

Chinese Reds Ask Aid Delay Pending Truce

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24. (AP) — The Communist New China Daily News urged General Marshall today to set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.

was plunging into his mission of peace for troubled China. After conferring with Chiang Kai-Shek, Premier T. V. Soong and three Communist leaders of the peace delegation assigned here, Marshall had admitted "it will be some time before I can hope to get a picture of China."

"freezing" of troops in present positions. This would mean government forces would halt their movement into Manchuria. Marshall said it was unnecessary to restate America's policy toward China, as President Truman had made that clear.

Strike Problem Suspended For Holiday Period

Auto Union To Use Time to Prepare Demand Data

DETROIT, Dec. 24. AP — The CIO United Auto Workers took advantage of a Christmas holiday "truce" to prepare new data today for a renewal later this week of its 30 per cent wage increase demands on auto manufacturers.

Picket lines around nearly 100 General Motors Corp. plants throughout the nation are due to be abandoned temporarily to allow the strikers manning them a holiday with their families.

Approximately 200,000 employees of the largest of the automotive big three have been idle since Nov. 21 in America's greatest post-war labor walkout.

Prodded by government fact-finders, the UAW-CIO and GM will meet again Wednesday in their first conference since both sides were called to Washington last week.

The government has promised that it will intervene further unless the two parties adjust their differences.

On the following day, Dec. 27, the union will hold its second meeting with the Kaiser-Frazer Corp., latest firm to enter the car manufacturing field.

The UAW-CIO has already outlined its demands on this corporation, including a proposal for a wage scale 30 per cent above that now in effect at the Ford Motor Co.

The company has said it may have some details of its own case ready for presentation at the next conference.

The Ford Motor Co., its plants idle during the holiday, is not scheduled to meet with the UAW-CIO again until Jan. 8. The union has turned down the firm's offer of a 15 cent an hour wage boost.

Across the Detroit-River, in Windsor, Ont., C. I. Hand, a justice of the Canadian supreme court, will arrive Wednesday to begin arbitration of a dispute over union security demands that closed the Ford Motor Co., of Canada for 99 days.

The nearly 10,000 UAW-CIO employees voted last week to return to work and are now awaiting recall by the company.

Employees of the other member of the big three, Chrysler Corp., are working without a union contract, but the UAW-CIO has said it will withhold any strike action for the duration of the GM dispute.

Firemen Busy Answering Calls

Four fire calls were answered by firemen Sunday including one false alarm, H. V. Crocker, fire chief, said Monday.

A grass fire which almost reached the Humble Warehouse was extinguished after two hours work by firemen Sunday around noon. The department was called to the 500 and 600 block on West 3rd at 11:30 a. m. Sunday. Boys building a camp fire caused the grass fire.

At 12:45 p. m., several firemen went outside the city limits to put out another grass fire near the oil mill. Burning trash was the origin.

A chicken house was completely destroyed by fire in Lincoln addition at 5:30 p. m., Crocker said. M. E. McCarter was owner of the building which caught fire from burning trash.

A false alarm was turned in at 8:30 p. m. on West 7th Street.

Pair Questioned in Burglary, Released

Two brothers, picked up by the sheriff's department for questioning in connection with the robbery of John Nutt's service station last weekend, were released Sunday.

The station's cash register, which the thieves lifted along with \$150 in cash, was found late Saturday night in a vacant lot back of a tavern in the west part of town.

HUNTER MISHAP FATAL

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 24. (AP) — James T. Cunningham, 15, of Corpus Christi, was killed in a hunting accident near here yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was returned by Carl Crow, justice of the peace.

Foreign Ministers Near End Of Talks

President To Light National Christmas Tree

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP) — President Truman has a Christmas Eve date with the nation today before flying to Missouri tomorrow to spend his first Yuletide as chief executive with his family.

Promptly at 4 p. m. (CST), Mr. Truman planned to walk out on the south lawn of the White House to light the national community Christmas tree—a big living fir that has remained dark the last four wartime Christmases.

Sixteen minutes later the chief executive will broadcast a brief Christmas message to the nation. All networks arranged to carry the address.

An hour and a half before the ceremony, the White House grounds were to be thrown open to the public, with the usual secret service precautions in force—no cameras, bundles or umbrellas permitted.

The White House has been profusely decorated for the holidays. He will take off in "The Sacred Cow," a C-54 transport, shortly after breakfast tomorrow, arriving at Kansas City about four hours later. The president will return to Washington Friday.

Patton Buried Among His Men

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 24. (AP) — Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was buried this rainy morning before Christmas amid the graves of many of his Third Army heroes, in the United States army cemetery at Hamm, five miles east of Luxembourg.

Representatives of eight nations whose victory Gen. Patton had helped win or whose freedom he had helped regain were in the cortege which wound through the crowded streets of this little capital on the way to the cemetery.

Patton's body was guarded by troops of the mighty Third Army, which he had led in smashing down Germany's fierce counter drive out of the Ardennes across upper Luxembourg just a year ago.

Mrs. Patton accompanied the procession and stood beside her husband's grave during the military ceremony.

Services Set For Victim Of Accident

Services for Jack Dunning, 40, who was killed in a highway mishap early Saturday near Westbrook, were scheduled for 2 p. m. Monday at the First Baptist church.

The Rev. P. D. O'Brien, pastor, was to officiate, and burial was to be in the city cemetery.

Palbearers were to be Joe Jacobs, Y. D. Jeffcoat, E. H. Phillips, Roy Ford, Bill O'Neal and Frank Cathey. Eberley-Curry funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Returned Servicemen Recall Where Last Christmas Spent

A year has changed a lot of things for many Big Spring men, returned from military service. Here they recall how Christmas was spent a year ago at various points on the face of the globe.

Calvin Boykin, Jr. — "Just being alive was the main thing last Christmas," he said. Sgt. Boykin was with an infantry outfit in Harze, Belgium. Christmas eve, they had barely missed being captured in a trap by the Germans and Christmas day they spent resting up, eating foods from Boykin's packages.

Dr. Clyde Thomas, Jr. — "We all were more homesick than usual in Rennes, France and the only way we could tell it was Christmas was the turkey dinner served. Our day was spent working since we had a hospital full of wounded soldiers."

Wacil McNeil — "Spent my Christmas in a hospital in Charleston, S. Car. following a back operation."

Alfred Adams — "There was only a brief break in training for the invasion of Okinawa when we were in New Galedonia Christmas Day a year ago. After dinner in camp, we went to a French Catholic church. Alfred is still in the Navy as a Yeoman-2-c."

Wesley Deats — "Turkey dinner was the big event of last Christmas day on board a heavy cruiser at Leyte Gulf in the Philippines. We stood our watches and nearly all were thinking of how nice it would be at home," the former Marine Pfc. said.



GALLOWAY KISSES HIS BRIDE—Forty-five inch tall Waylon H. Galloway, 20, employe of the Texas Secretary of State's office, kisses his bride, 44-inch Rose Mary Copeland, 21, of Burbank, Calif., after their marriage the night of Dec. 20 in the state senate chamber in Austin, Tex. (AP Photo.)

MORE THAN THREE MILLION GI'S ACROSS OR ON SEAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP) — About 3,200,000 soldiers, sailors and Marines will spend this first peacetime Christmas either at sea or in foreign lands.

The Army and Navy counted noses today and came up with this estimate. But they added that, even so, this should be a particularly merry Christmas for the armed services because:

- 1. As you may have heard, the war's over.
2. Celebrations can be carried on without worrying what the enemy is up to.
3. Even though 3,200,000 are far away, that's a numerical improvement over last year.

Last Christmas there were 4,933,662 soldiers overseas compared with the 2,100,000 who are there now. A year ago 1,750,000 sailors and Marines were at sea or overseas. This figure has been cut to 1,100,000.

Big Spring Bombardier School Is Declared Surplus By The Army

Days of the Big Spring Bombardier School were definitely numbered today. Another effect probably would be to release the city from the lease of land on which it is located and on the airport, one of the finest in the Southwest.

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Outlook Bright On Conference In Moscow

MOSCOW, Dec. 24. AP — The end of the Big Three foreign ministers conference is in sight, informed sources said today, and good news may be expected to be announced.

The informants stated accomplishments had been achieved and probably would be announced simultaneously in Moscow, London and Washington.

Although the conference has reached its final stage, both US Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will be in Moscow until Christmas morning at least, it was said.

Meanwhile, it was reliably reported that Russia had not been let in on any secrets about the atomic bomb, although the foreign ministers were said to have discussed the United States-British-Canadian policy on world control of atomic energy.

An atmosphere of optimism continued to prevail today as the conference went into its ninth day. The three ministers twice displayed their cordiality publicly last night. At the Bolshoi theater, by arising and clasping hands above their heads.

It was understood that US Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin have adhered to the policy set forth by President Truman, British Prime Minister Attlee and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King for placing the control of atomic energy in the hands of a United Nations commission. Meanwhile, production secrets on the bomb would be kept until effective controls have been established.

After a two-hour informal discussion by the three yesterday Byrnes had his second talk in five days with Generalissimo Stalin. Molotov also was reported to be at the conference. Byrnes was accompanied by US Ambassador W. Averell Harriman.

Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov received an ovation when they appeared at the Bolshoi theater for a performance of the ballet "Cinderella."

Incoming volume of letters and packages has been much heavier than the export this Christmas season, said Postmaster Nat Shick, upon releasing figures for the accepted business of the weekend.

Letter cancellations for Saturday amounted to 15,828, a decrease of 741 for the same day in 1944. Sixty-nine insured packages were also cleared Saturday.

Sunday, a total of 3,487 cancellations was recorded as compared to 11,653 for Dec. 22—a week day—in 1944.

Father Of Two Local Women Dies Sunday

C. B. Crowley, 85, of Lovington, N. Mex., father of Mrs. C. E. Shive and Mrs. J. S. Bishop of Big Spring, died at 10:20 p. m. Sunday in Lovington.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p. m. Wednesday in Lamesa with Brannon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hester Crowley; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce A. Taylor of Houston; two sons, J. G. and A. F. Crowley of Riverside, Calif.; and a number of grandchildren.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

In keeping with a custom of long standing, there will be no issue of the Herald on Tuesday, in order that employees of the paper may enjoy Christmas Day at home.

One Dead, Two Hurt In South Highway Crash

Mitchell Dies As Car Overturns

Howard county contributed another statistic to the state's rising holiday death toll when Aubrey William Mitchell, 40, was killed in an automobile accident which occurred some 14 miles south of Big Spring at approximately 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mitchell, an employe of the McKinley ranch, died as result of a skull fracture before a doctor could reach him.

Cecil and Elbert Fanning, brothers who were riding with the victim, said the vehicle overturned. Both are confined to a local hospital. Cecil suffered a severe back injury and several broken ribs while his brother was recovering from a head injury and lacerations.

