of choice Bend pecans at 15 cents a pound for shipment in November and December. It was the largest single deal in the area in recent years.

B. H. (Hood) Morris, of Hopkins county, is realizing his first crop of walnuts off a blackwalnut tree that was budded with an English walnut five years ago. The tree has two or three hundred large walnuts.



Marie Gunter, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gunter, of Deaf Smith county, can pinch hit at all farm tasks from canning vegetables to driving a tractor. She is a member of the Simms 4-H club.

H. L. Youngblood, San Angelo theater executive, raises big turkeys on a 40-acre tract in the North Concho river range. The turkeys fatten up to 35 or 40 pounds. Too big for ordinary families, the birds are sold to restaurants, hotels and military establishments.

At the first auction of registered Guernseys under the sponsorship of the Texas Guernsey Breeders' Association since the war began, 46 registered Guernseys from near-by States were sold. Sales averaged about \$271 each. The sale was held in Dallas.

A stalk of corn 8 to 9 feet high and bearing five well-developed ears was placed on display in the lobby of the First National Bank in Troup, (Smith-Cherokee county). The corn, Texas Prolific variety, which was originated at the Nacogdoches State Experiment Substation, was grown by J. Wilmer of Troup.

L. R. Vaughan, of Hale county, says pasture land under irrigation on his farm has proved profitable. Proper plantings and sufficient water have produced enough grass for Vaughn to run a large herd of cattle on a few acres, and by concentrating his herd he has helped relieve the manpower shortage.

Reports have come from Wilbarger county farmers of considerable damage to new wheat and alfalfa fields by grasshoppers, according to Frank Wendt, county agent. Wendt advises control of the pests by spreading a poison bran bait over the infested areas. Controlling the pests that are active now will help control the grasshopper crop likely to be hatched out next spring.

The richest year in the history of the Rio Grande Valley is in prospect. \$92,418,000 in agricultural revenue was recorded during the first eight months this year with the total expected to reach \$125,000,000 at the end of December. The revenue to date is far ahead of the same period in 1934 which then was the richest period in Valley farming history.

Information on agriculture obtained by reading and observation guided Carson J. Greene, of Grayson county, on his first farming venture. He came through with profitable crops of Texas hybrid corn, cotton and hay. He planted 40 acres in corn, 20 acres in cotton and 12 acres in wheat, including a hay crop. With only ten days of hired help, Greene planted and cultivated his crops. Greene is a former oil field worker.

Wrotten Fairbanks, 18-year-old Orange county youth, qualifies as one of the country's youngest rice farmers. He realized the high average of 18 bags of rice to the acre.

Trade reports indicate that at least half of the 1944 Texas rice crops was contracted for by the middle of October. Although handicapped by lack of labor, mills are working full time milling and shipping rice for domestic trade and to Cuba and the government.

G. W. Biggerstaff, of Sherman, (Grayson county), has a cluster of six pecans, weighing nearly half a pound, which is typical of the crop he is getting from a tree in his yard. In 1940 he budded the tree with five varieties of paper-shelled pecans. This year all five varieties are bearing well. The clusters are so heavy that many of the limbs broke under the weight.

With the co-operation of a furniture store at Crosbyton, about 35 members of seven Crosby county 4-H clubs recently gave an exhibition of their work. Tables occupying the central floor space of the store displayed canned food, aprons, dresses, blouses, embroidery, shoe shine kits, sewing and first aid kits, wall plaques, recipe files, quilts, tied and dyed scarves, and many other articles, says County Home Demonstration Agent Ruth W. Marshall.

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Milk from Texas' 1,425,000 milk cows is one of the country's great wartime assets, according to the Milk Industry Foundation. Last year Texas produced 2,041,000,000 quarts of milk and the cash income was \$90,481,000.

The crop reporting board of the Agriculture Department foresees an all-time record harvest for 1944. Production of practically all kinds of farm products is up and the yield per acre is higher than any year with the exception of 1942. More acreage is in cultivation than any year since 1932.

The U. S. Cotton Field Station at Greenville, and the Texas Blackland Experiment Station at Temple, have been working on the cotton root rot problem, which is one of the causes of the declining cotton yields in South Texas. The experiments have shown that by growing Hubam clover or other legumes and applying phosphate where needed, the percentage of cotton dying on the fields has been reduced from as high as 75 per cent to as low as 3 per cent.

Twelve-year-old Claud Edd Brice is believed to be the champion cotton picker of Hopkins county. The 69-pound boy picked 355 pounds of cotton in one day. He has earned enough money to pay for his clothing and has over \$100 in the local bank.

F. L. Muse, negro county agent of Polk county, has organized groups of negro farmers in ten different communities to meet and discuss problems. Crop production and livestock have been the main topics. Main purpose of the organization is the improvement of farm practices to produce more feed and to increase the yield on fewer acres of land.

Jeanette Metzger, member of the Converse girls' 4-H club of Bexar county, is an inspiring leader, says Irene Cromatsky, assistant county home demonstration agent. She has been selected as the 1944 Gold Star nominee from her club and county 4-H club council chairman. At a recent 4-H club exhibit her products ranked first and she received blue ribbons in clothing, canned products and baked products.

Contributing to wartime food crops, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koenig, of Montgomery county, produced a large farm garden, raised and sold 40,000 broilers, grew feed for livestock, kept a flock of poultry producing, and took a leading part in civic betterment. They have a son in the armed forces overseas and a son and daughter in defense work.

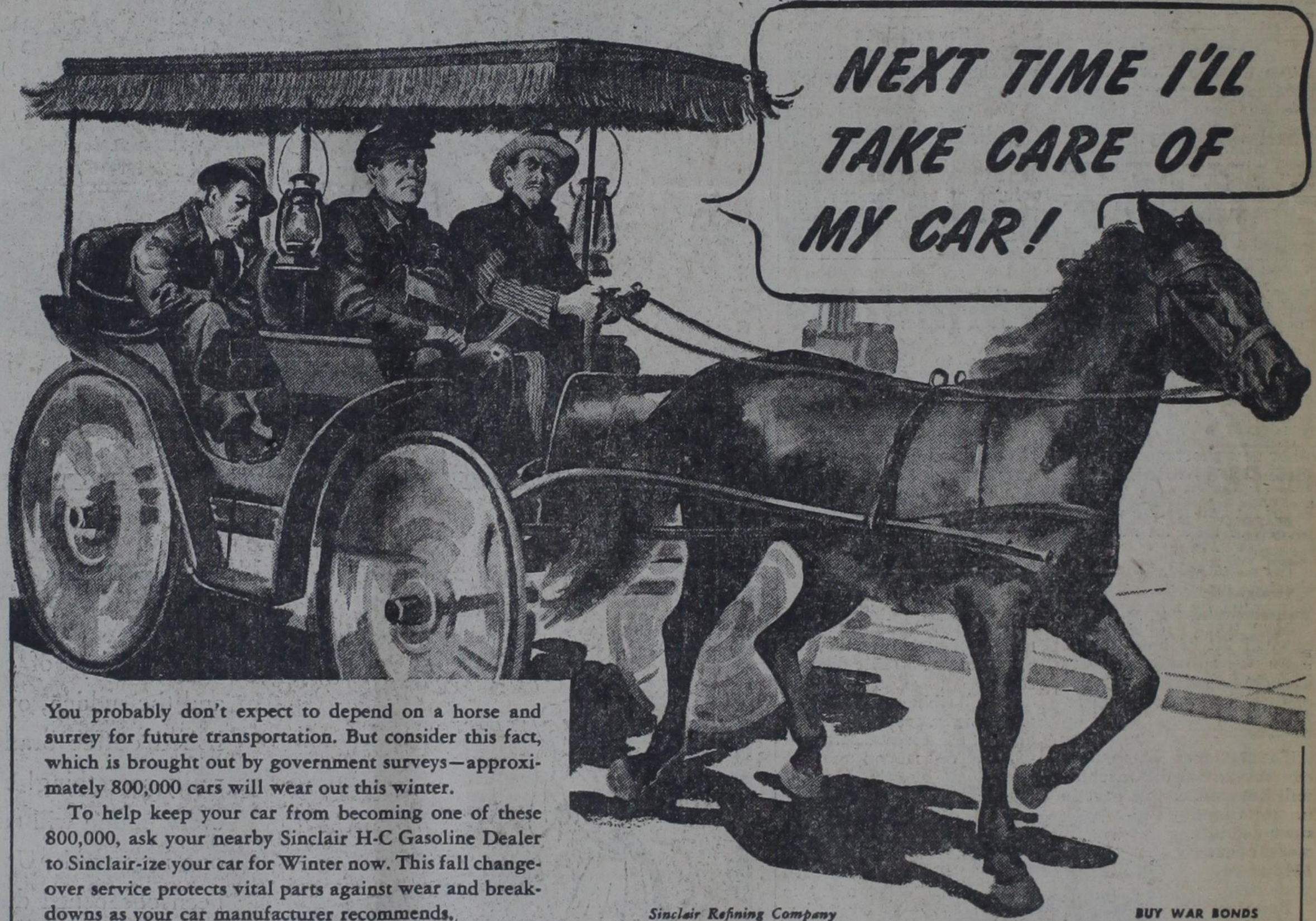
During 1944 County Agricultural Agent W. B. Hooser enrolled 614 boys and 329 girls in 16 4-H clubs and reports "one of the most successful years in the history of Hall county club work." A total of 245 boys are demonstrating with swine; 168 had gardens; 79 beef calves; 174 chickens; 29 cotton; 15 milo and two in goats. Among the girls, 323 had gardens; 67 poultry; 105 swine; 39 beef calves; four cotton, and 10 milo. All demonstrations started were completed successfully, Hooser says.

All of the food served at a luncheon given by the McCamey Garden Club, (Upton county), was raised by the members.

Texas bees will produce 6,148,000 pounds of honey this year, according to a U. S. Department of Agriculture report. A four per cent increase in the number of 1944 bee colonies was more than offset by the lower yields per colony.

Beryl Elliston, pioneer reator, and Fred H. Barrett, successful potato farmer, both of Deaf Smith county will tour Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California this fall to sell the possibilities of their county to farmers of those States. Moving pictures and literature showing advantages of the county will be distributed. Barrett grew potatoes in Idaho for 30 years prior to moving to Hereford in 1940.

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The National Safety Council reports that 14,430 persons have been killed in traffic accidents in this country since January 1, 1944, an increase of six per cent over the 1943 period.

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Our Boys and Girls

SANTA CLAUS' REPLY TO BOBBY'S LETTER

By ANTHONY WETZEL (Detroit Free Press)

Just before each Christmas little boys and girls write many letters to Santa Claus. One letter Santa received last Christmas from a little boy, named Bobby Brown, was so unusual that he answered it. Here is Bobby's letter and Santa's reply:

"DEAR SANTA: I am a little boy and the only thing I want for Christmas is to have brother home for Christmas. My mother and I are sick. My brother joined the marines and he was there a long time and they never give him a fourlough yet. I am asking you to bring him home for Christmas and I will pay you back everything as soon as I go to work. A merry Christmas and happy New Year. Thank you.

"BOBBY BROWN."

DEAR BOBBY: I guess your big brother must be quite a guy, because you have to be quite a fellow to get into the marines. You have to be strong and tough and brave enough to do your job in spite of the most terrible risk in all this world.

I think I know what your brother would be doing if he'd had the chance to get home for Christmas. He'd be trudging through the stores, looking impatiently for presents good enough for your mom and you. And when Christmas morning came and you rushed downstairs to see what Santa has brought in the night, he'd just stand there sort of awkward and shy, but grinning as wide as could be, and with a light shining out of his eyes.

Brother won't be home for Christmas, but just between you and me, Bobby, he's not neglecting you a bit. The military address you scrawled on the back of your note indicates that brother is in a mighty important outfit. He's in the marine amphibian command. And even as I write this he may be setting out with his buddies across the Pacific to get something for you a lot more precious than Christmas toys.

Just the other day there was a big story in the paper about a lot of brave lads just like your brother. They marched away to camp, just as he did, and they went through hard weeks and months of training. And when they were ready, they sailed across the Pacific and they went to work on their big job.

It was the toughest job you ever heard of in your life, Bobby. There was this little island of Tarrawa, circled by reefs of rocky coral. And back of the reefs, and back of the beaches, were thousands of little yellow Japs with rifles and machine guns and mortars.

When the marines moved toward the beaches in their landing boats the bullets fell thick as rain and every bullet was a screaming messenger of death. Half way to the beaches, the coral stopped the landing boats, and the marines plunged into the sea and fought their way on, up to their necks in the sea. Those who kept on living made the beach, and they took it away from the Japs, and after a hard fight they took the whole island.

They paid for the island, and it makes you sick inside to think of the price they paid, but it was something they had to do. There are many more islands, and your brother, and thousands of other brothers and sons and fathers won't be able to come back until that job is done.

These aren't pleasant things to tell a little boy, but your brother, and all the other brothers, are going through those things for you. They're fighting to bring you back a shining thing called a birthright. That's a clumsy, awkward word for a little boy, but it means all the precious things that make your own little boy's world the way it is. It means your chance to grow up strong and fearless and free ... to be useful and happy and secure in all your life as an American.

I guess that birthright of yours has a lot to do with the spirit of the Blessed Babe who was born on this Christmas Day we're soon to celebrate. He came into a world tortured by oppression and hatred and violence, and He preached a new sort of living, ruled by faith and glorified by the warmth of God's own charity.

Somehow the men who founded our nation ... who gave you your birthright ... managed to build much of His blessed teaching into their design for democracy ... for government by the Golden Rule. The Child who was born on Christmas in Bethlehem grew to manhood, and He died a horrible death as the price of that birthright He gave us. But He lives on in glory. You can find Him in the heart of your brother, and of every man who offers himself unselfishly for that birthright.

And I think you can find the reflection of His shining glory in the lives, and in the memory of all the patriots down the years who fought for the rights of humanity. As I grow older I suspect that men who have lost, or never won, that selfless love of God's freedom are worse than animals without any souls at all.

So don't fret, Bobby, because your big brother won't be home for Christmas. He's doing a man's job ... a patriot's job ... and on Christmas Day your pride in him should shine as bright as the lights on the Christmas tree.

It isn't that he wouldn't want to be coming home. Those lads out there love what they're fighting for, and they're sick for the sight of home and the warmth of mom's soft arms and dad's grin and your own wistful smile. They're so sick for the things of home that the sight of a letter fills their eyes with tears and memories of many Christmases abide in their hearts.

They want to come back. Only those lads and the God of Battle know how terri-

bly they want to come back. But they're sticking with the job till it's done.

We've got a job to do here at home, and maybe in this lonely Christmastide, we ought to kneel before the God of freedom ... and rededicate ourselves to that job ... for now and always!

Yours affectionately,
SANTA CLAUS.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

American boys and girls sometimes go through a lifetime of Christmases without giving much thought to the origin of some of the joyful customs and symbols of the holiday season.

Tree

One version of the first Christmas tree is that it originated with Martin Luther, early in the sixteenth century, in Germany. Walking the hills on Christmas Eve, Luther was so deeply impressed with the beauty of the holy night that he resolved to typify its beauty for his children. He cut down a small evergreen, took it home and hung candles from it to represent the stars. Another tradition carries it back to St. Boniface in Germany's pagan era.

Santa Claus

As we know him, Santa Claus is derived from the Dutch "San Nicolaas," who in turn was patterned after the legend surrounding St. Nicholas, an early bishop of Myra. St. Nicholas says the legend established the custom of surprise Christmas gifts by making a secret bestowal of marriage dowries upon the three daughters of an impoverished nobleman.

Mistletoe

Hanging mistletoe is of Celtic and Teutonic origin. These peoples in ancient days thought mistletoe, hung in the house, would prevent sickness and misfortune. In England it was regarded as an offering to love and fertility. Later it simply became a Christmas time festive symbol which gave a young man the privilege of kissing any girl he caught standing under the sprig. Mistletoe is a parasite shrub found on many trees.

Cards

Good wishes at Christmas time were sent in letter form until almost midway in the nineteenth century. About 100 years ago an English painter was too busy to write to all his friends. Instead he painted a greeting, had it lithographed and sent out copies. Wealthy Londoners heard about it and soon were doing the same. Christmas cards of today are the result of the first greeting card sent out by this Englishman.

Carols

Christmas music traditionally goes back to 1223, when St. Francis, at Greccio, Italy, tried to portray the first Christmas to his flock. He presented a playlet which contained songs full of the human pathos of the Nativity, written by Franciscan monks. Later, members of the Franciscan order took their songs to England, where wandering minstrels picked them up. It soon became the practice for children to sing carols for candy and cookies.

HOW IT STARTED

With the newsprint shortage what it is and space at a premium, it is imperative to resist the temptation to write an extended explanation for the use of Xmas for Christmas and go all out to make it short. Compressing the facts, therefore, "x" here marks the spot of Christ.

It is, that is to say, a symbol of the cross or Christcross, an abbreviation which suggested itself readily in the religious minded sixteenth century because it resembled the Greek letter chi, the first letter of the Greek word for Christ.

The earliest use of the abbreviated form Xmas dates from 1551, in the work "Illustrated British History" by E. Lodge.

CHRISTMAS TRICKS FOR 'TEENS

ON THE BALL—We're referring to those glistening Christmas tree balls which are just as gay around your neck, strung on ribbon, as they are on the tree. And try the very tiny ones as earrings at the big Christmas party.

STAR DUST—Sprinkle some of that Christmas tree snow on your hair, just before the big party. Not enough to make you look like a walking White Christmas, but just a touch to put iridescent lights on your topknot. Think how you'll glisten when they dance with the lights out!

SPREAD GOOD CHEER—Buy some red and green sequins at the dime store or (Continued top next column.)



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trimming counter and embroidered "Merry Christmas" in them across the front of a sweater. You can always rip them out when Christmas is over, but think of the fun you'll have wearing your greetings during Christmas week!

SANTA CLAUS GROUP

To make sure Christmas comes to the orphans of the State, including children whose families have been broken by war, a benevolent legislature created the Oklahoma Santa Claus Commission. With only \$1,500 to spend annually from State legislative appropriations, the group finds that private donations usually boost the sum to more than \$5,000.

The commission has a special place in its heart for youngsters from war-torn families.

"It's only natural," said Mrs. Warren Fountain in the group's toy-stacked headquarters, "that we'll make every effort to see that such children get what they order in their letters."

Mrs. Fountain, secretary of the agency, organized in 1937, said hundreds of letters are received by a three-man commission which plays Santa Claus. Last year the group's money went for gifts of clothing, toys, and candy to 3,354 children living in orphanages in Oklahoma.

Most popular gift for girls? Perfume, says Mrs. Fountain.

BOTTLE NOTE DELIVERED AFTER 29 YEARS AFLOAT

In one of the most amazing circumstances of its kind, a bottle tossed overboard in the Pacific Ocean by a sailor was washed ashore near Norfolk, Va., 29 years later, and the note which it contained delivered to the person who wrote it—a resident of Norfolk.

Charles B. Bernard drop-

ped the bottle over the side of the U. S. S. Maryland, October 6, 1915, when the ship was enroute from Hawaii to San Francisco. He had written on a slip of paper, "If this note is ever found please send it to C. B. Barnard, 221 W. 17th St., Norfolk, Va." Recently Bernard received a telephone call telling him that J. H. Walden had picked up the bottle on the beach near his cottage. The bottle contained a cork stopper with a metal screw top outside, which was taped and sealed. The paper within was slightly discolored.

BLOOD PLASMA BY AIRPLANE

Every day transport planes cross the Atlantic flying whole blood directly to Paris for transfusions to wounded soldiers, sometimes within 24 hours after it is given by donors. Distribution could be compared with local milk deliveries as to bottling and speed of delivery. Shipments currently amount to 750 pints, weighing about one and three-quarters tons.

Before the inauguration of this policy, whole blood was obtained from military personnel abroad. The emphasis on whole blood does not affect the urgency of need for blood plasma, but the red blood cells removed in plasma preparation are the oxygen carriers without which a severely bleeding man cannot live no matter how much fluid is given to him.

Brig.-Gen. Fred W. Rankin, chief consultant in surgery to the Army's surgeon general, says that in cases of severe shock and bleeding with advanced anemia, and where emergency operation is necessary, whole blood is essential in the preservation of life.

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SOUND THE MERRY BELLS OF YULE

Again, through our troubled and tragical era, sound the merry, merry bells of yule. There is a miracle of wonder in the recurrence of Christmas. The dark shadow of war, the humming drive of war industries and the stores full of eager shoppers bring neither failure nor fear to this happiest of holidays. For hundreds of years Christmas has been celebrated in war and peace, in hut and palace. It has serenely weathered the rigors of Puritan attack and the cynicism of modern paganism. Business as usual may exploit it, but Christmas in turn subdues business. Christmas belongs to the ages, and Time has laid no withering hand upon its spirit. Men pass, dynasties disappear, nations decay; but the rule of Christmas still holds sway in the human heart.