Services for the deceased will be conducted at the Eberley-Curry funeral home at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday. Last rites will be said by Rev. M. Clyde Smith of the First Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Katherine Deming, Gwendolyn and Marjorie Nell Mitchell; a son, Kimbell; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Mitchell of Lamesa; two brothers, Bill and Jim Mitchell, both of Snyder; four sisters, Mrs. Lola Torbett, Ringling, Okla.; Mrs. Idel Mitchell of Big Spring; Bill Beurney, Odessa; Mrs. McMinn, Coahoma; and one grandson.

Palbearers will be Ernest Ford, Homer McKinley, Sam Childress, Jeff Roberts, Ben Brown and Walter Gessett.

Weather Milder But Treacherous

By The Associated Press

Extreme cold had moderated over most of the country today, but sleet and freezing rain threatened to make holiday travel treacherous for midwest and eastern motorists.

Slippery roads were blamed for eight traffic deaths in Missouri. A "white Christmas" was assured for the northern United States. Fresh snow was falling in the upper Mississippi valley and New England.

The coldest spot in the country early today was Phillipsburg, Pa., where the mercury dropped to 13 below.

Mild temperatures prevailed in the midwest. Rain drenched the southeast, from Tennessee to Georgia and the Carolinas.

Bids Asked On Glasscock Road

Bids will be received Jan. 10 on 14.7 miles of paving in Glasscock county, which will give Big Spring and Garden City an all-weather connection.

The state highway department announced it was advertising for the paving on highway No. 33, starting 2.5 of a mile south of the Howard county line and extending to Garden City. It will include grading, structures, flexible base and single asphalt surface treatment.

At the same time the department is asking bids on 5.6 miles of farm to market road from Fluvanna to US 84 in Scurry county.

Snarl In Transportation To Hold 170,000 Returned Vets On Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. (AP) — The transportation jam over which only a comparative trickle of homeward bound service men is flowing will hold upwards of 170,000 veterans in the Pacific coast ports over the Christmas holiday.

Generally inclined to accept their enforced stay on the coast with good humor because they are satisfied just to be "back in the States," a large number of the service men will be entertained in private homes while extensive plans have been made to provide holiday festivities for the remainder.

Airlines, buses and railroads were moving only a fraction of the large number of men east and arrivals scheduled for today were far in excess of planned departures.

San Francisco Bay area camps held the largest number of men. Army officials said there were 41,000 returned veterans in the area, 9,300 of them living aboard three troopships, and 15,246 more are due to arrive within the next 24 hours.

In addition, 20,269 naval personnel awaited transportation from Treasure Island. Nearby states were sending special buses to return their veterans by Christmas but this accounted for only a small number.

Los Angeles expected 10,439 men today while 23,000 already taxed camp facilities. Only 3,119 were able to leave the city yesterday on eight trains.

Seattle had 13,809 troops in nearby staging areas and 7,564 living aboard ships; 18,000 awaited debarkation, from ships at Tacoma and 13,507 were at Fort Lewis; Portland had 4,671 soldiers and 3,500 Navy men awaiting transportation and another 1,370 were due to arrive today.

A FAREWELL KISS

Corp. Jack Hoover of Mt. Calm, Tex., kisses his dog tag good bye at the Camp Fanning separation center where he arrived with other veterans of the 36th division. He stands by a poster which reads, "You are here for one purpose, Separation. Be Available." Hoover is back from 28 months overseas with the 36th. (AP Photo.)

HELD FOR YOUTH SLAYING

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 24. (AP) — Sheriff John B. Harney today is holding a man in connection with the fatal shooting of John D. Casey, 17. Harney said that Casey was shot to death nine miles west of Corpus Christi yesterday.

POPE SAYS SCARS OF WAR TO LONG REMAIN UPON WORLD

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24. (AP) — Pope Pius XII, replying to the cardinals' Christmas message, said today that the hatred and devastation of war would long remain impressed on the world.

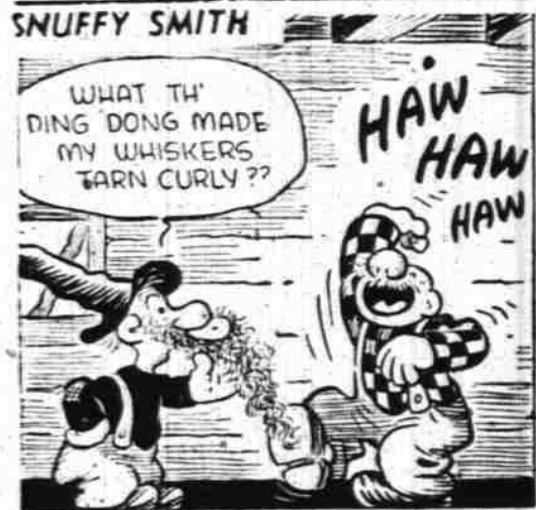
In a world radio broadcast he said that for the first time in six years Christmas was being celebrated in peace, but not real peace.

The pope expressed satisfaction that with the end of the war new cardinals had been created, bringing to full strength the college of cardinals.

The holy father called attention to the many nationalities which, he said, illustrated the universality of the church. Walls of the great hall where the reception was held were hung with red damask. The pope, in white robes, sat erect on a gilded throne. Before him were two microphones.

The pontiff looked less pale than usual and spoke in firm tones. No outsiders were admitted to the Vatican during the ceremony.





### Farmer Produces At Mass Meeting

AP Newsfeatures - WALHALLA, S. C. - When 64-year-old W. M. Durham used to move they'd have to add a school teacher. At the place he left, they'd drop one.

That's because he had so many children - 25 of his own and seven that a daughter died and left. His youngest now is less than a year old.

That's how it used to be. He doesn't expect to do any more moving.

Until a few years ago he rented farms and worked about on odd jobs.

Now he has a house of his own that he built with a Farm Security Administration loan. His farm covers 218 acres. And he's well ahead on his payments.

Despite his age, he works hard and is sprightly. He raises on his own land most of everything his family eats.

Durham has been married three times. Eleven children are by his present wife.

Seven of the elder children are married off now. Four of his own boys and four of the orphaned ones he raised served in the armed forces. One was killed.

But there are still quite a few young 'uns about and Sunday afternoon usually finds Durham on his porch, rocking the 10-month old.

Poland was a great European power from the 14th to 17th centuries.

### RADIO PROGRAM

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| 6:30 Musical Clock.           | 6:30 Sports Cast.              |
| 6:55 Texas Blues Boy.         | 6:35 Texas News.               |
| 7:00 Bandwagon.               | 6:45 Inside of Sports.         |
| 7:15 Conro Round Up.          | 7:00 Hour of Meditation.       |
| 7:30 News.                    | 7:15 Elmer Davis.              |
| 7:45 Between the Lines.       | 7:30 Alan Young Show.          |
| 8:00 News Summary.            | 8:00 Gabriel Heatter.          |
| 8:05 Breakfast Club.          | 8:15 Twilight Tunes.           |
| 9:00 My True Story.           | 8:30 Doctors Talk It Over.     |
| 9:25 News.                    | 8:55 News.                     |
| 9:30 Hymns of All Churches.   | 8:45 Hank D'Amico.             |
| 9:45 Listening Post.          | 9:00 The Juggler and Our Lady. |
| 10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood. | 9:30 To Be Announced.          |
| 10:30 Home Edition.           | 10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines.    |
| 10:45 Ted Malone.             | 10:15 Music of T. Dorsey.      |
| 11:00 Glamour Manor.          | 10:45 Sign Off.                |
| 11:30 Vision Conservation.    | 6:30 Wednesday Morning         |
| 11:35 Downtown Shopper.       | 7:00 Musical Clock.            |
| 12:00 Man on the Street.      | 7:00 Bandwagon.                |
| 12:15 Bing Sings.             | 7:15 Your Exchange.            |
| 12:30 News.                   | 7:30 News.                     |
| 12:45 Waltz Time.             | 7:45 Between the Lines.        |
| 1:00 Cedric Foster.           | 8:00 News Summary.             |
| 1:15 Ethel and Albert.        | 8:05 Breakfast Club.           |
| 1:30 Matinee Melodies.        | 9:00 My True Story.            |
| 1:45 Afternoon Devotionals.   | 9:25 News.                     |
| 2:00 Morton Downey.           | 9:30 Hymns of All Churches.    |
| 2:15 Radio Bible Class.       | 9:45 Listening Post.           |
| 2:30 Ladies Be Seated.        | 10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood.  |
| 3:00 Erskine Johnson.         | 10:30 Home Edition.            |
| 3:15 The Johnson Family.      | 10:45 Ted Malone.              |
| 3:30 Musical Merry-Go-Round.  | 11:00 Glamour Manor.           |
| 3:45 Melody Shop.             | 11:30 Vision Conservation.     |
| 4:00 Bandwagon.               | 11:35 Downtown Shopper.        |
| 4:15 Dick Tracy.              | 12:00 Man on the Street.       |
| 4:30 Tunes of Today.          | 12:15 Bing Sings.              |
| 4:45 Hop Harrigan.            | 12:30 News.                    |
| 5:00 Terry & the Pirates.     | 12:45 Waltz Time.              |
| 5:15 TSN News.                | 1:00 Cedric Foster.            |
| 5:30 Captain Midnight.        | 1:15 Ethel and Albert.         |
| 5:45 Tom Mix.                 | 1:30 Matinee Melodies.         |
| 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.        | 1:45 Afternoon Devotionals.    |
| 6:15 Raymond Swing.           | 2:00 Morton Downey.            |
|                               | 2:15 Songs of the West.        |
|                               | 2:30 Ladies Be Seated.         |
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|                               | 6:35 Texas News.               |
|                               | 6:45 Inside of Sports.         |
|                               | 7:00 Vocal Varieties.          |
|                               | 7:15 Elmer Davis.              |
|                               | 7:30 Swing.                    |
|                               | 8:00 Gabriel Heatter.          |
|                               | 8:15 Twilight Tunes.           |
|                               | 8:30 Pages of Melody.          |
|                               | 8:55 Miracles of Faith.        |
|                               | 9:00 Counterspy.               |
|                               | 9:30 Marty Dale Trio.          |
|                               | 9:45 Music for Dancing.        |
|                               | 10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines.    |
|                               | 10:15 Harry James Orch.        |
|                               | 10:30 Fresh-Up Show.           |
|                               | 11:00 Sign Off.                |

Scots law has preserved the rule that the mere interchange of consent (which may be verbal and in some cases implied) is sufficient as a marriage contract. Such marriages, where there is no religious ceremony, are termed irregular but are fully binding in Scotland.

### Rev. Dick O'Brien Has A Present 52 Weeks A Year

The Rev. Dick O'Brien, First Baptist pastor, has a "Christmas" present which lasts 52 weeks a year.

Perhaps it is stretching the point to call it a Christmas present, but the little red rose which finds its way faithfully to his pulpit each Sunday is always a pleasant surprise, even if it has come to be almost expected. The spirit of giving, too, is behind it for the donor has religiously remained anonymous.

For more than three years now congregations at the Sunday morning services of the church have become accustomed to the postscript to announcements which precede the service "Thanks again for the rose."

On the third anniversary, recently, the rose was on the pulpit as usual, but on the altar were three dozen lovely, red roses with a note of appreciation from the mysterious giver.

The fidelity of the custom is quite remarkable, for never, in more than three years, has there been a Sunday when the bud was not lying on the Bible when the Rev. O'Brien entered the altar.

But what makes it even more impressive is the fact that no matter where the Rev. O'Brien is, the rose finds its way to him. It took a little time to convince him, but he has learned to await its arrival with complete trust. Once, when he was in another city for

a revival meeting, he had become so used to the rose that he stopped by a florist before the Sunday morning service for a rose bud. The florist asked: "Why, you are Dick O'Brien, aren't you?" When the preacher stepped to the pulpit that morning, he knew why the florist had known him - for there was the red rose which the nameless friend had ordered sent. When the rose first began to make its appearance regularly, the Rev. O'Brien used to speculate as to the donor. Soon he found it was much more fun to consider that it might come from anyone of the members of his church.

Once the pastor decided to have a contest for the best poem written about the rose. Several participated, but perhaps the one person who could have put more into it than the others didn't write - the person who gives the rose.

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George K. Stayton Trader

MERRY Christmas

At this season, when good-will and appreciation are uppermost in the minds of all of us, we want to take occasion to pause and say "thanks" to the many friends who have permitted us to serve them during the past year. This loyal support challenges us to put forth an even greater effort to bring you the best in entertainment in '46 year ahead.

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# Visitors And Trips Highlight Christmas Holidays

Lt. and Mrs. Austin Burch are here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dodge. Jeannette Dodge of Houston is also home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Robb of El Paso are holiday house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Douglass, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Douglass, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Downing and

Karen Lynn will return here today after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Downing at Winters.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dublin for Christmas Day will include Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kemper and Dorothy Jean of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin and John, Jr., of Midland, Mrs. J. R. Dublin of Midland and Mrs. Ola Haynes of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Field and Susanne of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClaren of Snyder, Mrs. W. E. Wade of Galveston, Mrs. J. V. Dunbar of Austin are to be the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Dunbar for Christmas.

James Duncan, student at Texas Technological College, is home spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Duncan. He will return to school Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan plan to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in Fort Worth Dec. 27. They also plan to visit with Mrs. Duncan's mother, Mrs. O. S. Carroll of Cisco.

Roy Childers has returned to Big Spring from Amarillo where he will make his home. He will spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Dunivan.

Billy Ray Cannon of Lubbock is here to spend Christmas with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Denver D. Dunn.

Holiday visitors from Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guley, who are visiting Mrs. Han-

na Guley and Ruth Dyer. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dyer of Bryan are also spending Christmas with Miss Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook of Peoria, Ill., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dyer during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crenshaw left Saturday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Crenshaw's sister, Mrs. Grace Barnett, in Whitt, Texas. Their daughter, Odessa, attending school in Dallas, will join them there.

Jack Crenshaw came home Saturday from Texas University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crenshaw.

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N. Mex., today to spend Christmas with their grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Vickers.

Mrs. Jack Kilway of Dallas and sons Jackie and C. T. plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Currie New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Falkner left Sunday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with Mr. Falkner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Falkner.

Natalie Smith is home over the holidays from ACC and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman of Pecos are here for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith.

June Coleman arrived home Thursday from McMurry College in Abilene to spend the holidays with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coleman. Also visiting in the Coleman home is a grandson, C. A. White, Jr., of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. McWhorter and Betty Frances of Abilene are visiting Mrs. McWhorter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Collins will be there for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Collum will spend the holidays in El Paso with Mrs. Collum's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sherwood. While there they plan to visit in Juarez.

Mrs. Annie Lea Sanders is spending Christmas in Austin with her daughter and son-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Harris.

Neil Rudd arrived from New Mexico this past weekend to visit during the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Cora Rudd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mitchell will entertain Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cook of McKin-

ney, and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cook, for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Corcoran are entertaining their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knapp from Washington D. C., over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Payne of Lubbock, Miss Brittle Neill of Midland, and George Neill of Austin are holiday guests of Mrs. D. B. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sanders and family will participate in a family get-together which will be held at the Settles hotel Christmas day.

Mrs. Frankie Nobles and daughter, Charlotte, arrived Saturday from Dallas to spend Christmas. Mrs. Nobles has been undergoing

treatment, following a mastoid operation last month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wasson and daughter are visiting Mrs. Wasson's sister in Fort Worth this week.

Spending Christmas with Mrs. F. B. Blalack this year will be Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Blalack and family and Mrs. Nobles.

Sgt. and Mrs. Dorman Kinard

of San Antonio are visiting in Big Spring with Sgt. Kinard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kinard and other relatives.

Among other Christmas day dinner guests in the J. K. Scott home will be Harley Woods of Abilene, Mrs. Scott's son.

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# Hilgers-Lamun Marriage Solemnized In Sunday Afternoon Ceremony

Wearing a traditional white bridal gown Sara Lamun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lamun, was married Sunday afternoon at four o'clock to William Blanks Hilgers of Lockhart.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. H. Clyde Smith in the First Methodist church before an altar decked with pots of ferns in which candles were set. Tall baskets filled with yellow gladioli were used and the ceremony was read by the light of tapers placed in tall candelabra.

Candles were lighted by Dorothy Sue Rowe, who wore a dress of white taffeta with a white tulle overskirt. Blue and yellow velvet bows were at the shoulder line, and her headpiece was a bandeau of blue and yellow velvet ribbon. The tapers were lighted from a yellow candle.

Miss Elsie Willis, organist, played a prelude program, and she and Mrs. G. H. Wood, pianist, accompanied Cornelia Frazier as she sang "Ich Leiberdich" and "Oh Fair, Oh Sweet and Holy." Miss Willis played the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with a white lace bodice fashioned with long fitted sleeves, and a full net overskirt. The fingertip veil of bridal illusion was held in place by a band of braided illusion in which were caught clusters of orange blossoms with a cluster of the blossoms at each side.

For something old the bride wore a rose of ivory, belonging to her grandmother, something borrowed was a lace handkerchief. The bridal flowers were an orchid arranged with stephanotis placed on a white prayerbook, showered with white satin.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pass of San Angelo was matron of honor, and Jean Gunn of Cresson was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Champe Phillips and Mrs. Dan Taylor. The attendants were dressed in gowns of smoky blue net, designed with long basque waists extending into full skirts over net satin. Three self ruffles circled the low U-neckline. Blue shoulder length veils were held in place by bands of ruching. They carried colonial bouquets of yellow roses set in blue illusion with yellow streamers.

Harry Hilgers, Jr., brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and ushers were Newton Wilson, Herbert Ulbrich, Louis Mohle of Lockhart and Peppy Blount of Big Spring.

The bride's mother wore an afternoon frock of pink with a pink carnation corsage, and Mrs. Hilgers, the bridegroom's mother, wore aqua with pink carnations.

Following the ceremony about 200 guests attended the reception in the Lamun home. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Lamun and Mrs. Hilgers, mother of the bridegroom. Guests were received by the wedding couple and their party.

The refreshment table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with the three tiered cake which had a topping of sugar roses. The cake was served by Miss Nell Hatch, and those presiding at the punch service were Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Mrs. W. B. Hardy and Mrs. V. H. Flewelling.

For the short wedding trip Mrs. Hilgers chose a suit of ice blue gabardine with a small black derby-styled felt hat. Other accessories were black and her corsage was an orchid.

The bride was graduated from Big Spring high school in 1940 and completed the course at John Tarleton junior college. She received her BS degree in library service at North Texas State college, and prior to her marriage she was reference librarian at the San Angelo library.

Hilgers, son of Mr. and Mrs.



(photo by Bradshaw)

Harry Hilgers of Lockhart, received his schooling in Lockhart high school and received his commission and wings at Carlsbad, N. M. He served overseas for nine months and was returned to the States in March, 1945. He holds the Purple Heart. At the present time he is a junior student of civil law at the University of Texas.

When they return from the wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hilgers will be at home at 213 Archway, Austin.

Out of town guests included the bridegroom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Williams Slesse of Hobbs, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Logan of San Angelo, Capt. and Mrs. Lan Hewlett of Lockhart, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner of Abilene.

As Many Liars As Ever—LIARS CLUB PRESIDENT CULLS CROP FOR BEST OF TALL TALES

BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 24. (AP) — "There are just as many liars as ever and the lies are getting better."

That's O. C. Hulett talking and it's no lie, he says.

Hulett, president of the noted Burlington Liars Club, is winnowing some 6,000 letters to select 1945's biggest fibber for a New Year's announcement.

"Lies?" says Hulett, "We've got thousands of them. Seems no one can tell the truth."

California apparently has raised the best crop of liars this year, Hulett says, listing Pennsylvania as a close second followed by Illinois and New York.

"What about the traditional tall tales of Texas?" Hulett dodged the question.

"I'm not starting any war with the state of Texas," says Hulett. "Texas might annex the United States. Then where would I be?"

Services Held For Hospital Chief

ABILENE, Dec. 24. (AP) — Funeral services were held here yesterday for Dr. Thomas Bridges Bass, 80, former superintendent of Abilene State Hospital.

Dr. Bass, who died in Abilene Saturday of a heart ailment, was a nationally-known authority on the treatment of epilepsy, and had served as head of the state hospital from 1909 until 1943 when he retired.

Since that time he had been physician for McMurry College. A son and four sisters survive.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING

DENISON, Dec. 24. (AP) — Funeral services are planned tomorrow for Marlon Norman Turman, 31, of Denison, who was shot to death here yesterday. Denison police said they were holding a sailor in connection with the slaying.

# Three Feted With Party

An open house was given in honor of Jennetta Dodge of Houston and Lt. and Mrs. Austin Burch of Temple from 3 until 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the J. P. Dodge home.

Mrs. Zollie Mae Rawlins and Mrs. Dodge were assisted by Mrs. Bob Eubanks, Zollie Mae Rawlins, III, and A. C. Rawlins, III.

Lt. Burch is stationed at McCloskey General Hospital and Mrs. Burch is making her home in Temple. She is the former Mary Elizabeth Dodge. Jennetta Dodge, is employed by an oil company in Houston.

Refreshments were served to approximately 60 guests.

# Quads Give Santa An OK

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24. (AP) — The Cirmello "quadruplets" think Santa Claus is "all right" though at first look they gave the white-whiskered gentleman the cold shoulder.

The quads, one-year-old last Nov. 1 were visited by gift-bearing St. Nick for picture-taking purposes last week.

Eileen took one long look and began to cry. Michael, Maureen and Kathleen just stared. Then the tears and the startled expressions disappeared when Papa Cirmello began talking behind the long beard.

The infants didn't show much interest in the teddy bear gifts that were opened before Christmas — but tomorrow, whether they like them or not, they're going to have a tree and presents.

They'll get some nice new blocks from their parents and lots of other presents from friends.

And Mama Cirmello hopes they'll be over their present sniffling by then.

Aside from colds, the quads — first ever born by Caesarean section — are "doing just fine," their mother says.

# Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy, occasional rain near the coast and in extreme east portion this afternoon, colder interior tonight and in northwest and extreme west portions this afternoon. Lowest temperatures tonight 20-24 extreme northwest, 24-28 remainder northwest and extreme north, and near 32 west-central portion. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder.

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and colder this afternoon and tonight. Lowest temperatures 16-20 Panhandle, 18-24 South Plains, and 26-32 elsewhere except slightly above freezing Del Rio-Eagle Pass area tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy, continued cold.

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DECEMBER BRIDE — Mrs. Gordon Cordson, the former Miss Louise McClenny, was married in formal ceremonies on Dec. 16, at the First Methodist church. The couple left following the "bridal reception" for a wedding trip in California, after which they plan to make their home near Fort Collins, Colo. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McClenny of Big Spring.

# Plans Changed For Winter Scout Camp

A few changes in plans for the winter campment to be held at Camp Lewis Farr at Mertzon have been made, H. D. Norris, scout executive, announced Monday.

The fee has been reduced to \$4 instead of \$6 and Boy Scouts interested are asked to contact Norris.

The group is to leave at 10 a. m. Wednesday from the courthouse when a bus from Colorado City will pick up Midland and Big Spring Boy Scouts. Plans are for the group to return Saturday afternoon.

# Last Yule

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entertained at a party with a stage show.

Henry "Buck" Tyree — "It was a pleasant Christmas Day, I spent in Liberal, Kans., since we had the day off."

Phil O'Barr — "Our gang was on a boat in Boston getting ready to shove off for France on Christmas Day."

Otis Grafe, Jr. — "After getting up at 4:30 a. m. to go on a mission, which was called off, I spent the day thinking of home. Grafe was stationed in Bedford, England and was also lucky enough to have a turkey dinner."

Gene Hardy Flewelling — "Just before leaving for overseas, I was stationed at Salina, Kans. and that's where my Christmas was spent with my mother, Mrs. V. H. Flewelling, and my wife. We were allowed three days leave."

Melvin Newton — "Preparations were being made for overseas shipment at Camp Kilmer, N. J., Christmas Day. We did have a turkey though." Newton is a sergeant.

S. E. Smith — "It was on the Hawaii islands that I helped fix a turkey dinner for the crew Christmas Day." Smith was a SC 3-c in the US Navy.

W. H. James — "My Christmas day was spent on a furlough in Odessa." At that time, James was an Aviation Cadet in the Navy Air Corps.

Herman Morris — "Our Christmas Day was spent fighting Japs in New Guinea." Cpl. Morris also ate C-rations for his Christmas dinner.

Edison Taylor — "We were building a bridge across a small river in the Ardennes mountains. It was so cold and the snow was so deep, it was hard to enjoy a turkey dinner." Taylor was a sergeant with the Engineers.

R. H. Mullens — "Duty in the mess hall called for me to help prepare a turkey dinner in Stuttgart, Ark., last Christmas Day." He was a corporal.

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# Harold Hall Returns With Army Discharge

Harold Hall arrived Sunday after receiving his discharge from the army Saturday following more than two years of service overseas with the 25th Ferrying Squadron in England.

He came from the British Isles on the Queen Mary which docked in New York on Dec. 14. He was a master sergeant at the time of his release. He is spending Christmas with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall.

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# The Origin Of Christmas And How It Grew

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The spirit of Christmas, some of the decorative legend and fact that go toward making up the romance of the holiest of all holidays is reflected in the composition put together and submitted *The Daily Herald* by Mrs. Mary E. Wilke.

"What a host of happy memories this festive season brings to all of us. The gladness of it lightens our hearts. The charm, color and romance of it brings to our minds its beautiful spiritual background and suggests to us its holiest associations and time-honored customs.

"Even to those who give no thought to the spiritual significance of Christmas, it is still the most beloved season of the year. It is interesting to trace our Christmas back to its beginning, fading as far back as it does into antiquity.

"We do not know when the Sacred Birth was first celebrated, nor do we know the exact time of the blessed occasion. Historians have placed it in the year 5 B. C. and tradition says it was in the cold season of that year.

"Church historians reveal that the early Christians did not celebrate the nativity of Jesus. This perhaps was because their spiritual outlook was upward and forward — never backward. These people made a festival of his baptismal day. They considered this his 'spiritual birthday' and commemorated it with a feast. This developed into the Feast of Epiphany, which is observed Jan. 6.

"The physical birth was not observed until near the Fourth century, at which time it was recognized jointly with his baptism. It constituted a distinctly religious festival.

"About the middle of the Fourth century, the church at Rome set apart a day — Dec. 25 — to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus.

"After becoming firmly established in Rome, this holiday became widely accepted. Epiphany then lost its association with the actual nativity but retained its honored connection with the Lord's baptism.

"As time passed, the days between Dec. 25 and Jan. 6 were united into one holy season. In Rome, this became known as the 12-day period; but to the people of the north who reckoned time by nights, this historic season became the famous 12 nights of Christ-tide.

"Gradually, through the years, Christ-tide became Christ-mass, the expression came into use through the custom of celebrating mass on the eve of Christ-tide.

"Christmas was carried to the British Isles about 597; although tradition says that Good King Arthur celebrated the initial Christmas feast in York in 521.

"Christmas festivals began in Germany about 813 and in Norway about two centuries later.

"It was the influence of ancient pagan festivals that changed the nature of the early religious Christmas.

"The early Romans celebrated two annual holidays; the Saturnalia — which occurred in December — and the Kalends of January. These holidays were given over to feasts, merry-making and gift-giving. Slaves were even freed for a few days.

"In Northern Europe, the barbarians held a great winter festival called Yule. Carols were sung and there was dancing. The Yule boar was sacrificed and his head served with much ceremony during the feast.

"The deep-rooted observances of these non-Christian festivals have had marked influence on our Christmas as it has come down through the centuries. The feasting, gift-giving, merry-making, customs and superstitions, even the sacrifices made at Christmas-time are a part of those pagan celebrations, and have become blended into the spiritual atmosphere of the Christian Christmas.

"Paganism has made other colorful contributions to the occasion. From this source comes our custom of decorating with evergreens. The ancient had a reverence with all natural phenomena. To them, the whispering wind in the trees was the voice of the gods. During their festival seasons, green sprays were exchanged as good luck tokens.

"The evergreens used during feasts of the early centuries were the same as we use in our decorations today — namely, holly, ivy, mistletoe and rosemary.

"The hollyberries spoke of the red drops of blood which the thorn drew from the Savior's brow.

"The mistletoe is the most romantic of all Christmas greens. The plant was considered sacred and the cutting of it was an occasion within itself. A procession led by priests was made to the forests where, during a ceremony, the plant was cut with a golden sickle. Portions of it were hung over the doors of homes. Its protective and curative powers were supposed to be endless.

"The fragrant rosemary came in for its share of romance, also. There is a beautiful legend that it acquired its aromatic qualities when the swaddling clothes of the infant Savior were hung upon it. The lavender blossoms of the rosemary were originally white. The legend tells us that they changed color when the Virgin in her flight into Egypt threw her purple robe on a rosemary bush.

"In old England Christmas decorations were never removed until after Epiphany and even then they were not thrown out carelessly. All holly was burned. The mistletoe sprigs were carefully preserved until time for new ones.

"During the Christmas season, the hearth was the center of all social activity and the Christmas fire was called the Yule log. It could only be lighted by a last year's brand, and the hands of the lighter must be clean.

"Even the bringing in of the Yule log was a joyous ceremony. Members of a family went into the forest to choose the log that was to burn during the happy season. Frequently, wine was poured over it before lighting. Then came the invocation.

"At a later date, when candles appeared they were lighted from the Yule log. The custom of placing burning candles in the window on Christmas night comes from Ireland. It is bound up with the thought of the little Christ child out alone at night. The candle was placed there to guide him.

"The light of Christmas candles was supposed to radiate blessings. Many things including clothes and food were placed within the radius of their beneficent rays.

"As the centuries have advanced, more and more lights have been used in the celebration of Christmas. In fact, Christmas has been called the Feast of Lights, because of the many and varied lights used; each of them emblematic of Christ as the Light of the World.

"The Christmas tree is the radiant jewel in every home at this season. In its modern form it is the slow growth of many centuries, and has been a long time in coming to us.

"The Romans had a custom of placing images on evergreen trees at certain times of the year. The Arabians adorned their date palms for festive occasions and in India artificial trees were constructed to be used during feasts. So the Christmas tree is not the first tree to be adorned, for holiday occasions.

"Our Christmas tree is almost wholly the creation of Christmas thought and sentiment.

"An ancient legend tells us that on the night, Christ was born all of the trees in the forests bloomed for an hour; and that the hay used to fill his head burst into blossom.

"Then there is a beautiful German legend that tells of a family who on a Christmas Eve befriended a child shivering from cold and hunger. To their amazement, they discovered it was the Christ child. Before he left them, he took a twig, planted it in the ground and said: 'I have received your gifts, here is mine to you. This tree will never fail to bear fruit at Christmas.'

"The Christmas tree as we have it today came to us from Germany. Germans tell us that the first Christmas tree was one used in the home of Martin Luther. The first Christmas tree used in England was set up in Windsor Castle by Queen Victoria in 1841.

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# Highland Park Rated Paper Edge Favorite Over Waco

## Sugar Bowl Coaches Sing Blues As Final Week Of Week Begins

### Influence Has Hurt Sooners, Chief Claims

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Mississippi Gulf Coast is host today to 72 football players, but the coaches who planned their tour are sure the boys won't have any mid-winter vacation.

Instead, both Jim Phelan of St. Mary's and Jim Lockabaugh of Oklahoma A. and M. have a full schedule of work ahead before their charter meet in New Orleans' annual Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

Lockabaugh wants more work for his boys.

"In three weeks we haven't been able to have a good workout," he moaned today after his team arrived here last night and went straight on by bus, to Biloxi's Keesler field where they will train.

A good portion of the squad, he declared, has been the victim of influenza, and the germs knocked out most of his first string.

And Lockabaugh hopes for the warm weather for which the Gulf coast is famous. His team, he said, has been all but frozen out by recent too weather at home.

Phelan, on the other hand, said bad weather and final exams had cramped his boys' style during their last weeks in California. He figures, too, his squad's youthfulness makes more work, and lots of it, necessary.

"I have nothing but children to work with," he asserted. Phelan, however, gave his boys a look at New Orleans. They attended a special mass, a high school football game, and a party last night before leaving for Edgewater Park, Miss. Their practice sessions will be at Gulf Coast Military Academy.

A third bowl team was in New Orleans last night. Alabama's Crimson Tide stopped here for four hours, enroute to the Rose Bowl. A New Orleans physician inspected an ailing jaw on half-back Lowell Tew and said it was broken. Coach Frank Thomas said the jaw would be wired and Tew would be on the field New Year's Day.

**"STREAMLINED" ARMY**  
PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP)—France's postwar "streamlined" army will be composed of 500,000 recruits and 25,000 officers, all highly trained, picked men, the ministry of information said Saturday, while the navy will have 65,000 men.