This is the big year for the "little" gift, the small remembrance that is chosen with thoughtfulness and wrapped with care, that actually pays the recipient the subtle compliment of implying that her yardstick of gift appreciation is not marked off in dollars and cents. You may have reasons this year for spending less for your gifts—spending less in money, that is. You'll probably end up by expending more in spirit, and in turn warming far more than usual the heart of the person at whose feet you lay the small gift that is loving. You'll find the small, sweet remembrance in abundance this year. The single lipstick, the soap figuring, the single dram of perfume, the jar of cream, the pretty shaker of fine talc can testify in a big and tenderful way.

SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH CHILDREN AND FRIENDS

By now you have, probably, completed your Christmas shopping and have the gifts wrapped. Now you can devote your attention to culinary duties and to trimming the tree. Perhaps, having whipped yourself up to an artificial excitement about Christmas for the children, you now sit down with slumped emotions and look at the day with reality. No daddy to help trim the tree. No one to enjoy the delicacies you may prepare. Children are indifferent alike to sacrifice and efficiency. They take both for granted. This is the moment to think about for persons in a like situation. If there are no daddies, no relatives or grandparents to make the day a happy one, then there must be friends or acquaintances who face a like bleak one. Pool your Christmas trees, your dinners and your fun and have a day that will wipe out lonesomeness and sorrow from another's heart—and incidentally your own.

As this is a day for the children, let them enjoy some of the responsibilities. Everyone knows, but does not practice the knowledge, that it's more fun to do than to watch someone else doing. In parents' unselfish desire to give the children happiness and a surprise, they grab all the fun of tree trimming, and leave the children on the outside as restless spectators. If time hangs heavily for the children, they could do some of the trimmings for the tree. Let them rub paste over the angel dolls of stars and sprinkle them with silver dust. Let them string cranberries or string their own bright beads to be hung on branches that need some weight and a touch of color. We're all having homey Christmases, simple days with gatherings relatives, pot luck meals in many cases and as much happiness as we can cram into the day. My wish for all of you, the happy and the heavy-hearted is "A Merry Christmas."

GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN

Games you remember from childhood are still as popular as ever. Musical chairs can be played, using either a phonograph or piano. The Farmer in the Dell has as much appeal as ever. And pinning the whiskers on Santa Claus will delight everyone. Each child is blindfolded when his turn comes. He is turned around by the shoulders three times at a distance of five feet from the picture. Then he is free to pin the whiskers where he guesses they belong. Singing Christmas songs can be lots of fun if the adult leading the songs is gay and lets the children suggest the ones they would like. And, as always, children like to make lists of the things they want for Christmas. When each has been given a paper and pencil, let them have three minutes to make out their lists. The one with the longest list without repeats should be the winner.



And, of course, a grab bag would delight them. An old pillow case would be good to hold the favors. These can be crayons, hair combs, small tin of paints, paper cut-outs, tiny dolls or autos. These need not be wrapped separately. The children won't care, and the wrappings will clutter up the floor and favors may be lost. Allow time for free-play—that is, when there isn't any planned game. This will come best after the grab bag. Then they'll want time to see what each got, and try out their own favor. But don't feel that there must be a grab bag with favors. The children will have a grand time just given refreshments and time to play with their little friends. Pies made with unpeeled apples, sliced thin, need 25 per cent less sugar, since much of apples' high sugar content lies near the skin.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Crown Roast of Pork, Glazed Apples
Have butcher prepare a rib section of two pork loins to make a crown roast. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place ribs down in a roasting pan or if ribs must be placed upward, wrap them in paper to prevent burning. Roast in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., allowing 30 minutes per pound. When meat is thoroughly cooked, stand on platter, garnish rib ends with paper frills, and fill center with candied sweet potatoes and apples.

Inexpensive Fruit Cake
This recipe never fails. One pound dark brown sugar, 1 package seedless raisins, 3 tablespoons shortening, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons nutmeg, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 2½ cups boiling water. Boil together for eight minutes, then let cool. When cool add 4 cups flour, 3 tablespoons baking powder, 1½ teaspoons baking soda. Cook in a slow oven in a well-greased pan. For extra special occasions add a few walnuts and cherries and a can of cut-up citron and lemon peels that only cost 10 cents a can.

Mincemeat Pudding
1½ cups sifted flour 1 cup unsweetened fruit juice
¼ teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ cup sugar 1 cup light brown sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder 1 tablespoon butter or substitute
1 cup mincemeat 1 cup milk
Mix and sift together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt. Add milk and mincemeat. Mix until flour disappears and pour into greased nine-inch square pan. Combine remaining ingredients, bring to the boiling point and pour over pudding. Bake uncovered in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for one hour. Serve hot or cold with cream or hard sauce. Serves eight.

Cranberry Chiffon Pie
"The holiday season just wouldn't seem quite right without cranberries," writes Mrs. Margaret Hiemenz from Buffalo, New York. "This pie has always been my family's special Christmas treat. We call it Cranberry Chiffon."
2 cups of cranberries
½ cup water
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
¼ cup cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ cup whipping cream
Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon gelatin
"Cook berries in water until skins pop open. Put through sieve and add egg yolks which have been beaten with half the sugar. Cook until thickened. Add gelatin



which has been softened in cold water, and the salt and lemon juice. Allow this to cool and fold in the egg whites, whipped stiff with the remaining sugar. Put in a baked pie shell and chill until firm. Spread the top with whipped cream just before serving.

Christmas Cookies
"Here is the recipe for a Christmas cookie that my mother taught me to make," writes Mrs. Weldon Elwell, of Danbury, Connecticut. "It yields about 70 small cookies."
½ pound cream cheese
½ pound margarine or shortening
½ pound flour
Pinch of salt.

"Cut in shortening as in pie pastry, until able to handle. Roll out on floured board and cut in desired shapes and fill, sealing the edges, with this mixture:
½ pound nut meats (peanuts, pecans, walnuts or hickory nuts)
1 tablespoon melted butter
¼ pound of honey
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon.
"Bake until honey-colored brown in a 325 or 350-degree oven. The longer they stand the better they taste."

Cranberry Salad (Serves 6)
1 envelope plain un-flavored gelatin ½ teaspoon salt
1¼ cups water ½ cup tangerine, or orange sections, halved
2 cups cranberries ¼ cup chopped celery
1 cup sugar (or less, to taste) ¼ cup chopped nuts
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Soften gelatin in ¼ cup of the cold water. Cook cranberries in remaining water until tender. Stir in sugar and cook five minutes. Add softened gelatin, salt, and lemon juice and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Strain and cool. When mixture begins to thicken, fold in tangerine, or oranges, celery and nuts. Turn into individual molds that have been rinsed out in cold water first. Chill. Unfold on lettuce and serve with mayonnaise.

NOTE: May be molded in ring mold and chicken or crab salad piled in the center.

Tip for breakfast on Christmas morning: Griddle cakes fried in bacon fat to a golden brown and served with apple slices sauteed in the same fat.

A holiday sweet that's good for children consists of prunes, steamed just enough to soften, pitted, stuffed with nuts and rolled in a bit of sugar.

Here's a grand Gebhardt Treat!



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3 bouillon cubes ¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup boiling water ¼ teaspoon Gebhardt's Chili Powder
1 pint lemon gelatine ¼ cup green peas
¼ cup cold water 6 deviled eggs
¼ cup tomato juice ¼ cup carrot, cooked
1 tablesp. minced onion ¼ cup carrots, cooked

Dissolve bouillon cubes and gelatine in boiling water; add cold water, tomato juice, minced onion, salt. Pour thin layer in bottom of 1 large mold or 6 individual; chill until firm. Chill remaining gelatine until thick but not firm. Sprinkle firm gelatine with GEBHARDT'S Chili Powder; arrange stuffed eggs; cover with thin layer of gelatine; layer of green peas; another layer of gelatine; a layer carrot; fill mold with rest of gelatine. Chill until firm. Serve on crisp lettuce with mayonnaise. See above illustration.

★ This is but one of the many famous recipes from Gebhardt's new 48-page recipe book "Mexican Cookery for American Homes." It FREE! Just mail post card to Gebhardt's Chili Powder Co., 109 S. First St., San Antonio 7, Texas, for a free copy of this book.

The original Quiz Kid might well be 70-year-old John W. Cooper, who has just retired after 53 years of service as information bureau clerk at Grand Central Terminal in New York City. During that time he answered 7,000,000 questions for confused travelers.

DOES YOUR HOME INVITE ACCIDENTS

Home should be the safest, happiest place in the world, but is it? Surprising as it seems, the yearly toll of accidents in the home is second only to that caused by automobiles. Many of these accidents could be prevented by a little forethought.

Are your stairways well-lighted, kept free from litter, and equipped with sturdy hand-rails? Are the steps in good repair with no sagging or broken boards?

Provide a place for the children's toys and see that all toys are put away before the youngsters are put to bed. Shoes and all other clothing should be picked up off the floor.

Arrange the furniture so as to give clear passage through the room. Label all bottles of poison plainly and stick a pin in the cork of each so they may easily be identified if someone is rummaging around in the dark.

Piles of papers, oily rags and junk should be cleaned out of attic and cellar. These might easily start a fire. Defective plugs and wiring are also fire hazards. Better have the wiring checked to make sure there are no faulty connections.

Throw rugs create their share of accidents, too. See they are anchored with non-slip material or rubber rings so none will slip on them. If you have been careless

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NATIONAL 3-MINUTE OATS

THE BREAKFAST THAT STANDS BY YOU!

about these things in the past and nothing has happened, that's fine. But you never know just when your luck may run out.

AIRLINE BUSES

The bus industry proposes to establish scheduled helicopter-bus air service operating between bus stations in downtown sections of approximately 1,000 cities and towns, and between nearby towns, Agnew E. Larsen, president of RotaWings Inc., reported recently to the transportation and mainten-

ance meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Numerous applications have already been made to the Civil War Board for certificates of operation for helicopter-bus service by the nation's leading motor coach lines.

The engineering of helicopter buses, Mr. Larsen stated, is moving at a pace which should assure the operators and the public of a reasonably wide choice of air-buses. He cited the work of Igor Sikorsky, Platt LePage and Bell Aircraft.

★ THINGS THAT MEAN A LOT THESE DAYS ★

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Christmas . . . 1944

A business mission carried this reporter into the home of a local couple, who have shared more than 40 Christmases together.

But this Christmas finds them alone, just as hundreds of other couples and service wives in our county find themselves at this season, with their children and grandchildren scattered to all points of the globe.

"Christmas, the season of joy, brings its sadness to our hearts," the father offered, "for it always brings back to our minds the memories of our boy . . . he always took such an active part in our Christmas plans."

The reporter understood, for it was only a few months ago that one son came to a tragic end. The other son now married, lives in a distant city and finds it impossible to be home for Christmas.

"But Christmas always brings us joy," said the father, as he arose and led the way to the living room, where a small tree, dressed in all the glory and beauty of the festive season, was aglow with brilliant lights.

"We have always had a Christmas tree, when the children and our grandson were here with us, and we could not stand the thought of giving up the custom this year . . . it means so much to us," the mother offered, as she stood admiring the tree that feeble hands had lovingly arranged.

And so, as Christmas approaches, this devoted couple, although heavy-hearted over the tragic experiences through which they have been called to pass, make their plans for observing the Yuletide season with joyfulness and thanksgiving.

Few homes in our community and throughout the land will not have vacant chairs around the family fireside this Christmas. No one would suggest that these should not bring heartaches. But Christmas time is a time for rekindling our hopes. It is a season for stronger devotion to the cause of the Prince of Peace.

Sudan Seed Deadline Extended To Feb. 1st

The closing date for making 1944 sudan seed loans has been extended to February 1, 1945, provided the producer has made application for a loan prior to January 1, according to information received at the Parmer County AAA office.

Little enough time is left in December for the filing of loan applications, which can be accepted even though returns from a sample have not been received, Ellis M. Mills pointed out.

The closing date of the loan does not affect the acreage payment for harvesting sudan seed. This payment will be made on all acreage reported as harvested prior to January 15, even though yield and purity evidence is delayed.

More Sudan in Samples

Since the local office received notice to send all sudan samples to the Amarillo Grain Exchange for analysis, Mills has been notified by telephone that many of the samples submitted were too small for a good test.

In cases where the loan is not desired on the 1944 crop, a purity or "clean-out" certificate can sometimes be obtained from local grain dealers which will serve as acceptable evidence of purity for purposes of the acreage payment.

A number of grain sorghum samples submitted lately have shown moisture in excess of the 13 percent allowed for farm storage loans.

"We will go to Hot Springs for the winter, and plan to come back in the spring," Mr. Beckman said this week, indicating they had no plans beyond that. They are among Parmer County's finest citizens and their loss will be keenly felt.

haste to beat the deadline. If a sample is turned down, the applicant will have to pay an additional fee of \$3 to have another taken and submitted.

Don't Take Samples at Home

Mills requests that producers refrain from attempting to sample their own grain sorghums for loan purposes. Since they rarely bring in enough grain for a test, and since they do not have the grain probes or moisture-proof bags required for proper sampling, it would be much better if they would make application at the Farwell office and wait until the grain loan inspector can do this work properly.

It is the responsibility of the grain producer to level the grain in each bin to be sampled in order that the inspector can make accurate measurements of depth. The number of loans anticipated after New Year's will make it impossible for the inspector to take the time required for the work, Mills believes.

BECKMANS LEAVE SOON FOR HOT SPRINGS, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckman, one of the pioneer families of Parmer County, are making arrangements to leave their farm nine miles northeast of here shortly after the first of the year for Hot Springs, N. M., where they will spend the winter.

They sold their home place some months ago to Crump Melugin, with possession to be given on January 1, 1945. They are retaining a section of unimproved wheat land northwest of Bovina and plan to return here next year to harvest the crop.

The Beckmans came to Parmer County 23 years ago, and have lived on the same place since that time. They are natives of Sweden, and paid their childhood home a visit a few years ago.

WAR BOND QUOTA NEAR

Churches Outline Christmas Programs

Austrian-Born Parmer County Farmer Has Interesting Career

By ABIE CRUME

Still speaking with the guttural accent of the "old country", J. F. Pesch, who came to America from Moravia, Austria, 57 years ago last October 4th, was tempted into reminiscing Sunday by an inquiring reporter.

Despite a leg injury back in 1920, which has left him using a cane since, Mr. Pesch is spry around the family farm, which is located between Bovina and the New Mexico state line on the 80-foot road, and belies the fact that he is 80 years old with his interests and remarkable memory.

At 23, Pesch came to this country for the main and simple reason that he didn't want to be recalled into the Austrian infantry, he revealed. "I'd had a three-year hitch, was discharged, then got my recall papers and didn't want to go back," he admitted.

Cleverly figuring out that the Germans would refuse to let him past the border if he appeared to be on more than a vacation, Pesch told inspectors that he was going to visit relatives "about a week", showing his discharge as proof that he was not deserting—but failing to mention that he was up for recall—and, to aid in his ruse, bought a first-class train ticket to Breslow, Silicia, "riding on big comfortable seats" and spending most of his money in the process.

Feeling secure in Breslow, the Austrian went third-class the rest of the way to Bremen, Germany, where he secured passage for the United States at a cost of a little more than \$40 in American currency. Although he didn't mention that he was sea-sick on the trip, it was obvious from the story that Pesch recounted regarding his interview with the recruiting officer for the United States services in New York that the immigrant did suffer pangs from the malady.

No More Army

"The lieutenant asked me if I wanted a job, and I asked him, 'What kind of a job?' He said 'How about the Navy?' 'No,' I said, 'not the Navy—too much puking'. The lieutenant then asked if I'd join the Army and I told him the \$15, three hot meals (hot meals) and clothing sounded good, but I had come to America to get out of the Army and didn't want any more."

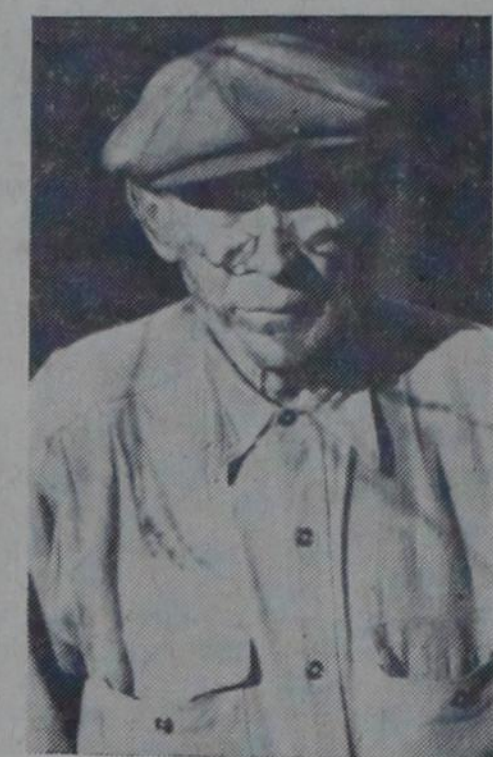
Jumping back to his experiences in the Austrian infantry, Pesch remarked that he worked up to Corporal, and drew the outstanding pay of 15c a day during his tenure as a member of the 4th battalion of the 100th Regiment of the infantry. "Privates got 5c, privates first class 10c, corporals 15c, and sergeants 35c a day," the elderly man reported, which hardly compares with the pay servicemen are drawing today.

"They don't have the fine salt over there like here," Pesch remembered, "you'd break off a piece, it was blue-colored, then pound it in a stump, and after you got your potatoes, boiled with the jackets on, you peeled it and dipped it in the salt." The Austrian army was fed mostly black coffee and rye bread, with a special allotment of "1/2-pint of rum when you were on guard."

Soldiers Swipe Food

Without rations one time when they entered a village, Pesch struck up an acquaintance with a resident and asked for food. The resident conferred with his wife, in Czech, about feeding the men, and the woman spat out, also in Czech, "We don't feed those Poles, don't give them nothing, let the Lord fill them up". In desperation, the men broke into a cellar which was dug back into the side of a hill, "got six loaves of bread and a wooden keg of cheese—cut the bread and cheese with bayonets and had our supper". Pesch went on to add that the conversation between the village couple the next morning when the theft was discovered was not complimentary to the visiting soldiers.

Docked at New York in 1887 with a total capital of two \$20 gold pieces and his clothing in one suitcase, (Continued on last page)



NOW IT CAN BE TOLD—After 57 years in this country, J. F. Pesch, pictured above, admits that his motive in coming to America was to escape recall into the Austrian army.

Induction Call For January Extra Heavy

While Selective Service regulations do not permit the announcement of the number of selectees to be ordered up for induction in any call it was no secret at the office of the local board here today that the January call was far in excess of all anticipations.

Selective Service has called for the induction of not less than 80,000 men throughout the nation during the month of January, and the Parmer county call, along with calls on other boards, has been hiked accordingly.

Board members expressed the fear today that the local board did not have enough men available in 1-A to fill the January quota, which is scheduled to depart early in the coming month. It was estimated that "about half" of the January induction call would be filled.

Likewise the pre-induction physical call for January is high, but there are enough selectees available to fill this call, it was stated.

EASON TO TEMPLE

Ed Eason has gone to Temple, Texas, to receive treatment at the Scott & White Hospital.

Moon and Star In Splendor

Some called it the Star of Bethlehem, others referred to it as the Star of the East, while to others it was just an most unusual Christmas star.

But all who beheld the celestial phenomena early Monday evening were unanimous in pronouncing it one of the most beautiful they had ever seen.

Accentuated by a cloudless deep blue sky, the moon at quarter stage and the planet Venus, passing the moon, formed a combination of splendor, which astronomers say won't happen again for the next several hundred years.

Christmas programs for the local Methodist and Baptist Churches were announced this week by Rev. Charles Walker and Rev. W. C. Wright.

The Baptist congregation will open the season, with a fellowship hour to be held at the church building on Saturday evening, December 23rd.

Rev. Wright announced that the informal program of Christmas carols and visiting would begin at 8 o'clock, and invited the general public to join in observance of the birth of Christ.

The Methodist Church, in connection with the regular Sunday morning service, will receive offerings for the Orphanage, at Waco. Special Christmas songs have been arranged for the worship hour.

"Ordinarily, we have this orphanage offering in an evening program," Rev. Walker said today, "but in view of the fact that Sunday is Christmas Eve, we are taking the offering at the morning hour."

On Christmas Eve at the Baptist Church, donations to the Orphanage at Portales will be made, along with an offering for foreign missions. This program will begin at 8:30 p. m., and Christmas carols are under the direction of Miss Peggy Schleuter.

A cordial invitation is extended by all local churches to all people who wish to observe Christmas in worship.

Oklahoma Lane Plans To Entertain Soldiers

Working in connection with the USO at Clovis and the Special Service branch of the Clovis Army Air Field, residents of the Oklahoma Lane community are laying big plans to entertain forty or more service men from the Clovis base for Christmas, it was announced today by Earl Roberts.

Churches of the community are cooperating in making a special weekend for the visitors, with the first of the entertainments to begin on Christmas Eve, when a fellowship lunch will be spread at the noon hour at the Methodist Church. In the afternoon, special Christmas services will be held in the Baptist Church, with a cordial invitation extended to the public.