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NELSON NAMED TOP ATHLETE OF 1945—Byron Nelson (center) professional golfer, was picked as 1945 "Athlete of the Year" in an Associated Press poll of 82 sports writers. On the basis of three points for first place vote, two points for second, etc. Nelson garnered 181 points to 159 for Felix (Doc) Blanchard (right), Army fullback. Hal Newhouse (left), Detroit pitcher, was third with 73 points.

## LOOKING 'EM OVER

With ANGUS LECESTER

Highland Park's Scotties are going to be overwhelming favorites in the AA prep school football final against Waco Saturday but the gentry who sell the Bengals short might have reason to regret it.

Only one touchdown has been scored through the Waco forward wall all season. That was the score Highland Park used to win an early season game, 7-0.

If the Scots cop the duke, they may have to make liberal use of a favored weapon—the forward pass.

The Wacons are making their eighth expedition into the state finals, will be seeking their fifth title. They previously emerged the kingpins in 1922-25-26-27.

In '25, the Tigers lost to Beaumont but were re-instated when the South Texans were thrown out of the race. Coach Paul Tyson's team went on to trip Forest Avenue, Dallas, in the finale, 20-7.

- 1920—Waco 13, Abilene 0.
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- 1922—Waco 20, Oak Cliff 7.
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- 1925—Breckenridge 0, Port Arthur 0. No winner decided.
- 1926—Tyler 25, Amarillo 13.
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- 1928—Corsicana won by penetrations over Masonic Home. (Rule put into effect for first time.)
- 1929—Greenville 24, Dallas Tech 0.
- 1930—Amarillo 48, Corpus Christi 0.
- 1931—Amarillo 13, Greenville 7.
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- 1938—Austin 20, Sunset (Dallas) 7.
- 1939—San Angelo 26, Lufkin

## Just A Suggestion But— Mashie Welders Might Pitch In And Bargain BY Into Retirement

By GAYLE TALBOOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—It's just a suggestion, but the main body of professional golfers might find it smart in the long run if they made Byron Nelson a Christmas gift of about a half-dozen tractors and a covey of cows for that ranch of his up in North Texas. The initial cost would be high, but there is the chance that Nelson would be so wrapped up in his new possessions that he would plumb-forged about three or four of the big money tournaments this winter and let the other boys divvy up the prizes.

A letter writer to Jimmy Powers' column in the News drops this in the Xmas stocking: "New York basketball fans booed Arkansas players each time they toed the foul line, trying to upset the shooter. These Jeers were made by subway alumni desperately going to any length to protect a bet. NYU came away with a one-point victory, although Arkansas is the superior team. The NYU players, out of courtesy, might have held their hands up for silence. So might the officials or the Garden announcer. But this did not happen. No wonder these clean-cut college boys from the southwest, the middle west, the south and other sections who are used to playing before sportsmanlike student and co-ed crowds are disgusted with the New Yorkers and think we are all money-hungry, boorish, discourteous, louts."

Lt. Bill Sullivan, Jr., leaves Annapolis Jan. 1 to take over his new job as public relations man for the Boston Braves. We record this not only because Sullivan did a good job as Navy publicity director during the war, but because his new position is, so far as we know, unique in baseball. For the most part, big league clubs have depended upon their road secretaries to pass out any dribbles of news there might be and to preside generally as hosts to the press. Some of them have done a conspicuously good job, too. Eddie Brannick, to take the classic example, probably has created more good will for the Giants than any other man. But the Braves, surfeited with new money, decided they could use a full-time hand in their reconstruction program, and they have told Sullivan to let 'er rip. Nearest thing to Sullivan's job appears to be that just created by the Yankees, though their man, "Red" Patterson, will double as road secretary.

Attendance at the average football game of 70 major schools totaled something like 20,589 paid admissions the past season. Pennsylvania university led all the schools in the country with 477,000 paying customers in eight home games.

L. P. McCasland, ex-highway patrolman stationed here some time ago—long noted for his prowess with a firearm—killed more than 1,600 eagles while hunting the killer-bird in a Piper Cub aircraft last year.

The sharpshooter is currently working for the Reynolds Cattle company north of Kent (Texas). It is estimated an eagle will kill an average of two lambs daily during the lambing season.

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## Agree To Play Final At Pony Park In Dallas

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Highland Park of Dallas and Waco, whose season records indicate little if any difference in strength, will clash at Dallas Saturday in the twenty-sixth Texas school-boy football championship game.

Even when these teams met in early season they were as close as a junior high school boy's first shave. Highland Park won 7-0 but the fans were not sure the Scotties were the better team.

Nothing else has happened during the campaign to denote that one is materially stronger than the other. Against mutual foes—Waxahachie and Marshall—they showed to be smart, hard-tackling, strong-blocking and balanced-offensive outfits, each much on the order of the other.

Highland Park probably will be rated a paper edge favorite because it is undefeated, holds a victory over Waco and will be playing at home. But the points are due to be mighty close.

Dallas became the site of the state final game for the thirteenth time yesterday when the coaches—Eck Curtis of Highland Park and Harry Stiteler of Waco—met at Italy and flipped a coin. Stiteler called the toss and lost.

Highland Park rolled into the finals Saturday by beating Wichita Falls 18-0. Waco got there by edging Goose Creek 7-0.

"Highland Park probably will beat us," said Stiteler, "but they'll know they've been in a ball game." Curtis smilingly agreed with a statement by Stiteler, a long-time friend, that "we won't beat them more than three touchdowns. Yes, we certainly won't."

Highland Park has won 12 games and tied one, adding up 461 points to 45 for the opposition. Waco has won 12 and lost one, scoring 343 points to 51.

Two powerful lines will clash at Ownby stadium at Southern Methodist University, site of the game expected to draw the 21,000 capacity of the field. Highland Park's forward wall averages 175½ pounds, Waco's shows 170.1. The Scot backfield outweighs Waco's materially, however, averaging 174 to 153.7. In the overall average Highland Park has a 175-pound team and Waco 168.1.

The price of admission will be \$2.00 for reserved seats, \$1.25 for general admission, 50 cents for students and \$3.00 for boxes. The gate may equal that at Fort Worth Saturday when there was a gross of around \$27,000—the largest take for a schoolboy football game in Texas history.

Coach Stiteler said he would arrive with his squad by bus Saturday morning. He announced that his team was in better physical condition than for the past two games with only one regular out with illness.

The 20-yard penetration rule will not be in effect in the title game. If the teams tie they will be co-champions.

Both coaches have had long careers tutoring high school teams. Curtis has been at it for 21 years—three at Anson, six at Ranger, one at Electra, 10 at Breckenridge.

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YEAR'S OUTSTANDING WOMAN ATHLETE—Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias (above) was named outstanding woman athlete of 1945 by an Associated Press poll of sports editors. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Graziano, Joyce Prove Top Ring Attractions In The US In 1945

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—A garden during 1945, listed according to aggregate gross rates as compiled by the Associated Press. (Figures in parenthesis denote number of main events).

Fighter	Attendance	Gross
Graziano (5)	82,228	\$402,462
Joyce (7)	92,220	371,407
Greco (4)	64,261	328,449
Janiro (4)	54,913	255,079
Oma (2)	35,720	187,710
Green (3)	41,141	180,964
Cochrane (2)	33,043	172,694
Lamotta (4)	37,647	172,255
Williams (3)	34,741	150,263
Ruffin (2)	28,785	148,687
Robinson (2)	29,270	141,675
Joe Baski (2)	31,523	132,186
Mauriello (2)	26,693	130,524
Zivic (3)	33,935	114,470
Larkin (2)	28,949	113,318

\* Will fight again Friday.

## Not So Poor

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—In an unkept old house where he had lived alone as long as neighbors could remember, Maurice Moore, 85-year-old recluse, was found dead tonight by police who discovered he had left securities and bank deposits totaling \$110,000. Moore had no known relatives. A card showed he once had been a member of a typographical union.

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The top 15 crowd-pullers at the

Rice took a licking last week in something of an upset, losing to East Texas State 52-44. The Owls had gone through 17 straight games without a defeat until they met the Teachers. They got revenge the next night by toppling East Texas 49-46.

**FATALY INJURED**  
BROWNWOOD, Dec. 24. (AP)—William O. Ingram, 53, a Post, Tex., farmer, was fatally injured here Saturday night when struck by an inbound Santa Fe train at a grade crossing.

and one at Highland Park. In that period Curtis has had one team in the quarter-finals, one in the semi-finals and now one in the finals. His Anson team won the state class B-championship in 1926. Stiteler has been coaching 14 years—two at Bellville, four at Smithville, four at Corpus Christi and four at Waco. He had teams in the quarter-finals in 1938, 1940, 1943 and 1944. In the semi-finals in 1938, 1940 and this year. His 1938 Corpus Christi team won the championship.


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### Holman Appointed Standard Executive Group Chairman

Eugene Holman, brother of Mrs. Theo Andrews of this city, who rose from the position of geologist with the Humble Oil & Refining company to presidency of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, has been named chairman of the executive committee for that company. He continues as president.

Frank W. Abrams was elected chairman of the corporation's board in New York Friday. He succeeds Ralph W. Gallagher, who retires at the end of the year after 49 years of service with the company. Holman succeeds Gallagher as chairman of the executive committee.

Holman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holman, was born in San Angelo and was reared at Monahans where his father was employed by the T&P railroad and subsequently operated a hotel.

Attending Simmons university, he was graduated in 1916 and took his masters degree from the University of Texas the next year. Following service overseas the following year, he went with the US Geological Survey at Washington, then in Oklahoma and Texas. Then he began geological scouting and land work for Humble at Houston.

He was made superintendent of the Louisiana-Arkansas division for Humble in 1922 and was advanced to chief geologist for Humble in 1925. Since 1929 he has been ad executive of Standard of New Jersey and affiliated companies at New York.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Do you have to patch up last year's tree?—Can't you forget you're a tree surgeon just once, and buy a new tree?"

### Berlin Manages Tot Christmas

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN  
BERLIN, Dec. 24. (AP)—The notice in a German public building said "coffins available only for those who died of infectious disease." Nearby was a cardboard angel proclaiming "Merry Christmas — Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men."

Christmas in Berlin — once a proud, gay capital echoing with merriment and goose-stepping Nazi legions on parade — is a sordid, depressing sight of incredible ruins, of shivering, sunken-eyed people thankful for peace but overwhelmed with the emptiness of the future.

From the Tiergarten comes a weary procession of carts loaded with twigs and branches for firewood. The carts are pulled by old men and women who pause by the wayside to rest and eat dinner—black bread covered with lard.

Long lines of pale, thinly clad children, many crippled in bombing raids, are waiting excitedly to attend a Santa Claus party in the magistrate building.

Each will get a toy, some warmer clothing and a cookie with a trace of sugar. The city's "Save for Children" campaign was at least this much of a success.

Children get their best toys and food at various Christmas parties given by United States troops.

On the Christmas markets, there are such items as women's pocketbooks made from remnants of clothing or imitation leather pasted together. A special attraction is a hot dog "Heisse Wiener," filled with sawdust-like meat.

### With The AEF: Looking Hard To Find A Saint Nicholas

By HAL BOYLE  
ABOARD USS SIBONEY, Manila Harbor, Dec. 24 (AP)—Uncle Sam is trying hard to give his dwindling legions of soldiers and sailors overseas the merriest kind of a Christmas this sunny season—but a year ago in Belgium he had to look hard to find Santa Claus.

He turned out to be a tough-talking supply sergeant from Chicago—with a heart as wide as a double E army shoe.

There was little enough on the surface to be gay about. Germany had broken through our lines more than a week before, in their last hope of victory, and the American counter-tide in the "Battle of the Bulge" hadn't yet flung them back.

Panzers had driven to within three miles of our little resort village at the edge of the Ardennes mountains where the Kaiser took the baths with his general staff during the last war, before he fled to exile in Doorn, Holland. One burned out iron tank stood with silent gun on the last hill before the village.

To escape entrapment, the American First Army headquarters had pulled out and retreated through Liege and across the River Meuse to safer quarters, leaving the village streets deserted.

Fearful Belgians peered bewildered from curtained windows, waiting in dread for Germans who never got there.

Ice crisped every branch and made a glassy wonderland of every tree. Occasionally a German shell whined into the outskirts, to stain the silver snow with tattle-tale gray and frighten black crows into labored flight and cawing discord. Each day swastika-marked planes whipped down, but rarely dropped bombs.

Because it had been our home, and because it gave us a central place from which to operate, several war correspondents kept our billets in the Hotel Portugal, a hospitable little place with a well-stocked bar, run by a plump, middle-aged Frenchwoman known as "Mama the Manager."

She did what she could for us, but farmers weren't coming into town and food was low. Christmas looked as bleak as a counterfeit dollar bill in a Manhattan night club.

Then in walked Santa Claus—a supply sergeant for an anti-tank battalion thoughtfully stationed nearby to discourage any further German thrusts toward Belgium's hot-bath capital.

"Merry Christmas," he said. "On K-rations and cold water," bitterly chorused two of the scroungiest photographers on the western front. Life magazine's Johnny Flores and Associated Press' Pete Carroll, (Scraper), one who picks up supplies where there aren't any. . . .)

They broke this strong, tough sergeant's heart with our woe—and he went away with his truck and came back with three turkeys, cranberries, vegetables, candy and enough honest American coffee to fill a sandbag.

"Mama" began to manage. She rolled up her sleeves, and Alice, the elderly chambermaid who hated to disturb dust in our rooms, went into the kitchen and steamed up the best Christmas dinner ever cooked in Belgium. Our Santa Claus sat down at the head of the table in his oil-stained tank clothes as guest of honor. Also there was "Mama's" star boarder, the bell-cared old former manager of the local gambling casino, and her two daughters-in-law. They ate until their buttons popped off like champagne corks.

"Mama" set out bottle after bottle of her best wine—Chateau Something-or-Other. If she put it on our bill later—well, at least she didn't tell us about it as the time.

Bearded Jack Thompson, the Chicago Tribune's correspondent and the "Jackson" of our press club, even danced a jig midway through the meal. And if you haven't seen a man with a beard dance a jig, you haven't known Christmas in Belgium.

The neighbors must have thought: "Those crazy Americans—they revel on the edge of the

### Bureau Will Figure Farmer's Income Tax

The county farm bureau will begin making out income tax returns for farmers on January 1, County Agent Durward Lester has announced.

The work will continue for 15 days, and is free to all farmers who are members of the farm bureau.

### TO HELP VETS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Senator Mead (D-NY) said today that congress, immediately on returning from its recess, should take steps "to alleviate the critical conditions in the fields of housing, hospital facilities and educational opportunities for veterans."

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### A Poor Man Is Rich If He Has Many Friends

A poor man is rich if he has many friends. As for myself, I happen to have no funds, very few friends and happen to be in a Dickens of a fix.

I do happen to have a sobering idea for the Yuletide, that would be helpful to most of us if we give it thought:

Parse used to dictate fashions for our women. We let and encourage our children to go to the movies on Sunday. Thanksgiving has been twisted about to help trade. On a commercial Christmas some few of us get drunk. Yet, who knows, God may be around the corner.

Wishing all who have read the above meagre idea a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

George K. Stayton, a humble trader down the road of life.—(adv.)

### Nesbitt Resigns Library Position

Doris Nesbitt, librarian for the Howard County Free Library, has resigned her position to accept a similar one in Waller county, her home.

Miss Nesbitt said that a county library was being organized there, "and while I do regret leaving the Howard County Free Library at this time, the new library in my home county, with a larger book budget and prospects of bookmobile service to the county, was too much to resist."

Concluding her reports as of Dec. 20, Miss Nesbitt showed a total of 1,705 registrations for the library, of which 749 are adults and the balance juveniles. During the past year registrations totaled 1,144, of which 582 were adults, against a cancellation loss of only 161.

Total circulation amounted to 20,211, including 11,445 for adults and 8,766 for juveniles.

Since the total of volumes in the library stands at 3,917 (706 were added through county funds and 211 by gift during the past year), this means that each volume circulated on an average of more than four times during the year.

Expenditures for the year totaled \$2,743, according to the librarian's figures, including \$633.99 for books, \$1,600 for librarian salary and the balance for miscellaneous items of equipment, supplies, repairs, phone, etc.

In leaving, Miss Nesbitt felt that the library needs books in all fields but chiefly in basic reference, juvenile, light fiction, "best sellers," biography, travel, personal health and personality improvement, home planning, building and decorating, poetry, handicrafts, games and group recreation leadership aids. She looked forward to the day when Howard county would have a planned library, one with heating and cooling adequate for comfort of workers and patrons, and clerical assistance for routine cataloguing, shelving, etc.

### Five Scouts Sign Up For Encampment

Five Boy Scouts have indicated they wish to attend the winter encampment to be held at Camp Lewis, H. D. Norris, executive of the Buffalo Council, said Saturday.

Boys who have signed up are Charles Seydler, Jimmy Hobbs, Charles Rainwater, Billy Raymond Lawson and Clarence Schaefer. Others interested in attending the camp are asked to contact Norris.

Boy Scouts from Colorado City and Midland will come here to leave from the court house at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Transportation will be furnished in a school bus. The encampment will continue until Jan. 1st.

Norris said that the group should take the usual camping equipment with the exception of

### Debs Gams Released

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22 (AP)—Outfielder Debs Gams and Pitcher Bill Crouch were released unconditionally today by the St. Louis Cardinals.

### Mr. Breger



"Jonathan, kindly shut the window—those Christmas singers are drowning out the carols on the radio!"

### A RECORD YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Bituminous coal production in the United States this year will total approximately 570,000,000 tons—more than the production of all the rest of the world combined—the Bituminous Coal Institute said yesterday in its annual review.

### mess kits since the meals are to ping the total for the ten days to

### Racing Body Suspends Seven Pimlico Jockeys

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Maryland racing commission announced today the suspension of seven jockeys, one trainer, and one jockey agent for alleged violation last Nov. 30 at Pimlico racetrack of its rule No. 145 dealing with "bribery" and "conspiracy."

The agency said it had suspended the following persons as result of the information in its hands:

Jockeys Douglas Banks, Howard Cruz, Verne Maines, Sidney O'Neil, William J. Owen, Francis Passmore and Scott D. Riley; Trainer John Barry, and jockey agent James F. Byrnes.

### INVESTIGATE BLAZE

SONORA, Tex., Dec. 22 (AP)—Firemen were investigating today the origin on a blaze which destroyed a grocery store here yesterday. The buildings owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hamilton, was a complete loss. Only the meat in the deep freeze lockers and in the meat counter went undamaged.

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DAILY STORY FROM THE BEST-SELLING BOOK  
By BENNETT CERF

ABOUT thirty years ago, there was a lightweight boxer in Hoboken, New Jersey, who fought under the name of Marty O'Brien, and was a member of the town's fire brigade on the side.

He was a clean, likeable kid, completely on the level, and among the host of friends that he made was a rising young singer named "Bing" Crosby.

"Marty O'Brien" got married, and in time had a son who, was too frail to become a boxer like his dad, but inclined toward a musical career. He could carry a tune like nobody's business. Marty wrote to his old friend, Bing. Could Bing help the kid get a musical education he craved? Bing Crosby could—and did. O'Brien's boy studied music and in due course turned professional. The boy was Frank Sinatra—Bing Crosby's most formidable rival in the crooner ranks today.

The character of "Sporting Life" was played in the original production of *Porgy* by a Harlem hooper named Bubbles. He was one of the great dancers of the day, but had only the haziest notions of discipline and rehearsal. The conductor, Alex Smallens, had a terrible time perfecting him for the part. Once he suggested sarcastically, "Maybe the fault is in my conducting!" Bubbles mollified him completely when he said in all sincerity, "Mr. Smallens, if I had the money of the way you conduct I'd be a millionaire!"

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Editorial --

The True Christmas Story

In accordance with a Christmas Eve custom of many years standing, The-Herald carries the glorious story of peace on earth and good will toward men, as contained in the first 14 verses of the Gospel, according to Saint Luke:
And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. x x x
And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. x x x
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Timid Soul



Washington Merry-Go-Round--

Right Diplomacy -- Cure For World

By DREW PEARSON
WASHINGTON. — This Christmas eve finds Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in Moscow on the most important mission of his long and varied career. It is not too much to say that upon his talks may depend in large part whether we have peace or war within the next generation.

Rhineland, then Austria, then Czechoslovakia.
This, of course, is the ultra-pessimistic view, but it is held in some high Anglo-American councils, so cannot be ignored.
The military mind points out that Russia is taking over the Balkans, next Iran, later Turkey—all at a time when the Western World is tired of war and when the weary American and British people take much the same attitude toward these distant areas that they did toward Austria and Czechoslovakia in 1938.

In a very real sense, Byrnes is endeavoring to carryout the spirit and principles which a man born in Bethlehem gave mankind 2,000 years ago and which this tired world has looked forward to but never attained during the selfish and sometimes bloody years that followed.

But instead of the give-more-room-and-they'll-be-satisfied policy, there is a certain military school of thought which believes the time for a showdown is right now.
The military argue that today we are strong, the Russians relatively weak. They argue that we have exactly one year and a half of time left. In one year and a half, the Russians will have perfected the atom bomb. Probably they already have the secret, but it will take 18 months to set up factories and produce it.

Byrnes started on his momentous mission with the best will in the world, but little advance preparation. That, however, was not his fault. It is extremely difficult these days to prepare things with the Russians in advance. If the Secretary of State sends for the British ambassador, he talks to a former Minister of Foreign Affairs who can talk with authority as a virtual member of the British cabinet. But if he sends for the Russian ambassador, he meets a nice but inexperienced former secretary who says that he must refer everything to Moscow.