Climaxing the day, the annual community Christmas tree and program will be held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock, complete with a visit from Santa.

Over 20 homes have wholeheartedly opened their home doors to keep the visiting soldiers Sunday night and Monday, for as long as the boys can stay. "We will put forth every effort to have a 'son' in each home that wishes one for the Christmas celebration," Roberts said today.

Transportation to and from Oklahoma Lane will be furnished by the Special Services department of the air base.

DIES IN CALIFORNIA

News has been received here of the death of B. C. Coffey, former Texico citizen, who passed away at Lockland, California, one day last week. He, with his family moved to California some years ago. For a number of years he was janitor at the Texico school.

The worlds' most renowned law-giver was Moses.

"It looks like the soldier boys are going to have to do the fighting and pay for the war, too!"

This was the emphatic indictment War Bond Chairman G. D. Anderson flung at the people of Parmer County, after revealing that servicemen in this county had purchased a total of \$5,000 worth of E bonds in the Sixth War Loan.

At the same time, he announced that Parmer County was "more than twenty thousand dollars" behind in its purchase of series E bonds during the drive. The sale of all other series has been met, he said, with final tabulations showing that purchases of all other series had amounted to \$180.00 in excess of the \$120,000 quota for the county.

"We will still sell our quota of E's during the month," Chairman Anderson said, as he revealed that purchase of E bonds made any time during the month of December would apply on the county quota.

"Bill Sherley and Willie Williams are really the boys who deserve credit for the showing we have made in the sale of E bonds . . . they have really worked," Anderson said as he praised the efforts of these two solicitors.

Figures released by the County Chairman today showed that total sales in E bonds had amounted to \$102,000 against a quota of \$125,000.

Texico Teachers Will Scatter For Holidays

Teachers at the Texico school, not to be outdone by students in making arrangements for an enjoyable Christmas vacation, have made plans to be with relatives and in general, enjoy themselves during the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arnold and daughter, Polly, will leave this weekend following the close of school for Sentinel, Oklahoma, to spend their vacation with Mrs. Arnold's mother, Mrs. Self.

Miss Viola Rodewald reveals that she will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Rodewald, at Logan, New Mexico, while Miss Mabel Davis will be a visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, at Mountainair, New Mexico.

Amarillo visitors will be Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Allman, who will be guests of Mrs. Mae Graham. Supt. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sanders expect to play stay-at-homes and will spend their vacation here.

NO CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the local Mens Club will not be held on Thursday evening of the week, as is the custom, C. M. Henderson, club president, announced today. "We are giving way to other Christmas programs and entertainments," he said.

Stores To Close On Christmas Day

A check-up here today revealed that most Texico-Farwell stores will be closed Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Quite naturally, all county offices will be closed, as will both local postoffices and the bank. In addition, other local firms will close their doors for the entire day.

Indications are that few local business places will be open during the day, and housewives are advised to do their Christmas dinner buying on aturday.

Committee Elections Interest Lags

Black—B. E. Roberson, chairman; Nelson Welch, vice chairman; Otey Hinds, regular member and Jim Barnett and O. B. Roberson, alternates. Delegates to a meeting which will name county committeemen were Willis Edelman, and Clyde Hays, as alternate.

Lazbuddy—Glen R. Dunn, chairman; Gordon Duncan, vice chairman; Henry Ivy, regular member; A. S. Howard and A. G. Thorn, alternates; Dunn, delegate, and N. C. White, alternate to county meeting.

South Friona—Otis Massey, chairman; Charlie A. Turner, vice chairman; Miles Robbins, regular member; Joe A. Pittman, and Lawney

D. Cannon, alternates; Otho W. Whitefield and Dudley Robason are delegate and alternate to the county meeting.

Rhea—T. F. Taylor, chairman; Cordie V. Potts, vice chairman; C. L. Calaway, member; J. F. Solomon, J. D. Stevens, alternates; Calaway, delegate, C. W. Dixon, alternate. teemen to serve with the AAA have been held in a number of Parmer county communities over the past week, but interest has been far below expectation, Ellis M. Mills, at the local office, said bluntly today.

Only at Rhea, where 14 of 21 registered voters attended, has there been any appreciable interest shown

in the elections Mills reported.

"These committeemen must be named by the farmers," he emphasized on Monday, pointing out that two communities did not have sufficient representation to name their committeemen when meetings were held last week. "Another election date will have to be set for these two places," he added "as we definitely are not going to take the responsibility of designating committeemen from this office."

Elections held Wednesday through Monday show the following men named:

Have you bought that bond today?

CHAIRMEN FOR MARCH OF DIMES APPOINTED

Forty-three prominent industrial and civic leaders have been appointed as State Chairman for the annual March of Dimes and will direct the fund-raising appeal of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, January 14-31, in their respective States, it was announced today by Basil O'Connor, Foundation president.

Although the infantile paralysis epidemic of 1944, with nearly 19,000 cases already reported, was the second largest in the recorded history of the disease in the United States, the nation was better prepared for the march of the cripple than ever before, through the generosity of the American people whose dimes and dollars helped to stem the tide of the mysterious poliomyelitis for which there is no known preventive and no cure, O'Connor pointed out.

Epidemic areas in 1944 included North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Polio also severely affected Tennessee, Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Mississippi, Connecticut and the District of Columbia.

Hon. Wm. L. Clayton, of Houston, has been re-named as chairmen for the 1945 drive in this state.

WACS GIVEN CHANCE TO SEE FOREIGN LANDS

Service in the Women's Army Corps has given many American women opportunity to visit distant lands which they might never have seen except as Wacs.

Many Wacs, for instance, are serving on the tropical island of New Guinea. Others are filling Army jobs in Hawaii, Australia, France, Italy, England, and North Africa.

Some of them live in barracks, others in tents; some have all the comforts of home, others share the hardships of the fighting men in Pacific outposts. The Wacs serving on New Guinea frequently have friendly natives as aides in their "house-keeping" duties.

In New Guinea, they operate busy Army switchboards, handle important Army records and correspondence, drive jeeps and trucks, operate weather stations, and even serve as mechanics.

Women between 20 and 50 years of age can secure full details about service with the WAC by visiting or writing the US Army Recruiting Station, 307 PO Bldg., Abilene.

ANIMAL SENSE?

A Chinese was worried by a vicious-looking dog, which barked at him in an angry manner.

"Don't be afraid of him," the owner said reassuringly, "You know the old proverb, 'A barking dog never bites!'"

"Yes," said the Chinese. "You know ploverb and me know ploverb, but does dog know ploverb?"

Tribune Job Printing Is Best

DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH CLEANING FLUIDS

If you must dry clean at home, linger long over the cleaning fluid labels, the National Safety Council warned today.

"Many lives are lost annually through home dry-cleaning accidents," Thomas Fansler, director of the Home Division of the National Safety Council, reports.

"Liquids used in dry cleaning at home are sometimes of a highly explosive nature. Even if a cleaner is marked 'non-explosive' it may still be inflammable. It is more efficient and safer to send clothes to a commercial cleaner, but if they are cleaned at home, three rules should be followed."

1. Dry-clean out of doors and keep children and pets at a distance. Besides the possibility of fire and explosion, the vapors also can be toxic.

2. Never rub clothes. A tiny spark from rubbing can cause a fatal explosion or fire.

3. Keep hands out of solvent. Use a stick or plunger to stir the clothes.

"If housewives remember those simple rules many accidents can be avoided," Fansler says.

TWO-TO-ONE

"I suppose the little wife will win all the arguments in your house?"

"No, only half of them."

"Oh, so you expect to win the other half?"

"No, but my mother-in-law will."

Christmas Cheer for Wounded Men



Plenty of good Christmas cheer fills the ovens at Halloran General hospital in Staten Island, N. Y. The pans containing turkey will contribute to the excellent Christmas dinner for the servicemen now bedded there.

WRONG ROOM

A celebrated comedian retired late on Saturday night. Soon he heard a scuffing in the corridor and a loud knock on the door. Opening it, he found a Saturday-night celebrant.

"Shorry," he mumbled thickly. "Wrong room." And he zigzagged down the hall.

Fifteen minutes later came another hard tap on the door. Again his intoxicated friend was there. "Sho sorry, ol' man," he said. "Wrong room." And he went away.

Twenty minutes later there he was again, murmuring apologies for "wrong room". By then the actor was furious, it took him all the blows from three matinees to get sleepy once more.

When at 3:30 he heard the familiar footsteps and knock on his door, he leaped out of bed, opened the door, and shouted: "Well?"

"Fevvensakes" cried the drunk, "do you have every room in this hotel?"

Death Valley in California is the hottest place in the United States.

SAVING STEEL

Paper, treated with resin and made tough enough to withstand rain, mud and snow, permits its use for making guards that protect heavy aerial bombs. Replacing the metal "wheels" formerly used, the paper guards save two hundred million pounds of steel annually—enough to build 3600 tanks.

IN THE BILLIONS

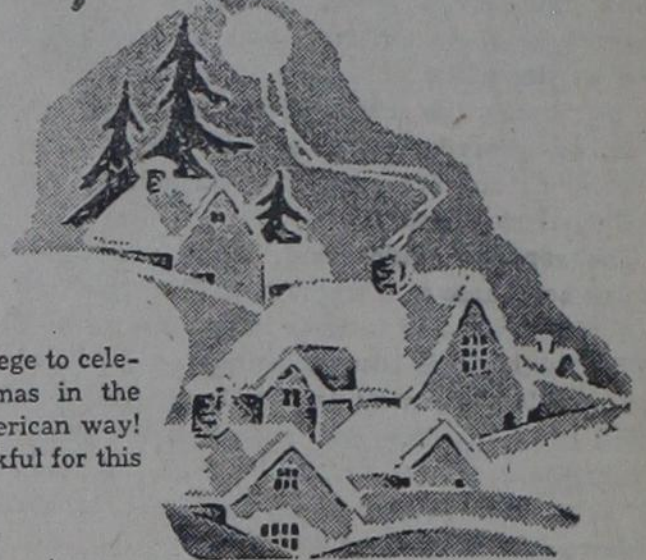
Before the war, the U. S. government's annual normal requirement for envelopes was in the neighborhood of 500 millions in varied sizes and kinds. Since Pearl Harbor, this figure has soared to nine billions a year for all of the various agencies, or 18 times as many.

Politeness is a small price to pay for the good will and affection of people.

Reindeer are not native to Alaska, having been imported by the American government from Lapland.

Merry Christmas

To You, and You!



It's our privilege to celebrate Christmas in the good old American way! Let's be thankful for this privilege.

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Throughout the Land At Christmastime

Please accept our sincere good wishes for the Yuletide Season.

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Mrs. Morgan Billington, Asst.



The Season of Christmas

EVER THAT SAME STAR

★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

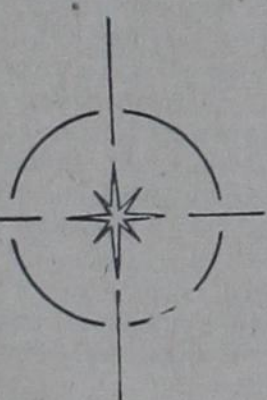
Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Merry Christmas!

Southern Union Gas Company

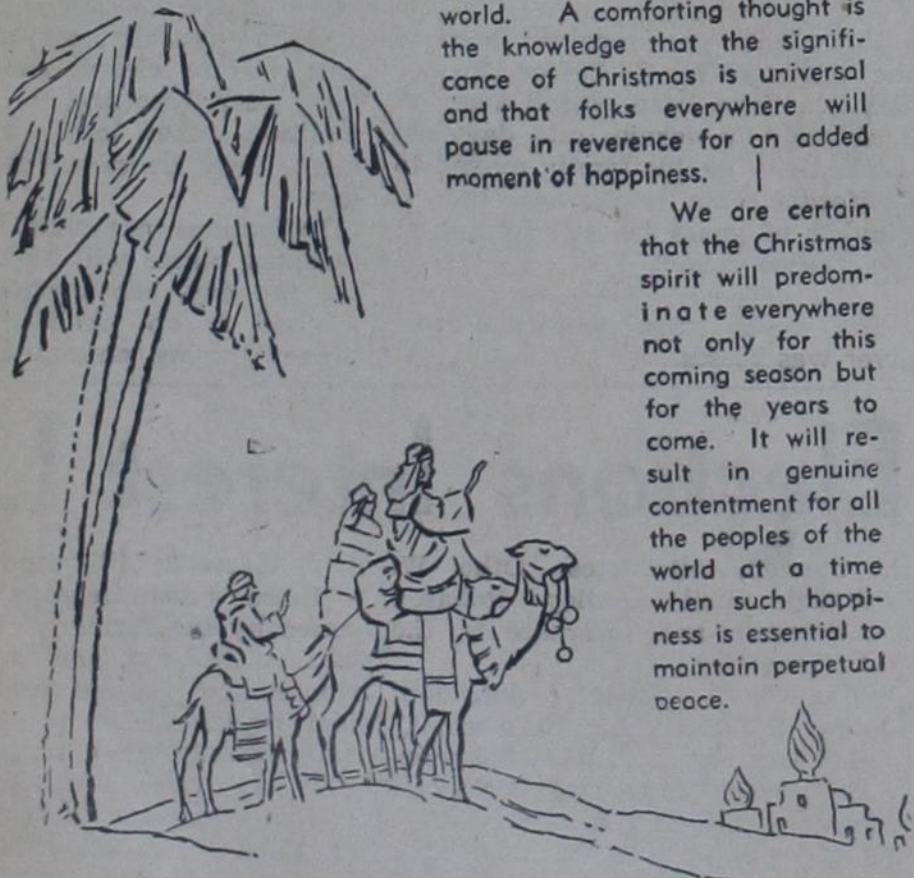
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THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



It is good to know that the star of Bethlehem shines brightly at Christmastime on those whom we love even though they may be scattered to far corners of the world. A comforting thought is the knowledge that the significance of Christmas is universal and that folks everywhere will pause in reverence for an added moment of happiness.

We are certain that the Christmas spirit will predominate everywhere not only for this coming season but for the years to come. It will result in genuine contentment for all the peoples of the world at a time when such happiness is essential to maintain perpetual peace.



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LEGAL NOTICES

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
TAX SUIT
NO. 1144
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To The Sheriff or Any Constable of Farmer County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon D. M. Whitley, R. N. Whitley, and Unknown Owner or Owners, and the Unknown Heirs of the said D. M. Whitley, and R. M. Whitley and of the said Unknown Owner or Owners of the hereinafter described land by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper in an adjoining county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 69 Judicial District of Farmer County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Frawell, Texas, on the Second Monday in January, A. D. 1945 then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 2nd day of December, 1944, in cause numbered 1144, wherein the State of Texas and the County of Farmer, of said State, are plaintiffs and D. M. Whitley, R. N. Whitley, and Unknown Owner or Owners and the Unknown heirs of the said D. M. Whitley and R. N. Whitley and of the said Unknown Owner or Owners of the hereinafter described land are defendants, and said plaintiffs have implemented THE FARWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, situated within the boundaries of Farmer County, Texas, taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:
That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1926 to

1943 inclusive for the following amounts, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$54.21 for State taxes and \$226.09 for County and District taxes, together with interest, penalties and costs allowed by law.

Said taxes are due upon the following described lands/ or lots: All of Lots Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-Eight (28), Twenty-Nine (29) and Thirty (30), out of Block Sixteen (16), in the original Town of Farwell, Farmer County, Texas, as shown by the recorded map of said town of record in the Deed Records of Farmer County, Texas. Reference to said record is here made for all purposes.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the town of Farwell, Farmer County, Texas, this the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1944.

(SEAL) D. K. ROBERTS,
Clerk of the District Court,
Farmer County, Texas.

Issued this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1944.
(SEAL) D. K. ROBERTS,
Clerk of the District Court,
Farmer County, Texas. 4-2tc

NO. 1143
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
DELINQUENT TAXES
THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FARMER,
WHEREAS, on the 11 day of October, A. D. 1944, THE STATE OF TEXAS plaintiff, and FARWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT impleaded Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Farmer County (for the 69 Judicial District of Texas) No. 1143 on the docket of said Court, against Harry R. Neal, Ed T. Massey, Waples Platter Grocer Co., Richard A. Tudor, and the Unknown Heirs of the said Harry R. Neal, Ed T. Massey and Richard A. Tudor and the Unknown Owner or Owners of the herein described land for the aggregate sum of \$414.49 Dollars for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6% per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Farmer County, Texas, on the 1st day of December, 1944, as directed by the terms of said judgment.

As Sheriff of said Farmer County, I have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in January, 1945, same being the 2nd day of January, 1945, at the courthouse door of said Farmer County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of Harry R. Neal, Ed T. Massey, Waples Platter Grocer Co., Richard A. Tudor and the Unknown Heirs of the said Harry R. Neal, Ed T. Massey, Richard A. Tudor and the Unknown Owner or Owners of the herein described land in and to the following described real estate levied upon the First day of December, 1944, as the property of said defendants.

Description:
Lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 (being 27 to 32 inclusive) of Block Seventeen (17) of the original Town of Farwell, Farmer County, Texas, as shown by recorded map or plat of said town of Farwell of record in the Deed Records of Farmer County, Texas. Reference to said record is here made for all purposes.
Amount Apportioned Against

Said Tract: \$414.49.
Subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or anyone interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or anyone interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs.

The proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.
EARL BOOTH, Sheriff,
Farmer County, Texas.
By: J. C. WILKISON, Deputy,
Farwell, Texas, 12-2-1944. 4-3tc

Wishing You

**A MULTITUDE
OF BLESSINGS**

May peace be with you at this great season of the year. We are mindful of the friendships and associations that have been ours during the past year and the splendid volume of business resulting from it. You have been most generous

and you have been extremely considerate in our efforts to supply your needs, and we are truly grateful. It is with these thoughts in mind that we wish you a multitude of good things at this Christmastide.

Goldsmith Produce Co.

FARWELL, TEXAS

No, sis, a second story man is not one who has another in case you don't believe the first.

**ARE YOU LEAVING
THE FARM?**

The quickest and most profitable way to dispose of your surplus livestock and farm machinery is by public auction.

Prices are good, money is plentiful and I can get you the top figure at an auction. Now is a good time to have a sale during the slack season.

Col. Dick Doshier,
Farwell, Texas.

It's Another



**American
Christmas**

From the times of our forefathers, America has enjoyed a traditional Christmas. It has always been and will always continue to be a festive season of good fellowship and good cheer. It is a time for remembering friends and loved ones, one to give thanks for those blessings which America enjoys.

Although our lives have been affected by circumstances and events within the past months, the spirit of Christmas remains unchanged. From the pleasures of the Yuletide season today we gain strength with which to meet the problems of tomorrow. From the thoughtfulness of those whom we hold dear, we obtain a sense of well being and a desire to create greater achievements.

The American Christmas must remain traditional regardless of conditions and events. It is our obligation to keep alive the glorious customs that have been the predominating factor of the American Christmas for many, many years.

Let us be happy and considerate of others this Christmas so that we may obtain the greatest enjoyment the season offers. This is our Christmas wish for you.

WARMEST GREETINGS

Kimbrow Drug Store

BOVINA, TEXAS



**CHRISTMAS
AND FRIENDS
GO HAND IN HAND..**

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

To you, our friends, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.



**This Sincere Greeting
From Your
County Officials**



LEE THOMPSON DAVID MOSELEY

County Judge and School Superintendent

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

EARL BOOTH

Sheriff—Assessor—Collector

F. T. SCHLENKER

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

D. K. ROBERTS

County and District Clerk

T. E. LEVY

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

ROY B. EZELL

County Treasurer

A. D. SMITH

County Attorney

O. M. JENNINGS

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

PIANO IS DONATED

An exquisite Chickering rosewood grand piano, brought to Texas in 1845 from Boston by Col. Rainey Fitzpatrick, has been presented to the Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus by his granddaughter, Mrs. F. C. Fox of Karnack, Texas. The piano and piano stool are of carved, highly-polished wood.

MEMORIAL IS PLANNED

An exhibit of architectural drawings which were entered in the competition for the 36th Division Memorial Museum, to be erected at Temple, are now on display in the architecture building at the University of Texas. The memorial has been planned for veterans of World Wars I and II.

St. Francis Was First To Popularize Custom Of Christmas Carols

St. Francis of Assisi is accredited as having been one of the first to popularize the custom of singing carols at Christmastime. He taught the faithful simple and tuneful melodies, and the saying goes that, overjoyed by the success attending his presentation of the first Christmas Crib in 1223, he burst into joyous vocal recitation of the gospel story.

Hymns in honor of the nativity were written as early as the 4th century, but these monotonous church chants neither properly nor musically ante-date our modern carols. Experimentation with modal and intervallic relationships during the 15th century, together with the folk songs and minstrelsy of the times, made definite contributions to the traditions and popularity of Christmas music.

Puritan England forbade public performance of carols; so for a while they traveled "underground" by word of mouth, and "broad sheets," printed annually, served to preserve the texts with a variance of accuracy.

When the restoration of English royalty voided the Roundhead Parliament's abolition of Christmas festivities, residents of colonial Boston placed lighted candles in their windows to welcome the Waits who, resuming the Old English tradition, went about the city singing carols on Christmas Eve:

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing."

Yule Happiness



A locomotive, railway gun and tank-in-transit—all made of wood—delight the heart of this young man. It was just what he needed for his war games.

Hawkers Bustle in Bethlehem at Xmas

In Bethlehem, the place of the Nativity, Christmas is also observed on January 6, and in peaceful years, it has one of the most picturesque of all celebrations. Tourists do not see in Bethlehem the reverence they logically expect to see. On the contrary, the most sacred spot in the Christian world on one of the most sacred days in the Christian year becomes a virtual fair-ground.

Sellers of miscellany cry their wares at the very door of the Church of the Nativity, built on the sight of the Manger. Hucksters of mother-of-pearl crosses hawk their goods among the throng of visitors. One-eyed beggars tell their tales of woe to would-be contributors while Moslems persuade pilgrims to buy bright-colored and sticky sweets brought from Damascus. In the throngs are Jews, hundreds of them.

The legend is that the Moslems left this church standing when they destroyed or converted all others in the Holy Land because of the legend of the Three Kings which was worked over the main door. When these Arabs saw the Arab-looking king bringing presents to the Infant Jesus they refrained from laying sacrilegious hands on the edifice built where He was born.

Red and Green Decorations

The use of green at Christmas time is understandable when it is recalled that the idea of decking churches, houses, shops, etc., centers around the use of evergreen. This custom antedates the Christian era and apparently is a survival of the Roman Saturnalia when inhabitants of Rome ornamented their temples and dwellings with green boughs.

Red, which is regarded as the most cheerful of all colors, is said to react most quickly on the optic nerve. Decorations available at the winter solstice include holly, the berries of which are red.

Bear Gifts

Angels, sent by the Christ Child, bring presents to Hungarian children—that is, if they have been good. They believe the angels are listening long before Christmas. If the youngsters happen to find bits of tinsel on the floor they are certain of it, as this is angels' hair.

Apple Custom

Apples play a great role in Christmas customs. In parts of England they are pared and the peeling, taken off in one spiral, is thrown over the left shoulder. Tradition has it that the peeling will form the initial of the person whom the parer is destined to marry.

USED AS LABORATORY

AUSTIN—Facilities of the University of Texas will be used as a laboratory for new experiments in drama, Lawrence Carra, acting director of the University's drama department, announced recently.

University theaters are the last "major source" for experimentation in drama, Carra believes, so American playwrights will be encouraged to submit new plays to the University of Texas. One play will be selected for production next spring.

VISITORS AT UNIVERSITY

Visitors to the Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus totaled 59,500 for the fiscal year ending August 31, Museum officials report. The majority of the visitors were servicemen.

We'd like to wish each of you all the Joys of the Christmas Season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends whom we have had the privilege of serving.

Texico Filling Station

H. L. DYKES, Oerator

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

It's An Old American Custom

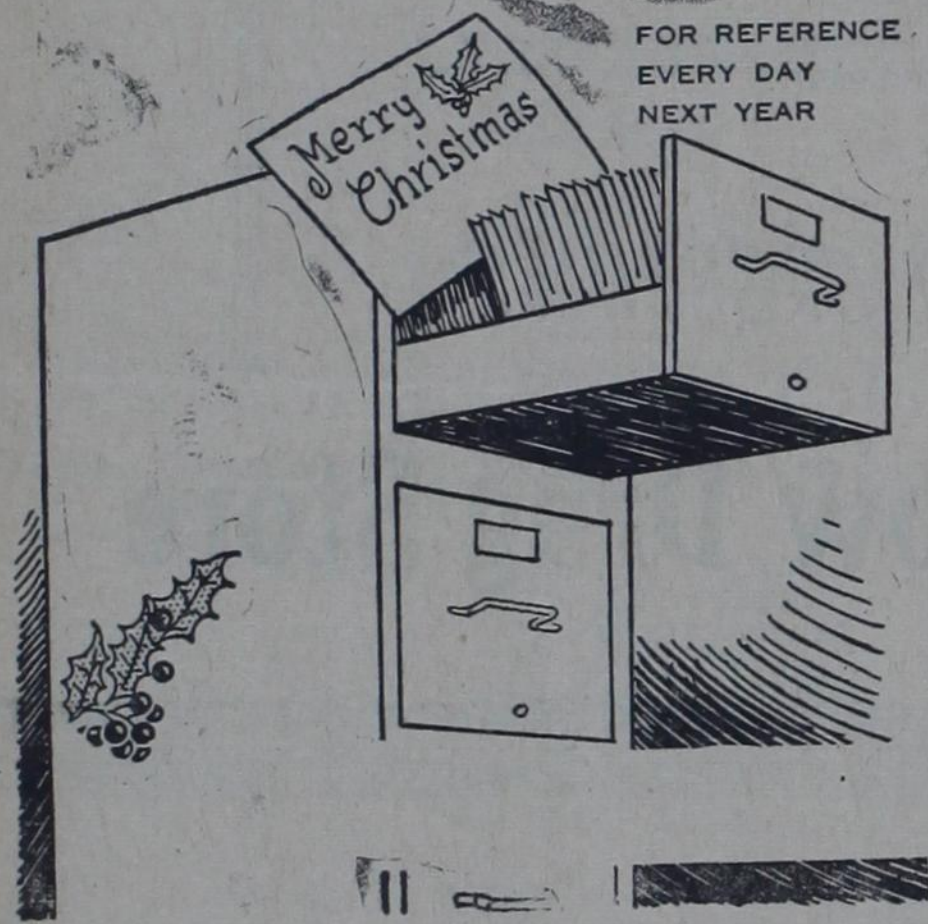
This idea of wishing friends a Merry Christmas—but one to which we look forward—year after year. We are grateful to our many friends and it is to you that this message is intended.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!

Ollie's Garage & Salvage

FARWELL, TEXAS

File This, Please



City Service Garage

Texico Hotel Building

TO OUR FRIENDS

The dictionary is full of high sounding words and definitions, but search as we may, we can find no better substitute to express our season's greetings than the time worn phrase—Merry Christmas.

Merry



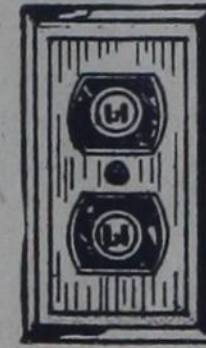
Christmas

AMERICANS EVERYWHERE

Murphy-Echols Tire Co.

"The Home of Seiberling Tires"

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO



MY ADDRESS

YOUR NEAREST OUTLET



Reddy Kilowatt
YOUR ELECTRICAL SERVANT

You may have to scour the town these days for common household items, for cigarettes, clothes, and many another article, but not for electric service! I'm as close to you as your nearest electric outlet—"The little man who's always there."

For only a few cents a day I'm right on the job with continuous, dependable electric service to take much of the drudgery out of your housework. In fact, I'm the only servant

that ever stepped inside many a small home. Unlike most servants, I don't sleep, ask for time off, or take a vacation.

When you have housework to be done and want it done quickly, remember me. I'm your faithful and dependable electric servant. You needn't make a phone call or ask for an appointment when you want me. Just plug in—I'm Reddy!

Southwestern
PUBLIC SERVICE
Company

WITH THE COMING OF THE

Christmas Season

The season to which we have been looking forward has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

Clarence O. Smith

CONSIGNEE, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO.

Quaint British Customs Survive During Entire Christmas Season

Many quaint Christmas customs have survived in England, especially in country districts.

In some sections Christmas still lasts the 12 days of old, winding up on the Twelfth Night Shakespeare wrote about. During that season, villagers turn mummer to act out centuries-old plays and to frolic in the streets.

In Cornwall fisherfolk in coastal villages "guise dance" on street corners to the music of concertina and drum. The boys usually dress as girls and the girls as boys. Sometimes they assume historical characters, sometimes merely go in black-face.

In Hampshire ordinarily serious farm laborers strangely array themselves in pseudo-Norman helmets and coats of mail, their faces concealed by strips of wallpaper. That is the prescribed costume in which the workers re-enact the ancient mummings' play about St. George and the Dragon.

When New Year's night falls on Allendale two dozen quaintly-garbed men with pans of blazing tar balanced on their heads, parade behind the village band to the market place where they touch off a bonfire.

At Burghead they "burn the Clavie," the Clavie being a tar barrel

filled with wood. It is demolished while still aflame and there is a mad rush for the glowing embers, which are supposed to bring good luck.

Luck also is the underlying theme of wassailing in Carhampton, Somerset. Pans full of cider are carried into the orchards. Then each man dips his mug in and after draining part of his mug, throws the rest of the cider at the trees while he shouts to scare away any evil spirits which may be lurking in the branches.

At Hax in Lincolnshire, men from five rival hamlets gather there to play a 600-year-old game called "throwing the hood." Something of the game's ruggedness is indicated in the preliminary warning chant of the "Lord"—the referee:

"Hoos again hoos, toon again toon,
If a man meet a man knock a man
doon
—But don't hurt him!"

The hood, a tightly rolled piece of sackcloth, is then tossed into the air and each player tries to get it and run for home. As a finale, the men lock in a scrimmage and try to push each other down hill. Lady luck is supposed to favor the winners during the ensuing year.

Tree Use Traced To Forest Legend

Legends dealing with the origin of the use of the Christmas tree go as far back as the Tenth century when George Jacob, the Arabian geographer, declared that all of the trees in the forest blossomed and bore fruit the night of our Lord's Nativity.

It is believed that Jacob's story might have led to the later custom of hanging apples and fruits on the evergreen tree, and, as is the habit in certain parts of Europe, of using a blossoming cherry sapling in the home as a Christmas tree.

One August Imgart introduced the Christmas tree to America 100 years ago in Wooster, Ohio, and, in so doing, preserved the tradition that had been handed down in Germany. In 1851, Rev. Henry C. Schwan, pastor of Zion Lutheran church in Cleveland, Ohio, put up the first Christmas tree in a church in this country, for which he and his parishioners were severely denounced by other congregations.

One of the most beautiful legends concerning the Christmas tree is the ancient tale dealing with the forester and his household, who had just gathered around the fireside on Christmas eve when they heard a timid knock on the door.

The forester opened the door to behold a little child shivering on the steps. Touched by the child's cold and apparent exhaustion, the forester took him in, and he was welcomed by the whole family and warmed and fed. Later, the forester's son, Hans, gave up his bed to the little child.

In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of a choir of angels, and looking at their little guest saw him standing transfigured in their midst. They recognized him as the Christ child. As the Lord Jesus bade the family farewell, He broke off a branch from a fir tree, set it in the earth, and said, "Behold, I have gladly received your kind gifts, and this is my gift to you. Henceforth, this tree shall always bear its fruits at Christmas time and you shall always have abundance."

The first community Christmas tree was set up in Paris, France, in 1840, but was not popularly accepted throughout the world until the advent of electricity, when the lighting could be stabilized and proper effect given to its display.

Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who came to England in 1840 to wed the young Victoria, is credited with bringing the Christmas tree to the British Isles.

Custom Maintained



In accordance with an old custom which some say began when the original St. Nicholas dropped a purse of gold down a fireplace and it accidentally landed in a stocking hung nearby, these youngsters hang their stockings with the greatest of care.

Huge Yule Log Fire Once Thought to Ward Off Evil

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas eve and servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout the Christmas feasting. It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief to the household.

One story has it that stockings were originally hung by fireplaces burning Yule logs in order to absorb the odor of the burning wood and thus give the wearer protection from evil.

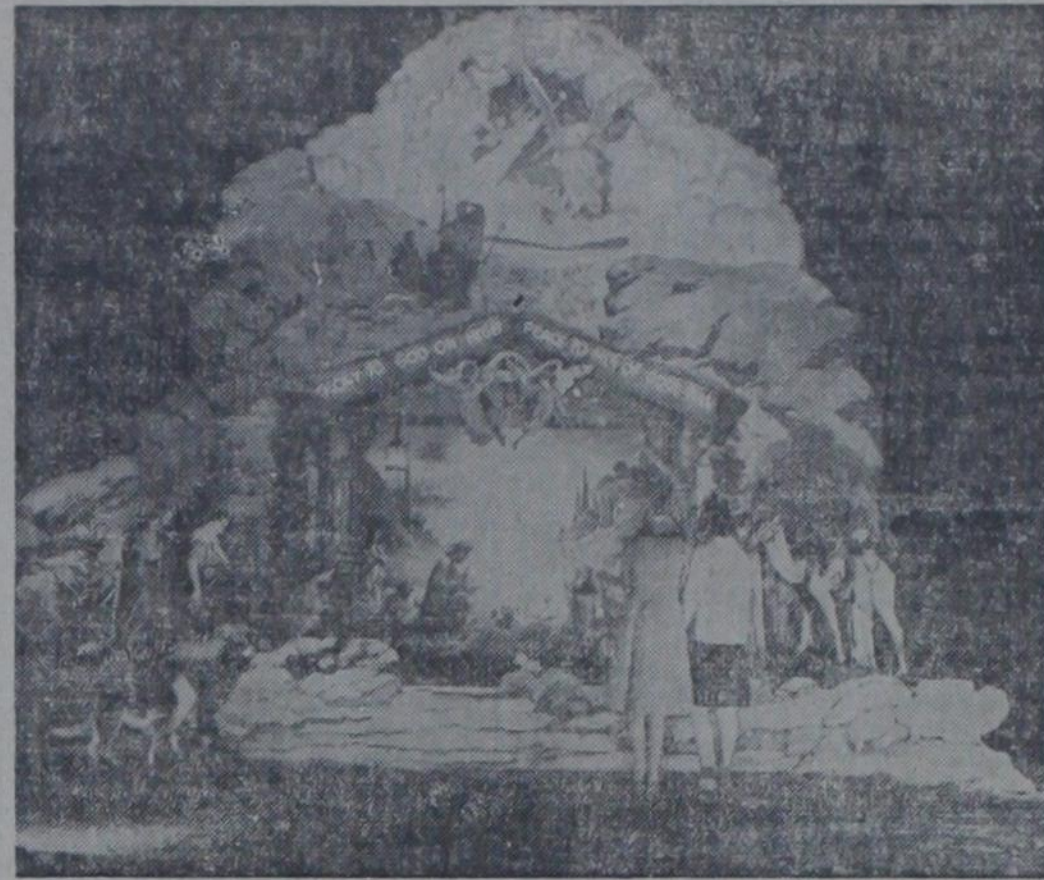
Several Santas

There are several Santas, including Kris Kringle and St. Nick or Nicholas. The original St. Nick was a bishop who is said to have lived to take part in the historic Council of Nice. This is disputed by historians, but he certainly lived prior to the reign of Justinian, in whose time several churches in Constantinople were dedicated to St. Nicholas.

Sprinkled With Wine

Zenicans of Bosnia burn their Yule logs a day later than the rest of Europe. Just before sunrise the father drags the log into the home. As he enters the door he is doused with wine. The log itself is sprinkled with kernels of corn to assure the family a bountiful crop in summer.

A Reminder of the Nativity



Shining brightly as a reminder of the glory of the Nativity, some 1,944 years ago, this is but one of the many outdoor manger established during the Christmas season throughout the country. Like the animals that clustered around the holy manger on the first Christmas, a dog can be seen on the left, wonderingly viewing the scene.

LAZYBONES

Rastus—My gal am so lazy she won't laugh when she hears a funny joke.

Sambo—Dat ain't nothin', boy. My gal's so laz she won't ache when she's got a pain!

STUDY BOTTLENECK

The critical shortage of repair parts for internal combustion motors on trucks and tractors has moved WFB to establish a special group to study production bottlenecks and determine how quickly output can be increased to meet expanded needs.



MAY YOU
EVER
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SEASON



Henderson Grain & Seed Company

FARWELL, TEXAS

Farm Sales

I am now booking farm sales in this part of the country, and have secured the services of the well known Col. Kenneth Bozeman of Lubbock, who for the past six years has been connected with Lubbock Auction & Commission Company.

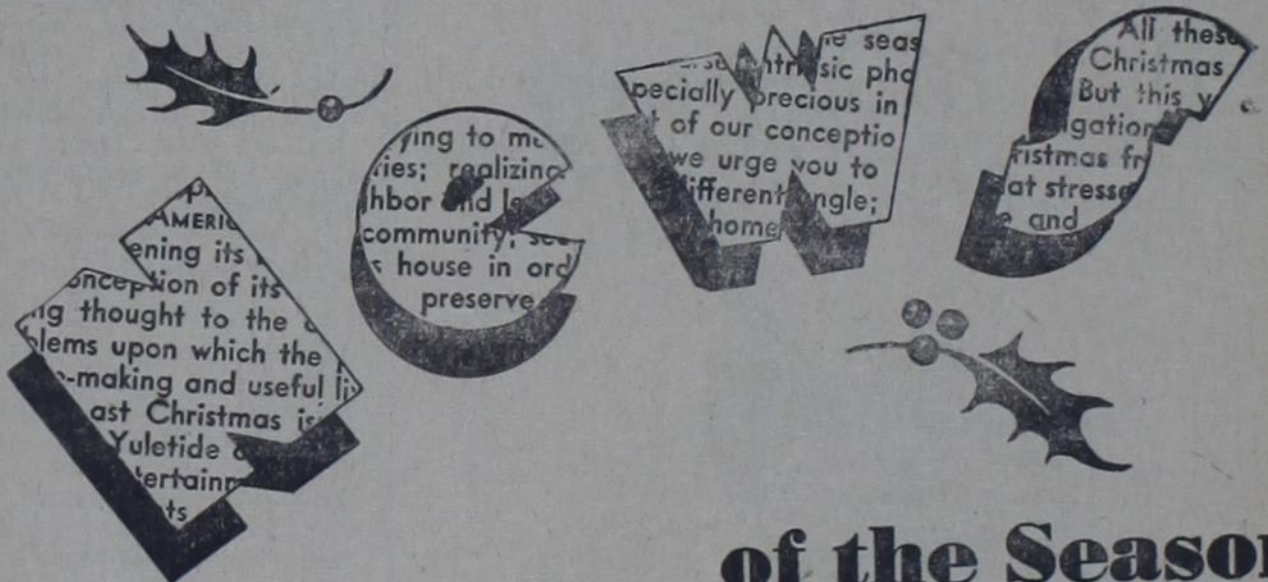
Col. Bozeman's services will be available after Jan. 1, 1945, for sales in this section.

You may contact me by addressing me at Muleshoe, Route 1, or Col. Bozeman, Rt. 1, Lubbock, phone 2-9923.

R. L. (Roy) KARR

Phone 34, Muleshoe

The Best



of the Season

The Big Headlines of Today
Are Not Wars, Accidents, Politics,
Marriages or Strikes, They're

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

C. R. Anthony Co.

CLOVIS, N. M.

We, as Americans

Reserve the right to worship, to live, to talk, to observe and celebrate any occasion that we desire. That is why Christmas means so much to each of us. It is symbolic of the American Way of Life.

And so, we, as Americans, say Merry Christmas to you, our fellow Americans.



Farwell Cafe

MRS. M. H. POTEET



"One Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." It seems important to us that this pledge of allegiance to our flag is singularly appropriate at Christmas time. The observance of this pledge with a background of the true meaning of Christmas can only lead to a world of happiness with the brotherhood of man as a predominating factor.

The combination of these thoughts at Christmas time will mean a genuine happy American Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas

FARWELL, TEXAS

Old Glory



Old Glory waves over American homes at Christmas time. The Stars and Stripes are symbolic of the true meaning of an American Christmas. It represents a freedom of doing the things we want to do—of being happy, with loved ones and friends.

Although the Yuletide is celebrated throughout the world there is no place where people are more privileged to enjoy this festive occasion as happily

as those within the boundaries of this nation.

This is our heritage—to participate in the freedom made possible by our courageous forefathers who founded this nation on the basis of Liberty and Justice. It is our moral obligation to carry on the traditions of Christmas as a definite part of the American way of life. This is what we mean when we say we wish you a merry American Christmas.

Gaines Hardware Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

What Was Legend of Star in the East?

"The New Testament does not guide us in attempting to identify the Christmas star," Dr. Dinsmore Alter, director of the Griffith observatory, Los Angeles, Calif., states.

"We know what the heavens appeared like 2,000 years ago and there is only one reasonable theory for the announcement of the Wise Men, who said, in Matthew II, 2:

"Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship him?"

"In 6 B. C., there was a grouping of three planets—Jupiter, Saturn and Mars—which might have provided the ancients with their long-awaited sign of the Nativity.

"One year earlier—7 B. C.—Jupiter, Saturn and Venus were similarly grouped.

"What makes the astronomer pause at accepting this theory is the passage in Matthew which reads, 'The star went before them.' That, many scientists assume, must have been a psychological rather than an actual visual impression."