Surprise Atom Attack
After 18 months, argue the military, there can be no showdown with Russia for the reason that we won't have anything to show with. Someday we'll wake up and find our own cities atom-bombed and the entire USA destroyed in a single afternoon.

That is what Byrnes has now done. He has referred the matter to Moscow in person. He has wisely taken with him the advisers who are most sympathetic to the Russians, leaving behind those who have always tangled in Soviet hair. He is doing his level best to succeed.

One of our future columns I hope to discuss some of the revolutionary principles which might be applied to our diplomacy with Russia. This is a lot harder to write about than finding out what goes on in cabinet meetings and I don't feel particularly well qualified to discuss it. Nevertheless, with the forbearance of editors, I am going to try.

THE ETERNAL STAR

It is said of the wise men that "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy—and when they came into the house they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him: And when they opened their treasures they presented Him with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."
Well might they rejoice when they saw the star, for it was a guiding star. Its rays led them into the presence of the Highest Personality. We may not see that star today, nor do we need to see it, but we feel it. We are not so much concerned with a child in a manger at Bethlehem, but we deeply desire to find Him who stands by every cradle today.

A Christmas Sermon by the Rev. W. L. Porterfield, Wesley Methodist Church.

The night was silent, cold and still. Darkness settled over the face of the earth like an ominous shadow shutting the world from the presence of God. Hushed was the voice of singing and sad were the hearts of the Magi as they gazed wistfully toward the Heavens.
Then suddenly a light broke in the East. It was the Star of Bethlehem. The wise men rejoiced when they saw the star, for it was a star of Eternal Light. In Christ was life and the life was the light of men. The light shined in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

Hollywood--

Bettejane Too Baby For Miss Greer

By GENE HANDSAKER
HOLLYWOOD — If you think it's easy to interview someone with five photogenic feminine forms flipping and flouncing in your face, try it some time.

Washington, D. C., suggesting a try at the movies.
"Rudy wasn't meant for marriage," Jane sighed. "He'd been a bachelor too long to change his bachelor ways."

I succeeded only because my lovely interviewee seated on my right was a more powerful lure for my attention.

Jane recently had the court lop off the name Byrnes from hers; also the first half of her given name, Bettejane. "Bettejane sounds like a little girl with blonde curls, while I always seem to get sophisticated roles, as in 'Bamboozle'."

A record of Jane Greer's lively, bell-clear voice blasted at us from a portable loudspeaker across the sound stage while a quintet of cuties worked out a dance routine. It was a funny feeling talking to Jane while her own voice filled the room. Occasionally she would drop into singing with the record—something about where would Annabella be but for the rustle of her bustle—making cute, pancake-turning gestures with her hands.

"I'm usually a nasty society girl. I say, 'Dahling! How perfectly lovely that gown looks on you! Too bad you couldn't get it in your size!'"

Wise men still follow the Christmas star, the star of guidance, hope and redemption. The wise men of the East brought gold, symbolic of the crown of Righteousness with which He was made King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Today we bring the gold of a searched heart, tried in the furnace of His consuming Love and purged in from all its dross. He is enthroned as Lord of our lives.

Jane has an engaging way of laying her hand on an interviewer's arm for emphasis. She lives with her parents. Her grandfather, Charles D. M. Greer II of Memphis, was speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives. Her father, Greer III is now a Hollywood real estate dealer who also invents things like folding tricycles.

They brought frankincense, the burning of which owned His Deity. We bring the incense of a burning heart, afire with our acknowledgment of His Divine Majesty. With all the flame of our hearts and the impulse of our emotions, we too own His Deity.

They brought myrrh, prophetic of a life of gathering gloom. The bitterness of myrrh is symbolic of the bitter agony through which He would pass. He was indeed a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. The myrrh we bring is the bitterness of a contrite, penitent heart. We are heartily sorry for our sins. With all the remorse of our souls, we bring ourselves to the altar of God and pledge to take up our cross and follow Him with whose stripes we are healed.

Wise men still rejoice when they see the star, and they bring gifts: Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Warsaw — If you think you're having trouble getting train accommodations in America, you should come to Poland.

Travel Jam Slows Poland

By LARRY ALLEN
AP Newsfeatures
WARSAW — If you think you're having trouble getting train accommodations in America, you should come to Poland.

ing by in a "jeep" or hauling the automobile of some Polish government official.
Anyhow, Poles do manage to get to a railway station, many of them with all their worldly possessions tied up in a shawl or a pack of clothing slung across their shoulders.

All of Poland's "crack" passenger trains are hopelessly antiquated and make an average speed of 15 miles per hour—if the weather is good.

There's no such thing as a sleeper or dining car. As a matter of fact, about half of the old-wooden coaches don't even have windows, and right now it's mighty cold in Poland.

Travel bureaus, such as ORBIS, run on the lines of Soviet tourists, are packed and jammed, day and night. It seems everyone in Poland is going some place—and that's going to continue until about 4,000,000 Poles are repatriated or resettled in the nation's newly acquired western territories and along the Baltic around Stettin.

Newspapers say the unpunctuality of trains is causing losses running into billions of zlotys. That is putting it mildly. The man labor hours lost would go a long way towards getting wrecked, fire-rigged Warsaw back on its feet if they were used for work, instead of waiting for trains.

Three Organizations Give To Red Cross

Three organizations have made their donations to the American Red Cross, H. D. Norris, drive chairman, announced Saturday. American Airlines gave \$50, J. C. Penny's store donated \$25 and Whites Auto Store, \$50.

Other donations may be given to Norris even though the campaign does not officially begin until March.

Snowflake patterns are preserved now by a plastic process.

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Broadway--

Goldman Carries Brass To Pacific

By JACK O'BRIAN
NEW YORK — Edwin Franko Goldman, the esteemed bandmaster whose appearance in various New York City parks during the summer seasons is a notable musical event for many an all-fresco brass band enthusiast, is back from an overseas USO tour. . . . This great bandleader, whose warm weather appearances have made millions of music-starved metropolitanites happy, did a similar service for the similarly music-abandoned service guys in the Pacific.

Outside of the usual exultation over providing an admirable wartime diversion for the GIs, Dr. Goldman told happily of discovering, on the plane taking him to Kwajalein, that the pilot was a Flatbush boy who in civilian life bent a frequent ear to the band concerts in Brooklyn's Prospect Park . . . and that the navigator of the same plane was once a member of his band!

Duke Ellington has asked Screen Star Leha Horne to star in his projected Broadway musical, tentatively titled "The Beggar's Opera," which The Duke is writing with John La Touche. . . . La Touche could stand the excellent aid of a fine musician of Ellington's caliber. . . . he most certainly needs it after his unfortunate job of lyric-writing in "Polonaise," in which he added dull words to selected Chopin music. . . . The Duke's ambitious production is budgeted for a quarter of a million dollars.

Despite the death of Jerome Kern, who was to co-present the new production of "Show-Boat," the billing will remain approximately the same. . . . It will be "Kern and Hammerstein's New Production of 'Show Boat.'" . . . The Copacabana, after its current floor show turned up one big song hit, "No Can Do," will try for more of the same. . . . Monte Proser has signed Bob Russell, who wrote the lyric to "Brazil," to put words to music already set for the Copacabana's new show, opening in January.

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Don't be expecting to run downtown this evening for a last minute gift and find an attractive cosmetic kit on a shelf. After a check with merchants, it appears that more people than ever before have tended to make cosmetics their most important gift this year. Practically all the drug stores and other establishments handling "the prize of the women" are sold out. Dealers believe their stocks were fuller and more complete but they didn't seem to last nearly so long as in other years. Only difference in the cosmetic sets was the new colored shades recently put on the market.

But Little Change In Dinner Menus

When Big Spring sits down to its Christmas dinner Dec. 25, it will find no perceptible changes in the bill of fare this first peacetime Christmas in three years. Housewives were grateful this year in that they didn't have to battle for a festive bird. Turkeys were plentiful. It was the "trimmings" that caused the headaches for ladyship of the kitchen. Cranberries, definitely a "must" on any Christmas menu were a "muss" on several tables due to shortages in supply. Seems the crop just was not adequate to put a spoonful of the colorful sauce on every plate.

With the exception of black pepper, all of the spice necessary for holiday cookery can be obtained, but the greatest shortage was one which wasn't expected—that of cornmeal. Several grocers reported that their stocks of cornmeal became amazingly low, and for turkey stuffing, southern style, cornbread is of prime importance. Those families used to having cocoonut cake along with fruit cake may be disappointed by this year.

comedy which has given all concerned the largest collective migraine in quite a few years of Broadway memory. . . . Martha is getting \$5,000 a week plus a percentage of the gross over a stated amount, and Berle, it's said, was to get more.

A prism is a solid glass body of triangular shape.

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Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. Commands
4. Uneven
9. Color
12. Poem
13. Mechanical bar
14. Exit
15. Sick
16. Living
17. Acquaintance
18. Knowledge
19. Reced in rank
22. Noxious plant
23. Suitable
24. Jewish law
25. Oriental dwelling
26. Conflagrations
27. Bahoid
28. Salutation
36. Pigeons
37. Adult boy.
38. Note of the scale
39. Avarice
40. Singing bird
41. Gas
42. Turns over a new leaf
43. Prejudice
44. Sledge-rod
45. Sluggish
46. Urchin
47. Shelter for sheep
48. Sailor
49. Epoch
50. Overture
51. Period of time
52. Armistice
53. Type
54. Period of light

Word search grid with words like CAMERA, ELISADE, MORAL, PLEASID, REDATE, MUTANT, ON, SERVICE, TA, MINE, TAT, SHUT, ETA, TEP, ORE, DYNAST, MOOSE, ISLE, TINT, RATION, TELAR, FOUR, ARG, BRIT, IS, ALCOHOL, DI, ATABAL, AVATAR, TRADE, PARADE, ELATES, SLEWED.

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

- DOWN
1. State of the Union
4. Bird of prey
5. Electric unit
6. Roman poet
7. East
8. Hermita
9. Beam
10. Great Lake
11. Act
12. Corded fabrics
13. American Indians
14. Author of Robinson Crusoe
15. Second President
16. Ship's crane
17. Submarine worker
18. Danger signal
19. Blow an automobile horn
20. Interpret
21. Archais
22. Terrible
23. Sold
24. Broad smile
25. That which is lent
26. Solitaire
27. Palms off
28. Incline
29. Remains
30. Boy attendant
31. Lohengrin's wife
32. So American
33. Bird
34. Ship's receipt
35. Leaf

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### Woman's Column

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10-FOR a money maker, see this 27-room rooming house; all furnished; very nice; income \$550 per month; very choice location.

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## Real Estate

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655 acres on paved road; all raw land, but a very convenient tract of land, good grass. Only about 14 miles north of Big Spring.

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# Merry Christmas

To those at home and those away from home go our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas.  
May the New Year bring Happiness and Goodwill and a more Pleasant Time for Everyone.