Reindeer Often Figure in Northern Myth and Legend

Reindeer figure often in northern myth and folklore. One version of the legend of Wayland, the smith, Wayland and his two brothers leave Finland for the south on their reindeer-drawn sleighs. The mountain elves try to stop them and Wayland's brothers lash their reindeer to force them by the elves. Angry because the three are deserting their homes, but even more because of the blows given the patient deer, the elves curse the two brothers, singing:

"Because Slagfid struck his reindeer Because Eigel struck his reindeer Our hatred shall follow you."

Wayland they also curse for leaving Finland, but because "he struck not his reindeer" the curse is milder. The two brothers die violently and tragically, but Wayland, after many troubles, wins back the wife he had lost and becomes the "Smith of the Gods."

Cave of the Nativity Now Religious Grotto

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges: Judean travelers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars

"Looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay."

Influenced Customs

The Germans, perhaps more than any other colonists, influenced Christmas customs in the United States, which celebrates Christmas more extensively than any other. Our concept of Santa Claus is wholly from Germany, and the Christmas tree in the home is another custom that came over with German emigrants in the last century.

In Dance Measure

Christmas carols were in dance measure at first. The word carol comes from "corolla," a ring, because the song was for a ring dance.

Mince Pies Were Symbolic Of Magi's Visit to Manger

The Christmas mince pie had a Christian symbolism in the beginning. The pies represented the gold, frankincense and myrrh brought by the Three Wise Men to the manger; the crust symbolized the gold, and the mixture of spices the frankincense and myrrh. Originally the pies were made oblong and followed the shape of the manger.

There was a superstition that there was no luck in store for the man or woman who did not eat a mince pie at Christmas. To eat one, it was believed, was to be sure of having at least one happy month. To enjoy a year of happiness, a person had to eat one pie on each of the twelve days after Christmas.

Chimp Christmas



The two performing chimpanzees of the Philadelphia zoo are guests each year at a Christmas party. Here one of them finds that the apples and carrots decorating the tree are very tasty. One of the chimps plays Santa Claus at the annual affair.

Serving of Boar's Head

One of Old Yule Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers. It is served up with a wonderful flourish of music and mustard at the high table where sit the dons.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish touched the board:

Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.

God Rest Ye . . .

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray,
O, tidings of comfort and joy
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas day.

Late Christmas

There are still millions of Christians who observe January 6 or January 7 as Christmas. They allow for the 12 days difference in the old calendar and the new. The Eastern Orthodox observes January 7. In North Carolina one church group observes January 6, as do a number of other sects.

Theme Changes

The Nativity theme in Christmas carols gave way to the sentiment: "Bring us in good ale."

British Santa

Father Christmas is the British for Santa Claus.



Malone Ice & Produce Co.

FARWELL, TEXAS

OUR FRIENDS

OF THIS COMMUNITY

STATEMENT



THIS DAY FINDS YOU WITH A CREDIT BALANCE OF

365 Days

of Happiness For Next Year

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Texas Company

S. E. MORRIS, Consignee

FARWELL, TEXAS



There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—WASHINGTON IRVING



★ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

Bovina Wheat Growers Inc.

BOVINA, TEXAS.



Protector
of The
Faith
by
WILLIAM J. MURDOCK

"... and so we'll have to do everything possible to keep little Randolph from learning the truth," Mrs. Hobson announced with prim vehemence to her husband. "After all, what's Christmas without Santa Claus?"

"Golly Neds!" Charles exclaimed, borrowing Butch's favorite expression. "I didn't think any kids believed in the old boy nowadays. And Butch, of all kids! He's so manly—"

"Randolph isn't just any kid, he's my nephew," Helen Hobson replied tartly. Her only sister was now indulging in a prolonged hospital rest. "Randolph is our responsibility for the time being and we simply must give him the finest Christmas possible. Manly or not, he's still a little boy and, Charles," she finished grandly, "we must protect his faith in Santa Claus!"

The next afternoon Helen proudly took her place among the fond parents who watched their children cau-



"Did you tell Santa what you wanted?"

tiously approach the bearded, red-robed figure seated on a white throne in Kerbinger's toy department. She nearly cried when Butch, a wide grin on his round face, marched straight up to Santa Claus and engaged him in earnest conversation. "Did you tell Santa what you wanted?" she asked in a tremulous voice when Butch rejoined her.

The boy smiled up at her, and Mrs. Hobson's heart nearly melted from the warmth in his black eyes. "Sure I did, Aunt Helen," and he recounted the long list.

"These children around here are so sophisticated," she told Charles that evening. "I'm afraid one of them will talk about Christmas and Santa Claus and ruin everything."

Charles rubbed his head. "Children will chatter, Helen," he reminded her. "You can't change Butch into a clam overnight."

"If Randolph doesn't discuss Santa Claus with his friends, he won't learn the truth," Helen explained with jubilant impatience.

"It might work, at that," Charles admitted doubtfully.

It was with misgiving, therefore, that Charles, on a Saturday afternoon when Helen was downtown, heard Butch and a playmate venture a few words on the approaching Yuletide. Charles was reclining on the couch near the bay window and could plainly hear the words through the glass. "Did you see that machine gun in Kerbinger's toyland?" Butch's companion asked.

"You mean the one over near Santa Claus?" Butch parried. "Sure, I saw it. It was swell!"

Santa Claus! Charles held his breath as he heard Butch's playmate laugh. "That Santa Claus," the boy giggled. "What a clown! How can they expect a guy to believe in Santa Claus? As if there could be any such thing!"

Charles scrambled for the front door. Poor Butch—the poor kid—and just a few days before Christmas, too. Charles jerked the door open and bounded to the porch. "Butch!"

"Yes, Uncle Charles," came the slow reply, and Butch peered around the corner of the house. His dark eyes were solemn. Gone was his familiar smile.

"Aw, Butch," Charles mumbled, stumbling down the porch steps to meet the boy. "Butch, I wish this hadn't happened. I don't know what to say—" his voice threatened to break, and he stopped.

Butch looked at the ground for a moment, then raised his eyes. "I'm sorry too, Uncle George," he said. "I forgot I was so close to the house. I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know."

Charles' brain thumped as if he had received a blow between the eyes from the hoof of one of jolly old St. Nick's reindeer. "Wh—what's that, Butch?"

"Why, I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know about me and Santa Claus," Butch went on in serious vein. "I was sure you could take it, Unk, but Aunt Helen—aw, shucks, I've been having a great time with her, Uncle George. She gets a big kick out of me acting as if I believe in Santa Claus, so don't tell her the truth. Golly Neds, I don't want to spoil her Christmas!"

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Merry Christmas
AND A VERY
Happy New Year

Whistling Inn
Texico, N. M.

BY ALL MEANS . . .
LET'S ENJOY
CHRISTMAS

Let's make this a real, old time Christmas! Let's be happy and gay and make the best of the opportunity; to give a thought to our loved ones, whether they be here or far away. Let's observe the Christmas season as they would have us observe it—a time for cheer and good will for all. And a Merry Christmas to each of you.

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THE GAYEST SEASON
—OF THEM ALL—

May we express our sincere good wishes to each of you and your loved ones, and your friends—our friends. You have been most cordial in your relations with us in the past and we are mindful of all past favors when we say to you—

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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BOVINA, TEXAS

A WEALTH OF
HAPPINESS

MAY THE JOYS OF
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON GO
WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Electric Shoe Shop

Texico, N. M.

HELLO!

We're here again with our wish for a Merry Christmas to our friends—only this year we want to say, let's make it—

A Merry
American Christmas

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CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

Mount Christmas trees on firm base away from fireplace or stove. Avoid using cotton pyroxylin, paper or other inflammable decorations, and keep tinsel off electric wiring of bulbs. Fireproof trees according to USDA regulations, and check light cords to be sure that they are in good condition. Turn off lights when you leave home. DO NOT use candles on Christmas trees.

Goethe described architecture as your price has doubled." "frozen music". "Well, so has your chin."

THE BOMBER-DEAR

He keeps his objective always in sight. A goal more vital than Berlin. He anticipates the approach with keenest delight, For his aim is a home with a girl in.

DOUBLING UP

"Fifty cents for a shave? Why, "Well, so has your chin."

Health Notes

By Texas Department of Health

AUSTIN—There are many persons who naturally hoard anything and everything, including old clothing, boxes, and other useless articles, some of which constitute no greater danger than a possible fire hazard, but a very real danger is present when this tendency is applied to hoarding old medicine in any form.

Most medicine finds itself into the home through a doctor's prescription for some specific illness. For the sake of safety, left-over medicines should be destroyed immediately when they have fulfilled their purpose and never be stored in the medicine cabinet for future unprescribed use in case of another illness, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Self-medication with the use of left-over drugs which were of great benefit to some previous illness can sometimes turn a simple ailment into a very serious condition of actual poisoning," Dr. Cox said. "This is particularly true of the indiscriminate use of sulfa drugs which have been prescribed for some previous specific condition."

Retaining in the medicine cabinet old left-over drugs can often bring about unnecessary tragedies. About three years ago one two-year-old youngster, attracted by all of the bright bottles and colored medicine he found in a bathroom medicine closet, swallowed some pills which had been used for an adult heart condition and died within less than two hours' time.

"It is wise to use medicines as indicated for the illness for which they are prescribed by your doctor, and when they are no longer needed, destroy the remaining medicine immediately," Dr. Cox said. "Even if you expect a return of the same condition at some future date, it would be better to obtain new medicine if the condition recurs than to retain this old medicine in the cabinet and subject the members of your family to the danger of using it unwisely."

PLEASANT HILL

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mrs. Fred Kays, who has spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kays, left last Friday for Fort Sumner, N. M., to be at home with her mother.

Howard Ellison had to be re-hospitalized following a recent operation. The infection was stopped and he has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sharp visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parker and children, Sunday.

Betty Jo Moorman went with Miss Trimble to Roswell over the weekend.

Mrs. Freda Finley has purchased the property of Mrs. McCuan in Bovina.

Mrs. Syble Manns and children left for their home in California last Sunday week, after visiting her mother, Mrs. Maggie Melugin, and sister, Mrs. Martin.

Christmas Tidings

Christmas tidings and the best of good wishes to each of you who have favored us with your friendship and good will in the years past.

We are interested in each of you and we desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness. If the past year has been one of trying times, we want you to know that you are foremost in our thoughts and we sincerely trust that the Yuletide Season will help you in some measure to find a greater joy than has ever been your experience.



Twin City Barber Shop

FRED HENRY

BOB KYKER

CHRISTMAS

gives us a grand opportunity to forget our cares and to lose ourselves in the glorious atmosphere of the good fellowships of friends and loved ones. It's the American way of life and we, as Americans, appreciate the happiness and contentment resulting from this ideal.

Wishing You a

HEARTY CHRISTMAS SEASON

and a New Year which will see many happier days.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Booth, who recently sold their farm near here, left the past Saturday for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Orville Williams was a visitor in Fort Sumner, the past Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Magness and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Magness and family have gone to Edinburg, Texas, to spend the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Si Magness.

Mrs. Mildred Sublett has recently accepted a position with the Triple A office in Farwell.

Miss Norma Lee Sanders spent the past Saturday in Amarillo with relatives.

Mrs. Stella Smith, of Jackson, Mississippi, is here for a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valter Wagon. Visitors in the Wagon home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Margaret Ann and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Precure and son of Muleshoe.

Mrs. A. J. Manns, of Friona, is leaving this week for California, to visit relatives.

Misses Marilyn Anderson and Peggy Williams, both students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, are expected to spend the seasonal vacation in the homes of their respective parents.

Mrs. Therese Hancock who is employed in Lubbock, will arrive this weekend for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson.

Mrs. E. O. Underhill, Mrs. Byron Underhill and baby, all of Los Vegas, Nevada, spent several days last week with the former's sister, Mrs. G. D. Anderson and family in Farwell.

Mrs. Bess Mansfield plans to leave this (Wednesday) afternoon for Tyler, Texas, where she will spend the holiday season with her mother, returning here on Tuesday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Parks, of Amherst, are expected here as Yuletide visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pierce.

Mrs. M. C. Roberts left today for Dallas, where she will spend the joyous season visiting her mother and other relatives and friends.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Kirt Crume announce the arrival of a son, on Wednesday of last week, December 13. Mrs. Crume is making her home in Los Angeles, while Sgt. Crume is serving overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Henderson will leave Friday for Grand Island, Nebraska, to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Branson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Levy and family, of California, and Keith Levy, a Navy trainee at the University of Texas, are expected to arrive this weekend to spend Christmas in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Levy.

Mrs. Bess Henneman and son, A. C., will leave Saturday for Amarillo, to spend the Yule season with relatives and friends.

Rex Kyker, attending school in Austin, is expected to arrive this weekend for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kyker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heild and daughter spent the weekend visiting in Plainview with relatives.

Miss Juanita Pety spent the past weekend with her parents, in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wallace, who had been visiting relatives here and in Muleshoe, have returned to their home in San Diego, California.

PLEASANT HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, who have moved to their farm in this community, come here from Muleshoe. The place was formerly owned by Mrs. R. Snodderly.

J. M. Heinz has returned from the hospital. He has been suffering from an infected knee.

Willie Cox almost cut a finger off a few weeks ago, while butchering. It is healing nicely now, however.

Mrs. R. Snodderly has arrived

safely in Iowa, where she will make her home.

Rev. Evans preached at the Fundamental Church Sunday, and had two conversions and three additions to the church.

C. H. Whitener expects to leave soon for Missouri, to spend Christmas with his father, who has had a stroke and is in a critical condition.

For Sale

160 ACRES all new land, broke out in 41. Fair improvements, good house, well, A-1 irrigation well with new pump. On REA, school and bus route. This is a real piece of land; every foot will water, and priced right.

80 ACRES, 5 room house, plenty of outbuildings. On REA, school and mail route. Irrigation well. Part in wheat, part in alfalfa. This is a dandy little farm.

160 ACRES, 4 room house, shed houses. Good house well, but no irrigation well. On REA, school and mail route. This is a good place with good terms. Priced down.

320 ACRES, 60 in alfalfa. Some small grain. On REA, school and mail route. Good irrigation well. Part grass. Good terms will be found on this place.

160 ACRES, good 6-room modern home, bath; also 2-room house with sheds, 2 good house wells and one irrigation well. 16 acres alfalfa, 12 acres wheat. There is not a better all-round farm in the valley, and the price is right.

List all your farm and ranch land with us; if it can be sold at your price, we will sell it. We need more listings. Drop us a letter and description, also location. We will do the rest. Located upstairs Bank building.

W. B. WRIGHT
Real Estate and Auctioneer
Muleshoe, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sharp plan to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moss.

Mother: Did Rollo get in any trouble while I was away?

Maid No, except he swallowed a bug, but I gave him some insect powder right away, so there's nothing to worry about.



FOR SALE—Janeway kero brooder, 500 capacity, used one year. Price \$25. Mrs. Ray Mears at Davis Merc. Co., Frwaell. 4-3tp

FOR SALE—Four-room house, located 14 miles north, 1 east Muleshoe; or 1 east, 1 north old Jesko school building. D. B. Ivy. 6-3tp

FOR SALE—Good kaffir, red-top cane and sorgo bundles. See Henry Minter. 6-3tp

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FOR SALE—One 700-gallon Butane tank, \$400. J. D. Hicks, 4 miles north, 2 west Texico. 6-2tp

WANTED TO BUY—Portable record player. Call Mrs. Hull Colbert, 606 or 201, Clovis. 6-2tp

FOR SALE—Few cows, heifers and bulls from my registered Milking Shorthorn herd. Must reduce herd and am offering them at attractive prices. F. L. Wenner, 7 miles north and 3 east of Muleshoe, or 14 miles east of Lariat. 4-3tp

FOR SALE—Allis Chalmers W. C. tractor, ready to go; good rubber, with lister and planter attachments. Will sell less than ceiling price. Lee Jones, 6 miles SE Farwell. 5-3tc

WANTED — Five 2-months-old calves. Rodney Ford, at Roberts Seed Co., Texico. 6-3tp

FOR SALE—30-gallon electric hot water heater, full automatic and in first class condition. See it at Harrison Hardware. 6-3tp

FOR SALE—7 weaner pigs, Chester Whites. T. T. Doolittle, 2 miles north, 2 west Texico. 6-1tp

Holiday Dances

Saturday Nite, Dec. 23

Xmas Nite, Dec. 25

Saturday Nite, Dec. 30

New Year's Nite, Monday, Jan. 1

ALSO REGULAR FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

—AT—
PRIBOTH'S ROLLER RINK

Muleshoe Texas.

FOR RENT—Three-room apartment. See Mrs. M. Leftwich, Farwell.

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1944



Merry Christmas TO EVERYBODY

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

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With the passing of each year, our Christmas Greetings to you become more and more an essential part of our lives.

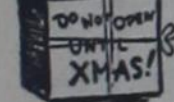
This year, perhaps more than ever, we have looked forward to the opportunity of sending a message of good cheer to you. We are aware of the disappointments that have been yours; we are familiar with the good things in life which have been yours to enjoy. And at this Christmas time, we want it to be one of those great occasions which you will long remember as being a happy season, full of hope for Health, Peace and Contentment.

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FARWELL, TEXAS.

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WITHOUT COMMENT, WITHOUT FANFARE AND FRILLS, BUT WITH GENUINE SINCERITY, WE EXTEND



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TEXICO POSTOFFICE

Mrs. Lucy O. Brown, P. M.

Mrs. Evelyn Ford, Asst.



IN the absence of those who have dedicated themselves to the task of making this a better world in which to live, we believe it appropriate to particularly remember them in expressing our Christmas greetings. Wherever they may be, whatever they may be doing, it is our sincere wish that they, as well as their loved ones at home, may spend a Christmas of fond memories of happier days. May they know that a new day of happier associations is dawning and that brighter Christmas seasons are ahead.



Steed Mortuary

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Local Happenings

Santa Claus Pays Annual Visit to School Parties, Gift Exchanges Held By Students

By PEGGY SCHLEUTER

With the coming of the Christmas vacation comes a seige of parties and get-togethers at the Farwell school. All classes are setting aside this (Wednesday) afternoon as an occasion of festivities.

The first and second grades, as well as the third grade, are each having a social given by the room mothers in the beautifully decorated class rooms. There will be treats for all and in general a good time, according to Mrs. B. B. Dickinson and Mrs. T. A. Hopkins.

Mrs. Harry Whitley announced that there would be something extra-special for her fourth and fifth grade children. In addition to the games and refreshments, the room-mothers are presenting the classes with a beautiful oil painting for their room. And, of course, it just wouldn't be "Christmas-sy" without some carols.

J. M. Baker revealed that he and his sixth and seventh gradeers were looking forward to an afternoon of fun with games and refreshments. With all confidence he whispered behind his hand, "We are even having chewing-gum!"

The four high school classes, including the most dignified senior and the greenest freshman, are combining their refreshments and ideas for games this afternoon with a big party in the gymnasium. There is a decorated Christmas tree on hand, and an exchange of inexpensive gifts will be observed.

The annual Christmas program was held this morning in the gymnasium, with Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Hopkins in charge of the performance.

Teachers Go Vacationing

The majority of the teachers are spending the holidays out of town. Miss Dottie Dell Quickel is making the longest journey. She and her mother, Mrs. I. W. Quickel of Bovina, will leave for Los Angeles this afternoon, to return January 4th.

Mrs. Dickinson will be in Snyder, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Hopkins plans to visit in Childress and Quanah, Texas. Miss Berthamae Thomas will leave at the close of school today for Clarendon, to be with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Morton will visit in Roby. Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. C. J. Dooze Mr. Baker and the J. T. Carters are staying at home, enjoying the opportunity to be off duty for a few days. Mrs. Carter is expecting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, from Stanton, Texas, for Christmas Day.

Tuesday night found the girls in the FHT Club honoring their mothers and the lady faculty members with a tea and the customary exchange of gifts. A short play was given, with Tommie Randol, Jeatonne Morris, Maxine Ford, Lavetta Meeks and Sybil Ham in the cast.

Young People Attend Meeting In Clovis

Members of the local Young People's Department of the Methodist Church, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Walker, were in attendance at a zone meeting of the departments, held at the Clovis church Sunday afternoon.

Attending from here were Rosamond Booth, Jean and Peggy Rogers, Willie Mae Bigham, Marcia Anne Johnson, Belva Park, Toby Booth, A. C. Henneman and Sonny Graham.

The next meeting will be held in Portales with the Texico-Farwell group in charge of the program.

Christmas Tea Honors Mothers of Pupils

Mrs. A. D. Smith entertained in her home, Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, with a Christmas tea honoring the mothers of music and expression pupils.

Christmas decorations featured the entertaining rooms. A decorated Christmas tree stood at one side of the mantle, flanked by the Nativity scene, while the mantle was piled with lovely pine cones guarded by tall red tapers.

Refreshments were served from a lace covered table. Modelle Hammonds, Theda Branscum, Reta Rundell, Ina V. Haynes and Nelma Branscum assisted in serving and in distributing the exchange of gifts from the lighted Christmas tree.

The following pupils appeared on the program: Modelle Hammonds, Georgia Lee Mears, Betty Smart, Pat Aldridge, Sonja North, Marcia Foster, Reta Rundell, Ella Bradshaw, Theda Branscum, Eva Ann Paul, Ina V. Haynes, Gloria Jean Sanders, Nita Nell Paul, Meredith Williams, Dickie Lockhart, Dyalithia Bradshaw, Deon Branscum, Doris Marie Gober, Delores Green, Phyllis Tucker and Nelma Branscum.

Silverman-Phillips Vows Read, 11th

Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Miss Nancy Anne Silverman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Silverman of Douglas, Ariz., to Lt. Carthon Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of this city, which was performed on December 11.

Wedding vows were read by Rev. Raymond A. Kurtz, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Douglas, before an altar decorated with white gladioli. Two baskets of gladioli with palm flanked the chancel rail.

Sgt. Rex Koury, at the organ, played pre-nuptial music and the traditional wedding marches.

The bride was gowned in white velvet chiffon with the blouse buttoned down the back to the waist, forming a drape in the skirt. Her floor-length veil had a coronet of fresh gardenias and she carried a white prayer book with a spray of three gardenias.

Miss Katherine Kurtz, as maid of honor, wore turquoise taffeta and carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations. Warrant Officer Charles Kemper served as best man.

Mrs. Phillips is a graduate of the Douglas High School and attended St. Luke's School of Nursing at Chicago. For the past year she has been employed at the Douglas Air Base.

Lt. Phillips, a graduate of the local school, attended Texas Tech for three years, enlisting in the Army in 1940. He served overseas for 14 months with the 19th bombardment group in the South Pacific and received his appointment as warrant officer upon his return to the States, after which he started cadet training as a student officer. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on Sept. 8, 1944, when he graduated at the Douglas Field, and is now stationed in Roswell for B-17 training.

Home From California

Mrs. Anne Overstreet and Mrs. Jimmie Overstreet returned Sunday to their home in Farwell, after spending several weeks in California. Capt. Jimmie Overstreet has recently received an APO number.

Club Social Held In Graham Home

Mrs. W. H. Graham and Mrs. J. T. Carter were co-hostesses Tuesday evening, when the local Womans' Club enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of the former.

With every member taking part, a program on "Christmas With All Nations" was given, at the conclusion of which Mrs. A. D. Smith, as director, gave excerpts from the book, "The Ragged Coat", a story of the birth of Christ, by Margaret Sanger.

A contest on Christmas carols was held, with Mrs. Lenton Pool winning the prize.

Following the exchange of gifts refreshments were served to Mesdames Sam Rundell, Lenton Pool, Ellis Mills, B. A. Rogers, Earl Booth, Lewis Pierce, Charles Walker, Clyde Magness, Smith, Carter and Graham.

Christmas Parties Are School Highlights

Studies almost went by the board at the Texico school this week, with all classes and grades holding socials celebrating the Christmas season.

The seventh and eighth graders opened the festivities by staging a party, complete with refreshments and exchange of gifts, at the school building on Monday evening.

Tuesday night saw four separate parties. The freshmen celebrated in the home of Margie Nell Murphy; the seniors were guests of Mrs. H. Arnold; Evelyn Brown entertained the juniors, and the sophomores gathered in the home of Claudean Curry.

All grade school rooms are to observe their exchange of gifts from decorated trees in their individual departments on Friday afternoon, the various teachers reported today.

Gives Song Recital On Tuesday Evening

Miss Marcia Anne Johnson presented a recital in song, Tuesday evening, in the home of her teacher, Mrs. Rosetta Henderson, before an appreciative audience of friends and relatives.

She was assisted in the program by Miss Jill Dunn and Miss Mary Belle Aldridge, piano students of Mrs. Florence Millwee Vinyard, who gave several selections.

Both popular and classical numbers were sung by Miss Johnson, with Mrs. Henderson at the piano.

April Marriage Is Announced Here

The marriage of Miss Genevieve Lovelace, daughter of Mrs. Irion Lovelace of Clovis, to Staff Sergeant Jack Harrison, which was performed on April 20th, has been announced here.

The wedding rites were read in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Harrison is enrolled in nurse training at Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo, and is soon to be graduated, while Sgt. Harrison is stationed at the Amarillo Air Base. His home is in Sulphur, Okla.

The couple visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Morgan Billington in Farwell. Other visitors in the home of Mrs. Billington were Miss Nancy Lovelace, of Amarillo, and Mrs. Irion Lovelace, of Clovis.

Birthday Party Held

A. C. Henneman celebrated his 13th birthday the past Thursday night, when several friends gathered for games and refreshments at his home in Farwell. Birthday cake and cocoa was served to Jean and Peggy Rogers, Bobby Hart, Warlick Thomas, Toby Booth and Sonny Graham.

Depart For Houston

Mrs. Ralph Humble and daughter, Miss Twila Stickland, left the past week for Houston, Texas, where they will visit Miss Jaquetta Strickland, in cadet nurse training, and see other relatives in that area. They plan to be gone through the Christmas holidays.

Returns To Camp

Sgt. Joe Meyers, of Fairmont, Nebraska, left for camp on Monday, after spending several days here with his wife and baby son, Joe, Jr., who put in his appearance on December 8th. Mrs. Meyers and son are houseguests of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Walker.

Three Honored With Dinner On Sunday

A lovely dinner honoring the birthdays of three people was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Winegeart, Sunday. Honorees were Cecil and Foster Winegeart, and Mrs. Manuel Miles.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winegeart and family and their daughter and husband from Amarillo, Pvt. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winegeart, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Miles, Chester and Vestie Fowler.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN CAMPS



IN MARYLAND

Pvt. Andy Marcus writes from Edgewood, Maryland, that he has been at the arsenal there for some "14 days and am about ready to move again . . . don't want to get old sitting around".

GRADUATES ON MONDAY

Paul Spring, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Spring of Friona, graduated on Monday from the Southwestern Medical College at Dallas, where he has been training under Army direction. Spring has received an appointment to the University Hospital at Little Rock, Ark., where he will serve his internship, after which he will be commissioned in the Army Medical Corps. He is expected home for the Christmas holidays, and will report to Little Rock the first of the year.

IN PHILIPPINES

Pvt. Elmo Tipton writes his mother that he is now serving in the Philippines, in the war against the Japs. Pvt. Euel Tipton, who had been in New Guinea for about a year, indicates that he may move, and relatives believe he may also go to the Philippine area.

EXPECTED FOR VISIT

Cpl. Athalee Bigham, who is stationed in Pennsylvania with the recruiting service of the Wacs, is expected to arrive to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bigham.

SENDS BROOCH FROM ITALY

Sgt. Murt Sullivan, who is serving in Italy, recently sent his mother, Mrs. Valter Wagon, a Christmas presents from "across the waves". The gift, proudly displayed by Mrs. Wagon, is a brooch of hammered silver, with the figure of the Madonna and child delicately tinted.

GETS A BREATHER

In a letter dated December 4, Cpl. Morgan Billington reveals to his wife that he was receiving some medical attention and a little rest, "after a few days of hell". Morgan is believed to be with either the First or the Ninth Armies.

27TH FA BATTALION IS ACTIVE IN BATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson are in receipt of a clipping giving some of the details concerning the 27th Field Artillery Battalion, of which their son, Capt. G. D. Anderson, is a member.

Excerpts from the clipping reveal that the battalion has been in action as a unit of the 1st Armored Division, fighting with Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's 5th Army in Italy. The battalion was prominent in action in North Africa before moving to Italy and recently completed its 413th day of combat.

Organized in June, 1940, by Maj. Gen. Vernon E. Prichard, the 27th went overseas with other elements of the 1st Armored in May, 1942. It trained for several months in Ireland, stayed in England for a while, and landed at Oran, Algeria on D-Day, Nov. 8, 1942. Letters from Capt. Anderson had previously revealed that the group was active in the bloody battle of Kasserine Pass and at Medjez el Bab.

In a recent letter, Capt. Anderson reported that one of his buddies had friends in Florence, Italy, with whom the two had visited—"and we've been invited there for Christmas dinner, but don't know whether we'll make it or not."

GEN. PATCH PRAISES 44TH DIVISION

In a letter to his wife, Staff Sgt. Kater Crume encloses a memorandum from Lt. Gen. Patch, commander of the Seventh Army, to the 44th Division, of which Crume is a member.

The memorandum to the 44th lists its various activities up to Nov. 23, and closes with "Your outstanding accomplishments against a strong and experienced enemy indicate a high standard of training and discipline and reflect a splendid morale on the part of your Division." The 44th went into battle in Southern France the latter part of October.

AT CAMP McCALL

Mrs. Gabe Anderson reported today that her son, Bobby, is now stationed at Camp McCall, North Carolina, in a glider training camp. Bobby has been moved from one end of the country to the other during the last few months.

HERE FROM FLORIDA

FO Clarence Roop, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Roop, was here last week visiting in the home of his parents. He is stationed at Tallahassee, Fla.

WINEGEART IN FRANCE

Cpl. Lawrence J. Winegeart, better known as "Dooley", is now in France. He writes that there's plenty of rain and mud there. Winegeart serves with the 129th Signal Radio Intelligence. He will have been over a year in January.

In Amarillo Monday

Rev. J. C. English of Clovis, Rev. Charles Walker and B. N. Graham, of the local Methodist Church, were in Amarillo on Monday, attending a meeting of the "Crusade for Christ" group. They returned home that evening.

Shriners To Banquet At Bovina, Friday

Parmer County Shriners will gather around a banquet table at the Bovina Hotel on Friday evening of this week to enjoy an evening of fellowship and good eats.

The banquet is being served as a benefit program for the Crippled Children's Fund of the Masonic order, and Shriners attending will be given an opportunity to purchase a War Bond to be donated to the fund.

Here From Santa Fe

Mrs. Vane Petree and son, from Santa Fe, arrived here over the weekend for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Petree and other relatives. Mr. Petree is expected Saturday from Santa Fe to spend Christmas with his family and relatives.

Close Out!

We are closing out our stock of paper and cardboard toys at one-third to one-half off!

Stock Limited . . . Come in Early!

RED + PHARMACY

Licenses Issued

A marriage license was issued December 16 to Miss Jerrie Ann Sharfer and Dale Lee Sherwood, by the local clerk's office.

On December 13 a license was issued to W. E. Liles, Jr., and Miss Lois Gibson, and it is understood that they were married by Rev. Fred Stumpp, in Bovina.

A license was also issued to B. J. Brown and Miss Melba Welch, on December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ford will spend Christmas Day in Amarillo with his mother, Mrs. Maude Ford.

Our Greatest Heritage

With unflinching faith in ourselves, our country, and the power of free men, Christmas this year will be symbolic of the moral and spiritual values upon which American people ultimately rely.

May you have such faith in our simple wish at this Christmas time.

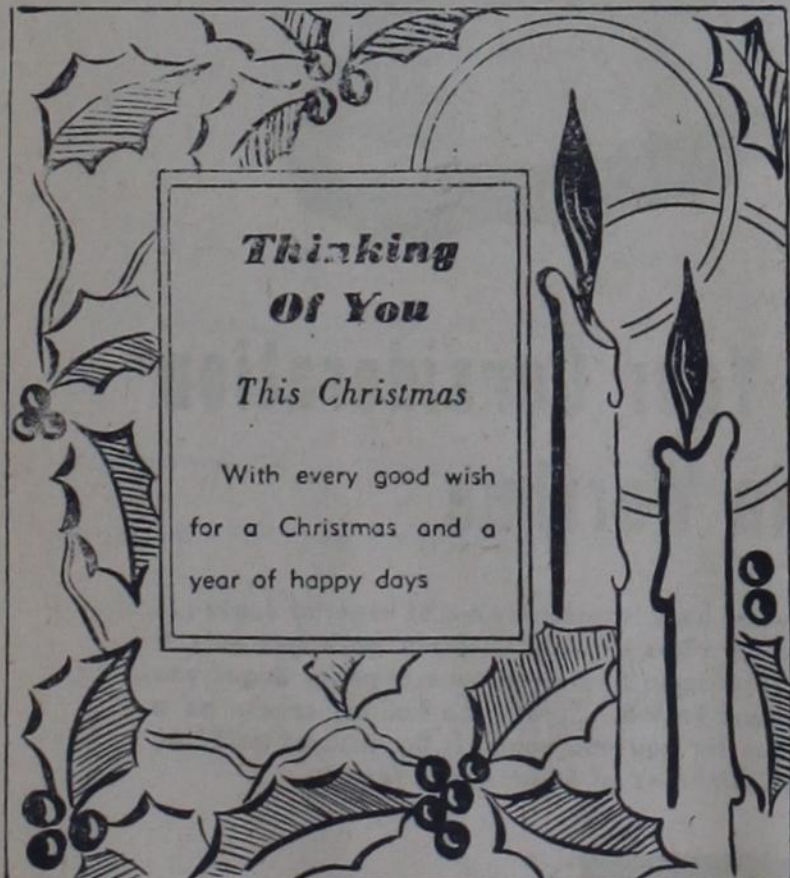
Powder Puff Beauty Shop

TEXICO, N. M.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

HALL'S GROCERY & MARKET



May Brothers

"Clovis Oldest and Leading Jewelers"

SANTA LETTERS



Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I want a bicycle, Lincoln logs and a rifle. Oh, yes, don't forget candy, nuts and fruit. Remember my friends and the children overseas. I won't mind if you don't bring me all I have asked for. I have tried to be a good boy the past year. Hoping to see you soon,
Travis Lynn Christian

Dear Santa,
I try to be a good girl. I am 8 years old. I want a pair of slacks and a sweater and doll bed and some kind of game. Don't forget Mike and Katherine. Love,
Lavoyda Billington
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Daddy doll and a table and chairs, and some dishes and two new doll blankets, a green one and a black one, and a choo-choo train like is over at Pa's. I have been a good girl.
Donna Kay Bruns.

Dear Santa,
We want a great big doll apiece and a real pretty dress. We want two doll quilts. That is all this time.
Sandra and Polly Briscoe.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I want you to bring me a volley ball and a billfold, also some candy and nuts. Please remember my Daddy, who is in Hawaii.
Leon Richards

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three years old. I want a big teddy bear and a picture book. Patsy who is one year old, wants a doll. Too, we would like some fruit, candy and nuts.
Janice Richards

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven. I want a doll and a bed and jacks to. And my little brother, Jerry, is five and he wants a wagon. Love,
Gay and Jerry Malone.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 10 months old. Will you please bring me a little red rocking horse? Please don't forget my daddy, in England, and my uncles, Max, Weldon and John Norman. I have been a good little boy, my mother says. Lots of love,
Gary Pumroy, Muleshoe.

Dear Santa:
I am seven years old and in second grade. I have been real good and help my mother ever evening. Would you please bring me a doll suitcase with clothes for my dolly, a nurses kit, telephone, and story books. Please, Santa, remember all of my little friends and especially my Grandpa and Grandpa Bocox and uncles in Uncle Sam's service. With love,
Gloria Jean Sanders

Dear Santa Claus,
I've tried sometimes to be good, so guess you'll have to try to come see me. Please bring me a little pickup, tinker toys and anything else you like. Remember everybody, especially the little orphan children. Your little friend,
Carl Delvin Langford

Dear Santa Claus,
I've tried to be a good boy this year. I am nine years old. I want a football, a bow and arrow and a knife. I want some nuts and candy, too. Take the soldier boys something, too. Your friend,
Leon Langford.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big doll and a game of the United States. And a scrap book if you have one. And my little sister wants a doll and an iron and ironing board. She is not big enough to write a letter. My brother wants a football and farm set. My baby brother wants a toy horse. And don't forget Aunt Stella and all the other girls and boys. Your friend,
Mary Joyce Rolland

Dear Santa,
I am a boy seven years old. For myself I am not asking much, just anything you have will be all right. Be sure to bring my little brother and sister what they want. Please

don't forget all my friends and my teacher, Mrs. Sanders. Love,
Jimmy Don Moss

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you would please bring me a toy of some kind, also some nuts, candy and fruit. I am five years old.
Cora Sue Atchley.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some house shoes and just anything else you have. Don't forget the nuts and fruit. Love,
Shirley Ann Atchley

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years of age. Please bring me a Bible, a doll house shoes, and anything else you want to. Don't forget my baby brother, Jerry Glendon, as this is his first Christmas. Also don't forget my grandparents and my daddy. Bye for now. P. S., Santa, be sure to be extra nice to my big brother. (Ed's Note: Letter Unsigned).

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Now that Christmas is drawing near, it's time to plan the Christmas baking. Cookies are a universal favorite.

Cookies that stay moist, have good flavor and pack well are welcomed by the boys in service. Some types of refrigerator cookies meet all of these requirements.

Refrigerator cookies may be mixed, kept in the refrigerator for days, and baked as they are needed.

The following recipe is one that adds a great deal of flavor and attractiveness to the Christmas cookie jar:

- 2 1/4 cups chopped pitted dates
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup chopped nutmeats
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soda

Combine dates, granulated sugar and water in saucepan and cook over low heat until thick, about ten minutes. Add the nutmeats and cool.

Meanwhile cream shortening, add brown sugar gradually while creaming. Add well-beaten eggs and beat well. Add remaining ingredients, sifted together, and mix well. Chill thoroughly. Divide mixture in two parts and roll each out separately into a rectangle a little less than one-fourth inch thick. Spread each with some of the date filling and roll into

long rolls. Chill thoroughly, overnight if you can, then cut with sharp knife into slices about one-fourth inch thick. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 10 to 12 minutes. This makes about five dozen cookies.

HOT WARNING

It was the candidate's first great speech, and he wanted to make it tell, and wished to end with a warning. He could have couched his warning in the old proverb about locking the stable after the horse was stolen, but that was too commonplace. He wanted something original.

He quickly thought of something better. Then he shouted: "Don't fellow countrymen and citizens, I beg you—don't wait till the house takes fire before you summon the firemen."

YES, WE'D AGREE

Boggy—What's worse than raining cats and dogs?
Woogy—Hailing bombs and parachutists.

Christmas Greetings



and All Happiness in the New Year

Home Grocery & Mkt.

LES MEANS, Prop.

Wait!



Don't Throw This Away . . .



We know you are busy at Christmas time and we know that many Christmas sentiments find their way to the waste basket, but before discarding ours, we want you to know that it is presented in all sincerity and with genuine appreciation for all the kindness that have been ours in the past. We are grateful for the good things that have come our way, many of them undeserved perhaps. Believe us when we say this greeting comes from the depths of our hearts.

THELMA'S

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CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

SCOTTY

To all of you whom we have faithfully endeavored to serve in the past and to those of you whom we would like to serve in the future, we extend Christmas greetings.

We assure you that we will make every effort to serve you next year as efficiently and effectively as possible. We have a certain standard that we expect to set as a goal and our every effort will be directed toward the achievement of this purpose.

May you enjoy this Christmas in every respect.

Season's Greetings



Minneapolis-Moline

Edd Eason
Odom Smith

Jim Moss
Ralph Humble

FARWELL, TEXAS



"LONG MAY OUR LAND BE BRIGHT WITH FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO EACH OF YOU

Wishing you all the happiness which may be contained in an old fashioned American Christmas.

JACK HOLT

"THE CLOTHIER"

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Mama's Sugar Says:

Merry Christmas To Texans and Friends Everywhere

Thanks for Your Loyalty and Your Consideration of IMPERIAL'S Job in Wartime

Sugar is vital to victory. And Imperial Sugar isn't always plentiful for civilian needs. Despite tremendous demands, worker shortages and transportation difficulties, the folks at Sugar Land, Texas, are working night and day to supply your grocer and you with the Imperial, Pure Cane Sugar that Texans like best. Don't blame your

grocer when he is temporarily out of Imperial Sugar . . . or when he offers Imperial in paper packages only. It contains the same fine, pure cane Imperial Sugar you have always known. . . . May the holiday season be a happy one for you and yours, is the wish of IMPERIAL SUGAR COMPANY of Sugar Land, Texas.

TEXAS' OWN . . .

IMPERIAL SUGAR

100% PURE CANE



To All
AMERICANS
And Friends of Americans

Because of the sacrifices of American youths and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be of small importance.

It is fitting and appropriate that we remember them at this glad season of the year. At the same time remembering our friends here at home who have also made tremendous sacrifices in order that the American way of life may be maintained.

We wish you all the best possible.



BROOKS-DEATON GINS & WAREHOUSE

E. M. EATON, Mgr.

Pick Toy That Will Help Develop Youngster

Safety features, durability, educational and recreational values, attractiveness—these are the factors to consider in selecting a toy, according to Phyllis B. Davis, assistant extension specialist in child development and family relations at the New Jersey college of agriculture, Rutgers university. It is also essential to consider whether the toy is sufficiently advanced for the child, or so far beyond him that he will tire of it before he is old enough to appreciate it.

"A healthy, normal youngster ought to have a year-round diet of play things—it's a definite mistake to confuse and spoil him with a shower of toys at Christmas, when the stress should be on giving rather than on receiving," Mrs. Davis advises parents. "The wiser idea is to give him his toys gradually throughout the year, as he is ready for them and needs them. A young child should have a variety of play things. However, he'll only become distracted, destructive, and disorderly if too many toys are always within his reach. All he needs are a few at a time."

Just as there are different types of toys for each age level, so there are toys that serve different purposes in each age group, Mrs. Davis points out. There are manipulative toys, toys for physical development, balance and skill, toys for dramatic, imaginative play, toys to teach arts and handicrafts, and toys to encourage an interest in nature, science, hobbies and pets. A child needs some of each in the form best adapted to his age level.

Toys for babies should be selected primarily from the standpoint of safety. They should have no sharp edges, no loose parts small enough to be swallowed. Animals with eyes glued or pinned on, toys covered with poisonous paint or made of glass or china are also taboo. The best choice is something that can be washed when it becomes soiled.

Wartime Santa



Santa Claus moves into Orlando, Fla., traveling by tank. It might have been that Santa remembered last winter's threatened meat shortage and feared for the safety of his reindeer.

Proper Signing of Mr. and Mrs. Cards

A perplexing etiquette problem in this season of sending greetings is that of how to sign husband-and-wife Christmas cards.

There are two types of cards, formal and informal. Formal ones are usually engraved as a visiting card would be—with Mr. and Mrs. Informal cards, printed or signed by hand, ordinarily follow this rule: It's best to have the husband's name first, the wife's second and the children's, if any, afterwards. For example, "John and Martha Jones and John Jr." If there are just husband and wife, the person signing the card writes his or her name second.

Never send a card without a Mr., Mrs. or Miss Prefixed to the name of the person addressed; never use an initial for the first name.

Early Christmas

There is no mention of a Christian observance of December 25 as Christmas before the fifth century. There is, in fact, no record to indicate what date Jesus was born. Various researchers have set the day as January 6, March 25, May 20, April 19 and November 17. In order to win Christian converts away from their observance of the pagan mid-winter festival, early churchmen induced them to observe the birth of Christ Jesus at that time instead. Thus in time December 25 came to be established as Christmas.

Was Hael!

The forerunner of today's Christmas egg nog, Wassail (from "Was Hael!"—"Your Health!") was inherited from the early Saxons of fair Lady Rowena's day. The ambrosial concoction itself, served from a large gold, silver, porcelain or turned-wood ("treen-ware") vessel, was a rich wine, spiced and sweetened and with roasted apples floating on its top. Wassail was "apple-toddy" in our early Colonial homes.

Quarrelsome Natives

A policeman is stationed in the shrine of the Prince of Peace—because sects in Bethlehem quarrel among themselves about Christmas even on a Christmas day

The Whiskers Tickle



Maybe it was Santa's beard that frightened this Philadelphia youngster upon his first introduction to that amiable old gentleman. It won't take long, however, for Santa to dispel any and all fears.

Scot Private Tells How 'Silent Night' Stilled War Guns

It was Christmas Eve, 1914, between Armentiers and Arras, while Gordon Highlanders huddled in trenches when somebody remembered the day.

"Jim, let's sing," one said to Private James Sutherland-Watt of Norfolk, Va.

Jim pleaded off, but someone else started "Silent Night, Holy Night," and soon Jim and the whole Scot regiment had joined in.

When the last refrain subsided, from the opposite trenches arose other voices—attuned in "Stille Nacht." Then all night long Christmas carols rang from trench to trench in strange tongues while cannon and flares from other sectors lit the sky.

At the customary "zero" hour, the British soldiers saw gray-clad figures making their way out of the opposite trenches. A few shots were fired. Then it was seen that the Germans carried no arms. Scots leaped from their trenches, likewise unarmed, only to be ordered back.

LOOKS THAT COUNT

"How did you lose your job at the dress shop, my dear?"

"Just because of something I said. After I had tried 20 dresses on a woman, she said, 'I think I'd look nicer in something flowing', so I asked her why she didn't jump in the river."

Through the CENTURIES



It is a far cry from the crude manger of Bethlehem nearly 20 centuries ago to modern structures of worship.

But as time goes on and the world continues to progress, it is interesting to observe that the one custom that has remained unchanged is the observance of the coming of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

May His teachings predominate now at a time when the world seeks peace and contentment. This is our Christmas wish this year. May we wish you all the joys of the Yuletide.



Kemp Lumber Co.

JOE CRUME, Mgr.

FARWELL, TEXAS



Every year there is a big rush on Long Distance telephone lines. Many men and women service will want to call home. If you help keep the lines clear by not making unnecessary long distance calls over the Christmas weekend it will help keep essential calls moving. Thanks for remembering.

THE MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY



EVER THAT SAME STAR

★ The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea . . . it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Merry Christmas!

Consumers Fuel Association

BOVINA

LARIAT

FOR A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, AVOID ACCIDENTS

Human life is never cheap. Even in wartime, with the world bent on death and destruction, life and health are the most valuable possessions. The Christmas season emphasizes this value, more than any other season. It is GOOD to be alive at Christmas time!

No realistic person will delude himself that Christmas, 1944, will be a happy, normal Christmas. The world at war with men in far-flung places—with death and injury stalking the battlefields, with vacant places around many Christmas trees—belies any hope of a truly Merry Christmas.

But an accident to you or a member of your family will take the last remnant of Christmas spirit from your home. Yet, according to the National Safety Council, hundreds of homes will be saddened by accidents during the holiday season.

Don't let it be your home. Take extra care during the holiday season to protect yourself and your family by using common sense and courtesy. Remember it when you drive an automobile. Remember it in your work. Remember it in your home.

For a happier holiday—avoid accidents!

ANALYZE?

A professor asked a student to make a sentence or verse with the words "analyze" and "anatomy" in it. The following was submitted by a precocious freshman:

My analyze over the ocean,
My analyze over the sea,
Oh, who will go over the ocean
And bring back my ana-to-my?

In the state of Colorado are 42 of the 55 highest mountain peaks in the United States.

**Signs of Zodiac
Give Tips on Who
Wants What Gift**

A New York city astrologer has devised a novel system of selecting Christmas gifts. It works as well as any, it seems.

"It's as simple as A, B, C," said Miss Helen Paul, the astrologer. "If one studies the signs under which friends and relatives are born, no one need fear that their gifts will be exchanged after Christmas."

Here's her rating of Christmas satisfaction according to the zodiac: Those born under December 22 to January 21 are the practical type. Capricorn is their sign—and they have a yen for leather goods.

The Aquarius boys and girls born from January 22 to February 20—like the unusual, the Aquarius females hankering for ankle bracelets, the males want spats.

Those born under the sign of the fish—Pisces, February 21 to March 20—would be greatly pleased with wet goods—wines and liquor.

The Aries crowd—March 21 to April 21—go in for smoking. Ash trays, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco—for the men. For the women, a box of "personalized" matches, or, a bright red sweater and cap.

Taurus Folk Hunger
The Taurus people—April 22 to May 21—would like nothing better than food—Taurus people never grow weary of eating.

Gemini-ers—May 22 to June 22—have literary preoccupations. Girls would be thrilled by writing material, the men by a printing press or a pen and pencil set.

Those born under the sign of Cancer—June 23 to July 22—are homey and would like domestic gifts such as lounging robes, cocktail sets or household equipment.

The Leo people—July 23 to August 22—are show-offs. The men go for startling ties no matter what they say. The women hope for something really fancy in jewelry or lacey underwear.

Virgo-ites—August 23 to September 22—are essentially practical. The men really want handkerchiefs, and the women want a utility kitchen cabinet.

The Libra men want their handkerchiefs initialed. They're born from September 23 to October 22—and at heart they are exquisites.

Scorpion men and women—October 23 to November 22—go in for the exotic. The men would be delighted with some chisels and a chunk of granite. The women want to get a kick out of perfume, or some spices.

The Sagittarius type—November 23 to December 21—long for a parlor bowling alley.

Warry Christmas



The men on Guadalcanal will never forget the Christmas of 1943. Soldiers, sailors and marines were still battling the fading Japs. But the familiar Yule touches were in evidence. Here is a scene in the outdoor kitchen as chefs carved turkeys ready for roasting and serving.

Official Yule Tree

The famous General Grant tree in the General Grant National park, California, was at high noon on Christmas day, 1926, declared the nation's official Christmas tree.

The tree, estimated to be 276 feet high, by the United States department of interior, is one of the most celebrated trees in America. It is one of the so-called Big-trees, Sequoia gigantea.

Devotional and patriotic services are held beneath the tree each year and are broadcast over national hookups.

Christmas, Fla.

The only post office in the United States named "Christmas" is in Florida. Each year to this small town of 200, which was settled more than a century ago, come packages, letters and cards from all over the world for remailing with the official markings "Greetings from Christmas, Fla." More than 70,000 pieces of mail have been canceled in one Christmas season at that post office.

There is a post office in Indiana named Santa Claus and one in Maine named Christmas Cove.

Xmas Abbreviation

Xmas, thus spelled as an abbreviation for Christmas, has its origin in the fact that the Greek letter chi was written as X. This letter was also the initial of the name Christos. Many people identify the X as representing the Cross.

EPITAPH ON A TOMBSTONE

Remember, friend, when passing by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, soon you will be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

A man, after reading the epitaph, took a hammer and chisel and wrote:
To follow you I'm not content
Until I know WHICH way you went!

Have you bought that bond today?

LIFE'S Little TROUBLES



-CAN'T EAT-

You don't have to worry and fret because CONSTIPATION or GAS PRESSURE discomforts won't let you eat. Instead of feeling nervous—blue or bewildered, take a dash of

ADLER-I-KA

as directed on label to quickly expel gas—to soften and assist food wastes thru a comfortable bowel movement. Enjoy that clean, refreshed feeling that lifts spirits—rekindles smiles—improves appetite. Buy it! Try it! You'll never be without Adlerika again.

Get Adlerika from your druggist today.

In Texico, N. M., at
RED CROSS PHARMACY

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PRACTICALLY ALL SIZES IN GRADE I and GRADE III IN STOCK

Bring Us Your Worn Tires for Factory Retreading

Eubank & Son Auto and Home Supply Co.

513 Main Street Clovis, N. M.

Firestone

Wonder how many men kneel down today when they aim at a woman's heart? The average distance a freight car moves per day is nearly twice as great as it was in 1920.



"... and on earth peace,
good will towards men."



And to each of you who read this message that enraptured happiness which comes only at CHRISTMASTIME

Lariat Grain & Seed Co.

RAY FORD, Mgr.

Season's Greetings

Aubey Rhodes Produce

DVINA, TEXAS

BEST WISHES for an American Christmas

A FRIENDLY WORD

The value of a friendly word at Christmas or at any other time carries a significance unsurpassed. It adds to the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having friends during times such as those we have experienced during the past months. A friendly word is something that is indelibly impressed in the minds of people who have endured sacrifices and difficult times.

It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends.

Farmers Supply Co.

TEXICO-FARWELL

FROM US TO YOU!

1944 Christmas GREETINGS

† † Dus... Christmas Be... children mving about stealthily, wide-eyed and expectant... you know the signs.

Christmas is he, let us all be merry for it comes but once year.

With gratitue for your kind favor during 1944 we send youeartiest Christmas getings.

Cicero Smith Lumer Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS.

At 2 o'clock in the morning a lady telephoned the president of a large department store. After much ringing the mogul answered with a sleepy and gruff "Hello!"

"This is Mrs. So-and-So," said the lady in a sirupy voice. "I jus. could not help calling you personally to tell you that hat I bought at your store last week is simply stunning."

"That's all very nice," yawned the president, "but would you mind telling me, madam, why you call me

at this hour of the night about a hat you bought last week?"

"Because," she replied politely, "your truck just brought it."

The name of Idaho is derived from an Indian word meaning "Gem of the Mountains".

Trouble is the sieve through which we sift our acquaintances. Those too big to fall through are our friends.

Saint Nick Lived In 4th Century

On Christmas Eve, American children will be tucked snugly in their beds—while visions of sugarplums dance through their heads. Listening breathlessly, they may hear sleighbells in the snow. Santa will be about, his pack laden with dolls and drums, painted carts and picture books, and unrated good cheer for young and old.

The real, live St. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor and lived during the Fourth century. The Dutch settlers brought many legends centering around him to America. He was an extraordinarily studious youth and, after his father died, much concerned about the fortune he had inherited. He, therefore, conceived the idea of supplying financially embarrassed maidens with dowries, the young ladies having no idea where the money came from.

In his youth, Nicholas visited the Holy Land, and as a result, desired to spend his life in a monastery. However, he was bidden to "Go on; live among men . . ." Later, as the Archbishop of Myra, he was renowned for his graciousness, kindness and understanding of children.

The feast of St. Nicholas, patron saint of Russia, is celebrated on the sixth of December. On that day, in many European countries, the children are visited by St. Nicholas and given nuts, apples, candy and small gifts, providing they have been well behaved throughout the year.

The modern American conception of Santa Claus was first expressed by Washington Irving who, in 1809, described him as a tubby, jolly little fellow speeding across the sky in a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

In 1822, using Irving's description and supplying additional details from his own imagination, Clement Clarke Moore told his children the story of "The Visit of St. Nicholas." A year later, the poem was published in the Troy Sentinel. Many years passed, however, before Dr. Moore, being a professor of divinity, publicly acknowledged having written the now famous poem, which has been translated into several foreign languages.

Thomas Nast, creator of the GOP elephant, the Tammany tiger and the Democratic donkey, apparently dressed Santa in his red suit through a series of sketches appearing in Harper's illustrated weekly.

NEWS LETTER TO EXES

AUSTIN—Just in case University of Texas law school ex-students now overseas should forget legal terminology, C. T. McCormick, dean, included part of the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" in his recent newsletter to ex-students.

Not wanting the ex-students to forget the language of statutes and regulations, Dean McCormick quoted the material part of Title II of the Act. Also the Dean figures the boys will know what to expect in

the way of their future education if they "digest" the new law.

In the many pages of the mimeographed newsletter to former law students are items about those who have attended the school from 1907 to the present time. Brief summaries of University happenings, and legal activities in the State, and letters from men in the service are also included.

Voluntary contributions from former law students keep the newsletter in circulation. Miss Helen Harbrarian, instructor in law, and law li-

brarian, is editor.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

President Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas, was married in Travis County, May 16, 1840, and the marriage certificate has now been placed in the Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus. It was certificate Number 2 in the Travis County courthouse records, and was given to the Museum by the County.

GREETINGS

To one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is an old, old wish, but one that is sincere. It conveys our thoughts explicitly.

May next year see us all more contented with the knowledge that the sacrifices you have made have been worthwhile to the maintenance of our way of living.

Duckworth Drug Co.

DRUGS AND GIFTS

Indian and Mexican Goods



THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

Ford Produce Company

FARWELL, TEXAS



★ At Christmas perhaps more than at any other time in the year we realize what it means to be an American—to worship as we please, to go about our daily pursuits unfettered, to take time out to pay homage to the beautiful

myth of Santa Claus. ★ And at Christmas the members of this organization realize particularly what your patronage has meant to us, and we take this opportunity to thank you while wishing you all a most Merry Christmas.



Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bagley

AGENTS, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO.

TWENTY CENTURIES

The birth of the Saviour did not, then and there, establish peace on earth and good will among men.

Caesar did not topple from his pinnacle at the precise moment; people continued to grumble against his decrees and wonder what new law would oppress them next. Herod, king of Judea, did not join the Wise Men in adoration of the Holy Child; but rather, authorized the slaughter of the innocents in an attempt to destroy Him.

But: There were shepherds watching over their flocks some two or three miles from the Stable of Bethlehem: the Angel of the Lord appeared unto them: Wise Men, having seen His Star in the East, hastened to bring symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

On this Christmas day, we remember the children in His Name—for theirs is the Peace of tomorrow—and, hearing the carols of good will above the present turmoil, we are the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Young Charmer



This eager youngster is all set to turn her charms loose on Santa, and with results that will leave his pack considerably lighter in weight.

Decorative Shadows

To achieve a colorful decorative effect, take a bowl of pine branches and make it "spill" backward toward the wall. Bright light from clear-glass Christmas lamps, either bunched in a bowl or concealed from view behind the bowl, create the lovely shadow patterns pictured. The shadows may be tinted by adding one or more larger lamps of contrasting color.

Boxing Days

In England, Boxing day—usually December 26—formerly was the day when the old squires distributed Christmas boxes to the help on their estates. It has since become a sort of legalized blackmail—an excuse for delivery boys, the postman and others who have served you during the year to call and collect a tip.



THE STAR IN THE EAST



Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

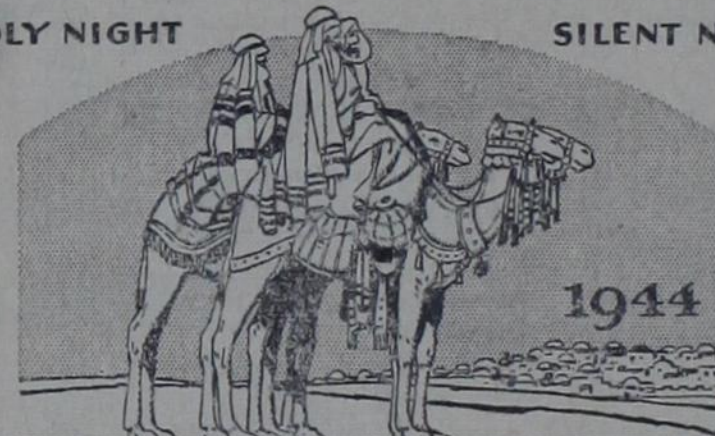
During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.

Macon Elevator

BOVINA, TEXAS.

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.



Williams Mercantile Co.

"The Only Exclusive Dry Goods Store in Parmer Co."

BOVINA, TEXAS.

Great Christmas Carols Work of Inspired Clergy

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang "Glory to God on High," music has been a vital part of the holiday season, schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1730 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

Origin of 'Silent Night.'

But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Holy Night, Silent Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then, of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die. Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schumann-Heink.

Oh, those were days of simplicity, when rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that goes on forever.

They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

St. Nick Shied From Attention for His Gifts

The stocking custom is said to have started with St. Nicholas, original of Santa Claus, a Greek bishop, Nicholas of Myra, who lived in the fourth century. He was both generous and shy, and hated to be thanked for the presents he was continually making to those in need.

Once he climbed to a roof top and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney so that he would not be seen. The money, instead of falling in the fire, lodged in a child's stocking that had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

His act became known, and thereafter whenever unexpected gifts came from unknown sources they were attributed to St. Nicholas.

Handy Man



Proof that a sailor is always a handy man to have around is furnished by these two girl workers at the Brooklyn navy Y.M.C.A. Here a kind-hearted sailor lends a helping thumb to gift wrapping operations performed in one of the USO centers operated by the "Y."

Loud Welcome

Spanish settlers brought the custom of hailing Christmas with firecrackers and bonfires, a procedure that astounds northerners in Louisiana.

King for a Night at Wassailing Tree Fete

"Here's to thee
Old apple tree!
Whence thou mayst blow,
And whence thou mayst blow,
Apples enow;
Hats full,
Caps full,
Bushels, bushels, socks full,
And my pockets full too!
Huzzo! Huzzo!"

The rendering of this doggerel rhyme, followed by the passing of the cider jug, was a popular feature of Christmas during the middle 19th century at Devonshire.

This completed, the male members of the party discharged guns into a selected apple tree—said to result in bumper apple crops.

The men would then knock at the farm house door, guess as to the kind of roast in the oven. The one who guessed correctly was king for the night.

Aces Again Register at Formosa



Left to right: Lieut. James D. Bare, Wetumka, Okla.; Lieut. Bert De Wayne Morris Jr., (movie star Wayne Morris); Ens. Kenneth A. Flinn, Oakland, Calif., and Ens. Richard L. Davis, Tappahannock, Va., shown after returning from air raid on Formosa. Morris' score is now eight Jap planes shot down in combat in addition to hits on land marks.

NOT ALWAYS KNOWLEDGE

"Do you know," said the young student at the agricultural college to an old farmer, "your methods of cultivation are a hundred years behind the time?" Looking around, he added, "Why, I'd be surprised if you made a dollar out of the oats in that field." "So would I," smiled the farmer, "it's barley."



AS THE New Year approaches we pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before. In maintaining this policy we trust that we may continue to merit your friendship and patronage.

City Cleaners
FARWELL, TEXAS

A FRIENDLY GREETING

After reviewing the events of the past months and experiencing the problems which confront us under existing conditions, it is only natural that we welcome the peace and quiet of the Christmas season. It is comforting to know that we can free ourselves of the distracting thoughts that occupy our minds during ordinary days.

It is difficult this year to express words which will bring comfort and peace to those whose homes and normal lives have been affected so greatly because of the American desire to maintain our way of life. Whatever we might say in this message may sound trite but please understand that our thoughts are sincere and genuine when we say that we wish you a Merry American Christmas. It is our way of expressing ourselves at this time and to let you know that we fully appreciate the trials that have been yours, the determination with which you have met abnormal situations.

Lee H. McElroy
COUNTY AGENT, FARMER COUNTY

Christmas

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ANY YEAR	DECEMBER							ANY YEAR
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IT'S THE
BIG DAY
OF THE YEAR!

It's here! The BIG DAY! That one day of the year to which each of us look with eager anticipation. It is the day when all of us, at least for the moment, can relax and enjoy the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

We enjoy our friends all through the year, it's true, but there's something about Christmas that makes it stand out as the one day of the year when the cares of the morrow are forgotten in

the spirit of cheerfulness that is evidenced at Christmastime.

And so, as we gather with our loved ones, our neighbors and friends, let's receive comfort and happiness from the thoughts of courtesies and friendly acts of kindness which we have enjoyed during the past year. And on this BIG DAY of the year, please accept our sincere good wishes for the days of next year.

MAY WE EMPHASIZE

Our Message to You

Dear Santa Clause: I want a sled. I have been thinking about it all year. I want some new clothes. I want a puzzle. I need colors. I want a ball. I want some good boy. I want a book. Oh, I forgot to tell you for the toys last year. Love, Donald

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa Clause: I want a sled. I have been thinking about it all year. I want some new clothes. I want a puzzle. I need colors. I want a ball. I want some good boy. I want a book. Oh, I forgot to tell you for the toys last year. Love, Catherine Joan

Meador's Chevrolet Company
Buick—Chevrolet—Cadillac
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Farwell Elevator Company

W. BART OSBORNE, Myr.

FARWELL, TEXAS

Welcome Gift



It is a woman's war, too. And for Christmas Santa brought this little lady the uniform of a Red Cross nurse. The cape is blue. The uniform is of white cotton with the Red Cross emblem.

Wandering Old Lady Is Santa in Italy

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus—in Italy.

No one runs down to a well-decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents. Brightly colored flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until January 6.

On that night, an old, old lady,

La Befana, waxes from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child she visits.

Exactly 1,940 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen when several men dressed like kings stopped in front of her cottage. They asked her where Bethlehem was, but she had never heard of it.

The men told her about a baby which had been born in Bethlehem, and mentioned a star which had been guiding them. The old lady wished she could accompany them when they left her in search of the infant Jesus.

But La Befana stayed home. It was getting too dark out, and besides, the baby could wait until tomorrow. Later that night she noticed the sky quivering with light. The clouds seemed to take the form of angels. All thought of sleep left her. Rising, she carefully wrapped two gifts for the Holy Baby, then ran out into the night in the direction the kings had gone.

Fast as she hurried, she had not reached Bethlehem when the star disappeared and dawn filled the sky. She frantically asked the way to Bethlehem, but no one could tell her.

And so La Befana has constantly traveled since that day, searching for the Christ Child. On the Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, she goes from house to house, looking into the faces of babies. With each she leaves a gift, hoping that at last she will give her presents to the right child.

ENROLLMENT GOES UP

AUSTIN—Registration for the winter semester at the University of Texas is approximately 7,500, according to reports from the bursar's office. Enrollment in the 1943 winter semester was 6,909.

Navy V-12 and ROTC trainees now total 1,015, Capt. Rawson J. Valentine reports.

Preference



This young lady asked Santa for a tank instead of a doll carriage. Made of wood, it has a big turret gun and gunner and a winch in front, just like the real thing.

From War's Chaos Comes Xmas Poetry

One of the finest, most cherished Christmas gifts that will ever come to anybody was received by Detective John Scully, his wife, Lillian, and their 14-year-old daughter, Lillian, in New York city.

It was a small crumpled, rather soiled sheet of ordinary writing paper, of not very good quality. On it was a poem, written with the free brave plain flourishing print of a boy—Private Robert J. Scully, barely 18, who was somewhere in the South Pacific fighting with the United States marine corps.

The 20-line Christmas gift, a revealing example of the temper of young men in the thick of the fight, was entitled "Merry Christmas," and some of its lines were written within range of the guns of Japanese:

*This Christmas will be different
From the others I have seen.
There'll be no gifts, no church bell chime,
No snow so white and clean.
No choirs singing Christmas carols,
No children with new toys.
But I'll gladly sacrifice them all,
As will all the other boys.
For we know why we're out here,
And our job will not be done
Till we conquer every Nazi
And set the rising sun.
So a Merry Christmas to you Mom
And to you, Dad and Sis,
And may it be the last one
That I will ever miss.*

Robert, immediately after Pearl Harbor, diligently pestered his father for permission to join the marines. Winning over his father, not too easily, the two of them took turns trying to persuade Mrs. Scully to give her consent, as Robert was but 17. She gave in after a month and a half. The boy sailed for the Pacific on July 3, his 18th birthday, after training at Parris Island, S. C.

Robert, a famous left end on the football team of Theodore Roosevelt high school in the Bronx, graduated with honors when he was 15.

Boxing Day in England
Dia de Reis in Brazil

Christmas is the Day of Days in America, but in many countries Christmas is primarily commemorated as a religious festival and the gift-giving and festivities of the holiday season come later.

In England, Christmas eve is quietly observed in the churches and private homes; on Christmas day, families gather around festive tables, and December 26 is Boxing day. Friends exchange boxes, children receive their presents; servant girls, porters, paper vendors, and the like expect and receive tips. Towards evening groups of merry-makers gather on street corners and ride about Londontown dancing on the "flats" of trucks.

In France, January 1—the jour de la bonne année—is a day for exchanging greetings, calls, and small gifts. As in other Catholic countries, the children receive their presents on Epiphany. The Feast of Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the Wise Men at Bethlehem and is now celebrated on January 6 by the Roman, Anglican, Protestant and Greek churches—the Greek Orthodox church, however, continues to observe the feast on January 19.

In Brazil, where Santa Claus and modern North American customs now stand side by side with ancient traditions originally imported from Portugal, gifts and greeting cards may be sent and received right on up to January 15—and this without any apologetic implication suggestive of attempts to amend omissions made at Christmas.

Christmas Haggis

Haggis is a dish commonly made in a sheep's maw or stomach, of its lungs, heart and liver, mixed with suet, onions, salt and pepper. It can be made of oatmeal mixed with suet, onions and spices, without animal good.

While it has not become extremely popular in America, the use of calves instead of sheep are often used. The mixture is placed in the stomach and then boiled.

Old Carols

Not a few of our carols have been traced to the mystery plays of the 12th and 13th centuries. In these primitive times, the church, in order to entertain the people, indulged in extraordinary representations of the events associated with the birth of Christ.

Three Wise Men Historical Puzzle; Relics at Cologne

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men who came from the East bearing gifts to the Christ Child and, having adorned Him as the King of the Jews, returned to their own country.

It is generally accepted that there were three Wise Men because of the three specifically mentioned gifts: church tradition has identified these as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar; Melchior, king of Arabia, brought a casket of gold; Caspar, king of Tarsus, brought myrrh; and Balthasar, king of Ethiopia, brought frankincense. These gifts are considered symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest, and myrrh for a great physician. Collectively, the Wise Men received the gifts of charity and spiritual wealth, perfect faith, truth and meekness.

When they returned to their own country, the three Kings reputedly sold their possessions and went about preaching the Christ-King. Legend continues, that they were

martyred in India for their faith.

The bodies of the Wise Men, transferred to Constantinople in the fourth century—by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine—were enshrined at Milan for a while after the first Crusade. Frederick Barbarossa authorized removal of the relics to Cologne where they remain to this day deposited within the magnificent Cathedral of Cologne.

Rich and Poor Mingled

During English Yule

During the 1400s and 1500s before the Puritans got the upper hand, the golden age of English hospitality reigned. At Christmas time castles and manor houses were filled with guests by the score and the hundred.

Kinsmen and neighbors were there and on certain days the tradesmen and tenants, for all were equal at this season. The ostler could dance with the mistress if he had the nerve to ask her. And he usually had—after the wassail.

The great halls were a din of geniality. There was light—almost enough to pierce the wood smoke. And there were the savory aromas: Roasting beef, roasting mutton, fowl and brawn (the flesh of the wild pig, which had been caught and fed good grain to the point of arousing his

suspicious; too late, of course).

The dark ale flowed and added its voice—by proxy—to heighten the noise. At the peak of all this there was brought in the Yule log—a relic, incidentally, of the Scandinavians' pagan worship of Thor. With a brand from last year's log the new one was fired.

The light from these roaring flames would shine out through portals opened to the knocks of caroling and wassailing bands who, more often than not, were brought into the hall to eat of nutmeg cakes and brawn and mustard.

Legends of Holly

Holly was much admired by the Druids who believed that its ever-green leaves attested to its favor with the sun god.

Legends related that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly. Before the crucifixion the berries were white but turned crimson like drops of blood.

Another is that holly is hateful to witches and is therefore placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

A more modern legend is that whoever brings the Christmas holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.

Relax, Folks!
... IT'S CHRISTMAS

Let's take a few minutes off to wish everyone around us a very happy occasion. We need a little relaxation to better prepare our selves for the problems of the coming year.

Let's make it an old fashioned American Christmas.

Harrison Hardware

TEXICO, N. M.

SURE, WE'RE HAPPY!



We're happy because it's the time of the year when everyone has a more kindly feeling toward his fellow men. It is the occasion when we overlook the trivialities that ordinarily cause us so much concern.

Would that all of us could maintain the spirit of Christmas the other 364 days of the year. It would make a more cheerful attitude and a more liberal view which in turn would make each of us fully enjoy the good things of life that are ours for the asking.

The happiest Christmas of all is our sincere wish to each of our

Continental Oil Company

C. J. DOOSE, Representative

FARWELL, TEXAS



C. R. ELLIOTT COMPANY

BOVINA, TEXAS

NO BLACKOUTS At Christmastime IN AMERICA



Elsewhere in this world there are many who will not be able to enjoy the bright, colorful lights of Christmas. Let's be thankful that here in America, at least, there is no blackout at Christmas time.

Let's be thankful that we are privileged to enjoy Christmas and the American way of life only because American youth accepted the challenge and has made possible the perseverance of the traditional American Yuletide Season.

It is in full appreciation of the things our fighting youth have done that we express you our Christmas thoughts when we extend SEASON'S GREETINGS. Please bear in mind that we are also thinking of those men who have served their country so efficiently in the protection and perseverance of this glorious tradition.

S. E. Cone Grain & Seed Company

BOVINA, TEXAS



That you may find peace in the midst of strife and that you may find strength to meet the problems which confront us every day of the year. May you have vision and enthusiasm and may you have every happiness which will assure you genuine contentment. Sincere greetings to you our friends.

Sikes Motor Company

FARWELL, TEXAS

Melrose Team Host To Texico, Thursday

A game that is drawing considerable interest from both players and sports observers is slated for the Texico boys on Thursday evening of this week, when they face the strong Melrose quintet on that court.

Admittedly, Melrose has one of the best teams in this area, having lost few of their state runner-up players from last year. Clayton is one of the biggest threats of the Melrose scoring machine, and Coach C. E. Sanders said today he was exerting considerable effort on his boys this week to develop a strong defense.

The local junior boys are also slated to make the trip to Melrose.

Tribune Job Printing Is Best

INSTALLS NEW MACHINE

Floyd Francis, of the City Service Garage, has just installed an Atlas back-gear saw cutting lathe one of the very latest precision tools on the market, which enables him to handle a class of work heretofore impossible.

HAS APPENDECTOMY

Miss Jaquetta Strickland, student nurse at Houston, recently underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis. Her mother, Mrs. Ralph Humble, and Miss Twila Mae Strickland have gone to Houston to be with her.

About the only thing a woman can't order from the mail order house is a male.

Farwell Takes Two Games Last Friday

Coming home loaded with victory the Farwell girls and boys basketball teams are celebrating this week after surprise wins over the strong Springlake aggregations the past Friday night.

The boys' game was the bigger upset of the two, for, according to dope sheets run before the two teams tangled, Springlake had about a 10-point margin over Farwell, figured on comparative scores with the Bovina quintet.

From the beginning, however, the game was in the hands of capable blue-and-white players, who took the final decision at 13-23. Scoring was not heavy throughout the game, and a time or two became uncomfortably close, local coaches report, although Farwell never permitted Springlake to squeeze into the lead.

Phillips was high for the locals, hitting the basket for a total of 11 points during the game, while Barton led the Springlake attack with a count of 7. Guarding work on the part of Farwell men was particularly good.

Almost "Skunk" Opponents

The Farwell girls, while cast to win, racked up a victory that left them dizzy with joy, when they almost blanked out their opponents, winning 22-5.

Score at the end of the first half was Farwell 18, Springlake 0, with two field goals and one free shot being taken by the losers in the last two quarters.

Meeks banged away at the goal to score 12 points for Farwell, with her running-mate, Booth, second in line with 8. Despite a bandaged hand, Thomas did good work at the guard position.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, no games are scheduled for the local teams until January 5, when they go to Lazbudy.

Lose Six Contests Over Last Weekend

The Texico boys and girls, from junior teams on through the seniors, were roundly walloped last weekend, when they lost six matches in encounters with the Center and Grady basketeers.

Friday night saw three games played at the local gymnasium, when the Center A and B junior boys' teams and junior girls visited here.

Peggy Rogers accounted for the only field goal scored by the junior girls, when they were defeated 2-21, Coach Viola Rodewald reported. The A group of junior boys lost to Center 19-32, with Clayton of Center scoring 14 and Pearce of Texico bagging 10.

High scorer of the boys' B team was Haynes, who took 8 of the 10 points made by Texico, in a game that ended 15-10.

Visit at Grady

Although previously defeated by Grady on the local court, the scoring on Saturday night at that school was higher than in contests played here.

Texico's boys lost their round by a 44-26 tally, being unable to stop the Grady attack, and likewise, unable to make their basket shots count. The game was excessively rough, Coach C. E. Sanders reported. Williams, of Grady, who fouled out before the half, and Johnson, of Texico, tied for scoring honors with 12 each.

The local girls also came out underneath, score being 17-35. Setting up a defense to handle Daniels, who had done most of the scoring when the two teams met in Texico, the guards proved unequal to the task of stopping Watts, who slipped in 23 points. P. Flye had 8 for Texico.

The Texico junior boys lost their round with Grady, 14-3, with Pettigrew of Grady scoring 10 and Morton taking three free shots for the total Texico scoring.

Payment Period Ends On Dairy Supplement

Ellis M. Mills, of the local Triple A office, reminded farmers and dairymen today that subsidy payments for September and October production of milk and cream will be closed on December 31st.

"I cannot stress enough," Mills said, "that payments will be made for dairy subsidy only during the specified periods. We have had several applications requesting payment on milk and cream produced last year, and cannot honor such requests."

Furthermore, Mills pointed out, all stubs showing the sale of milk or cream must be dated when presented for payment. He urged that all persons eligible for the subsidy make their applications for the September-October period immediately.

After January 1st, applications for November-December payment may be made, with the deadline on this period set for the last day of February.

The first attempt made by Americans to find the North Pole was in 1753.

Pesch-

Pesch went with a large group of immigrants to Pennsylvania, where they worked in the coal mines. "They promised us \$3 a day, but we got around \$1.50 by doing 'piece' work," he reported, and the low pay and working conditions encouraged Pesch to move on to Decatur, Alabama, in 1889, where he worked in an iron foundry at \$1.75 a day.

Moves To Texas

Meeting up with a friend from the Old Country, John Munsford by name, Pesch soon came to Houston, where the first job open was one digging sewers. "I spent a week at it and had to quit—had nothing but blisters on my hands. Then went to work for Daring brothers in the sawmills out from Houston. I'd been there about three months when I asked a man, 'When do we get paid around here?', and he looked surprised and said, 'We have two pay-days a year'. That was enough for me—they paid me off in 121 sawmill chips, which I finally cashed in at 25c on the \$1. Had to walk 20 miles carrying two suitcases when I left there."

Pesch's next move was to Horton county, where he tried his luck on a blackland farm, took a fling at farming in Van Zandt, where he practically went broke, and finally moved on to Shackelford County, also to try his hand at farming. His move to this county was through the encouragement of his son-in-law, E. A. Hromas, who had married his daughter, Sophie, and resided near Bovina.

"Frank (a son) and me built a shack to cook in, a barn to keep the stock in—we slept in it, too—and a pen for the horses when we first moved here," he recounted. Incidentally, the original buildings are still on the 320-acre property. The nice stucco farm home was built in 1926, and other improvements, such as chicken houses, garage, etc., have also been added.

Sustains Leg Injury

Questioned as to how he sustained the leg injury, Pesch showed more annoyance over the accident's aftereffects on his team than to himself. The accident occurred in 1920, before the Pesch family moved to Parmer County. "We had been hauling oats down the narrow country road, with high weeds and brush on each side. Some man had one of these T-Models and he came out of a sideroad suddenly. I swung the team over to one side and hit a culvert that I hadn't seen and the wagon overturned—the mules dragged it and me quite a way before I could get them stopped. Never could keep those mules from shying at T-Models after that," he snorted.

Pesch has stock on his farm that is reaching a ripe old age, too. One horse is "35 past" and a dog that was strolling nonchalantly around the yard was listed as "17 past". "If they had him (the dog) in the Old Country now, they'd butcher him, eat the meat, and make lace leather out of his hide," Pesch reported.

Although he had only three months schooling for the first six years of his life, Pesch can read and write—as well as speak—in five languages. He is the only member of his family to have made the trip to America. His father died in Austria in 188' and his mother in 1911. One brother, John, who had been in the Army, he has not heard from since Austria was taken over by Germany in 1929. "I've had the money to go," Pesch answered when asked if he had ever entertained the idea of paying a visit to his home country, "but I was afraid they would get me as a deserter from the Army, so I didn't go."

Gets Citizenship Papers

He received his citizenship papers in Houston during his residence in that area, and can practically quote word for word the questions he was asked before the precious papers were issued.

The majority of the children are expected to begin gathering at the family home this weekend for a Christmas reunion. One boy, Joe, lives at home; Alvin is an instructor in the Air Force and located in Colorado; Charley is employed in Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Adulu Smith lives in Oklahoma; Frank, Lewis, Mrs. Clifford Leake, Mrs. Mary Bolte and Mrs. E. A. Hromas all reside in this county; Mrs. Joste Ender lives at Sagerton, Mrs. Frances Thane at Avaha, Texas, and E. G. Pesch at Anson, Texas. The latter spent 43 years in the Army Signal Corps, being discharged last year.

Pesch has lived through drought, grasshopper infestations, sandstorms and depressions; he has buried one wife and three children; he started out with practically nothing and no education and has acquired a comfortable home and considerable useful knowledge, and at 80 years of age is actively interested in what goes on in the world, looking forward to the end of the current war with great interest in the hopes that actual settlement of Continental ills may be achieved during the final saga of his colorful life.

Lake Superior is the largest natural lake in the world.

GREETINGS, FRIENDS

And Best Wishes for an Old Fashioned American Christmas

Fox Drug Store

BOVINA NEWS OMITTED
The Tribune regrets that due to late mail and lack of space, the regular news column from Bovina is omitted this week. It will be carried in the next issue.

MRS. GRADY ILL

Tom Grady, former local citizen, was here the latter part of last week from Roy, N. M., and stated that his mother, Mrs. Pearl B. Grady, had been quite ill for the past several weeks. It is believed that she is suffering from an internal cancer.

Mrs. Grady will be remembered as one of the old pioneers of Texico. For a number of years she served as postmaster of Texico. Of recent years she has been making her home with her son, Tom, who is cattle inspector at Roy.

25th Anniversary Noted

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Rutherford recently entertained in their home celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The Rutherfords were married November 26, 1919, being issued the first marriage license out of Muleshoe, Bailey County. Mrs. Rutherford is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dyer, of Farwell.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS

The Santa Fe System carloadings for week ending December 16 were 24,819 compared with 21,440 for the same week in 1943. Cars received from connections totaled 13,125 com-

pared with 10,645 for same week in 1943. Total cars moved were 37,644 compared with 32,085 for same week in 1943. Santa Fe handled total of 35,157 cars in the preceding week of this year.

PLAY TO BE PRESENTED

The Bovina Senior class is presenting their annual play, "Here Comes Charlie", on Thursday night, Dec. 21, at the school. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Quality Service

WE DO NOT believe it is ethical or dignified to advertise cheap funerals. All our prices are based on honest values in merchandise and service. We believe that every family wants a fitting testimonial and that common sense will keep the expenditures within reason.

Our prices cover a wide range and are well within the limits of the modest budget. Our record proves that the simplest funeral can be as reverent and dignified as the most lavish.

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JOHNSON FUNERAL HOME

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Merry Christmas

—and thank you!



EVERY-BODY LOSES

WHEN PRICES RISE

The Yuletide means a time for the expression of sentiments we've had all the year. We'd like to extend our real thanks for the way all our customers—and that includes you—have co-operated with the rationing program. You have found shortages at times and haven't complained. We know our service hasn't been what we'd like, but you have been good sports. Rationing has brot headaches but we all know it was necessary, so we thank you for co-operating... and

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When we go about spreading Christmas cheer—let's give a thought to the youth of our nation who, by their sacrifices and efforts have made possible our enjoyment of the Christmas season!

TO THEM, AND TO YOU...



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