## Elmo Wasson

MEN'S WEAR OF CHARACTER



## Santa AND THE White Bunny

BY LUCRECE HUDGINS

CHAPTER 17  
A Merry Christmas To All  
"Stop! Stop!" screamed David, standing at the top of the mountain and watching the gigmies rolling towards the sea. "Oh, hang on!" And he jumped up and down in a frenzy of terror lest the gigmies perish before the spell which held his sister could be broken.

What a screaming there was! Each gigmy, slipping and tumbling down the mountain side belated and screeched until the hills and valleys all around were alive with the frightful noise.

Then, suddenly, above the screaming, there was another noise—sleigh bells ringing! David caught his breath with joy to see Santa Claus come riding down from the sky, standing in his toy packed sled and holding the reins of his eight reindeer.

"Oh, Santa! Oh, Santa!" cried David and that is all that he could say. But it wasn't necessary for him to say another word because Santa could see in one glance what was happening. Without a word he pulled David and the

white bunny into the sled beside him and then he sped down the mountainside after the gigmies.

Swifter than sound they went and just in time, too, for the great ball of gigmies was on the very edge of the sea when Santa leaped suddenly from his sled and snatched at the tail end of the spider's web which bound the creatures.

Then away into the sky he rode with David and the bunny beside him and dangling from the sled was the ball of thread with the fifty evil gigmies bound up in it.

"Speak now!" shouted Santa and he didn't look jolly but solemn and severe. "Break your spell before another mile is passed!"

But the evil gigmy king still refrained. "What will happen if I don't?" he cried.

"I will drop you into the sea," warned Santa.

"And suppose I do break the spell, what then?" asked the creature.

"Then, you and all your mates may soar among the clouds forevermore," promised Santa.

This sounded good to the king so with a sigh he cried, "Mayis, Maydo! Maytoe, Maynos!" And straightway the little white bunny turned into David's golden haired sister, Mary.

How they hugged one another, crying and laughing and talking and kissing all at one time. Santa watched from the corner of his eye and could hardly keep his mind on his driving job—it was so good to see brother and sister reunited.

Finally, he said, "It is Christmas eve and I have far to go. How would you like to travel with me tonight through all the lands of the world?"

The children shouted their approval and then they clung to each other and to the sides of the sled as the swift journey began.

Truly, they visited every land and in every home where a child slept they paused to leave a load of Christmas gifts. It was many hours later when at last, as the sun began peeping over the mountains, they came to their own home in Elm street in the town of Mogador.

As they climbed from the sled David said, "Why did you tell the gigmies they could soar among the clouds forevermore?"

Santa laughed. "It is true," he said. "As you soon will see. Here is my gift for you and Mary."

He handed them a most enormous kite. The string was made of spider web, 800,000 miles long! And the tail was made of—gigmies! Santa had cast a spell of his own and the wicked creatures had become a rag-tail of a kite—to soar forever among the clouds, just as he had promised.

"And now a Merry Christmas!" cried Santa, taking off once again in his wonderful sled.

"Oh, Merry Christmas!" cried David and Mary, waving. Then they ran into their own front door, shouting as they ran, "Merry Christmas! Oh, a Merry Christmas to all!"

A catfish's "whiskers" are a sensory organ, that enables it to feel its way through muddy water.

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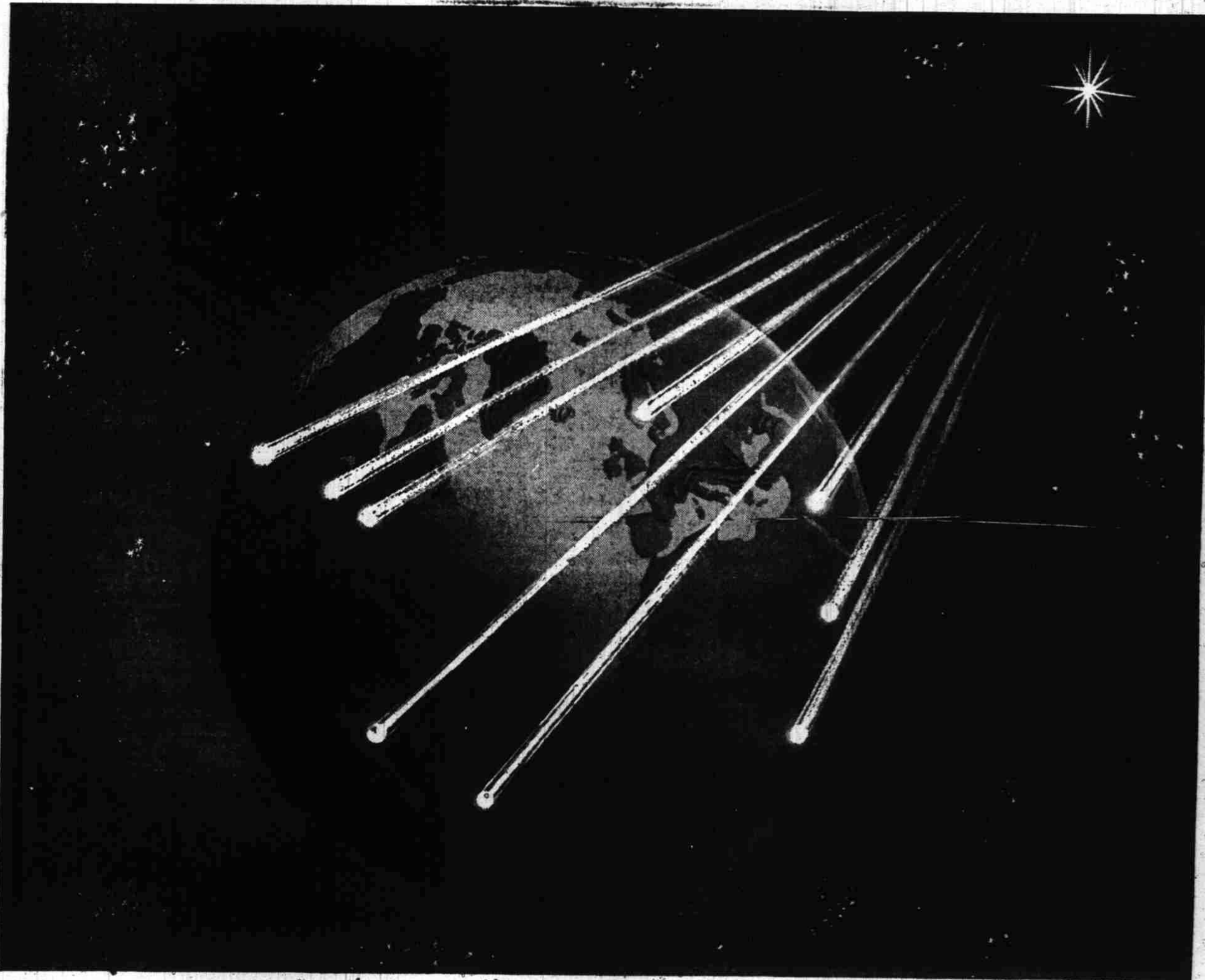
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## "and the Light Shineth..."

**T**he lights are on again this Christmas.

Hearths are warm again, this Christmas.

Men and women can look up to the stars again, this Christmas.

Freedom can come out of the darkness, goodness can come up from underground.

Let us pray to the Giver of Light, that the Light shall never go off again.

## Albert M. Fisher Co.

## Poles' Hardships Worst In Europe, Spokesman Says

By LARRY ALLEN  
AP Newsfeatures

WARSAW, Poland — Dr. Emil Eommerstein, chief of the war reparations section of the Polish government, says Poland suffered "biologically, culturally and economically" during the war to a far greater degree than any other European country.

"Germany," he said in a recent interview, "aimed to break the Polish nation biologically. That is why the losses directly due to war are only seven and one-half per cent, while those due to Nazi killings, persecution and torture are 92 1-2 per cent."

"Poland, with six million Poles and Jews murdered, is undoubtedly the first country in the tragic classification of war destruction."

Dr. Sommerstein said property losses amounting to \$6 billion already had been reported by Polish individuals to the reparations section. Along with the losses sustained by state properties, this total is expected to reach \$20 billion — based on a pre-war value of five dollars to each American dollar.

He asserted Poland's reparations question already is answered in that her share of what is to be collected from Germany constitutes part of that included in Soviet Russia's claims.

Sommerstein estimated the Germans seized and deported, from Poland over 1,200,000 men and 650,000 women during the six-year Nazi occupation.



OOH, SANTA CLAUS SKIDOOED UP THE CHIMNEY. But not before he filled that stocking with floral scented toilettries for small-fry good-grooming.

## And Then There Are Fireworks WAR TOYS STILL FILL SANTA'S PACK; SOME NEW TOYS ADDED

War babies will be forced to play with war toys again this year. Santa's factories haven't completed reconversion proceedings, and the results are still definitely of a war nature.

Predominantly the offerings of the toy shops lean toward war ap-

paratus for little boys, and the little girls can still be assured of dolls. The tanks, machine guns, pistols, helmets, and other battle equipment found in local stores for the 1945 yuletide season continued to be made of wood and recently created plastics.

Perhaps the greatest boon to Santa Claus this year was the discovery of the chemical bubble mixture, which, though inexpensive proved to be of great delight to the younger generation — not to mention the elder generations.

Dolls which little girls will find tomorrow morning waiting to be cuddled are definitely huggable. A number of the dolls so popular this year are the old-fashioned rag doll kind with the modern twist. Most of the Raggedy Anns are on the mammoth scale, and their clothes actually look like real little girls' clothes.

Youngsters with a bent toward sewing and designing will appreciate the models with selections of materials and patterns for creating costumes, which are playing a repeat performance under the Christmas tree this year.

The mechanical type of toy popular with both boys and girls including scooters, roller skates, bicycles, and tricycles are still on the hard to get list. However, some fortunate few will discover those things after St. Nick's visit, tonight.

Though not strictly classified toys, though on the entertainment list — for some people — are fire works. For the first time since the start of the war the little space in the toe of the sock can be filled with a package of firecrackers. Or that fraction of an inch in the side can be closed up with a sky rocket stick.

On the whole this is a happy holiday and the youngsters are resting secure in the thought that though many popular items for Yule-giving are on the "Sorry — not available" list, next Christmas will be a hey-day.

## Nazi Spy Must Aid Kin Of His Victims

WARSAW, Poland. (AP) — A German spy accused of giving information that caused the killing of two prominent Poles must pay damages to their relatives as well as face a trial for his life in Poland.

A special tribunal ruled that Gustav Beckman, former owner of a German razor-blade factory and a fine villa, must turn over to the widow of Polish Judge Franckiewicz \$7,000; to his two daughters, \$3,000 each and an annual pension; to the widow of Polish prosecutor Doctor Bietkowski, \$5,500, and to his daughter, \$3,000 and an annual pension.

Relatives of the deceased filed a complaint against Beckman which brought a prompt court ruling.

Beckman is under arrest in the American zone of occupation in Germany. It was announced that he would be brought to Cracow, Poland, for trial.

## Santa's 1945 Crop Of Dolls Go For Glamour, Realism

By DOROTHY ROE  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Small, unsung heroines of World War II were the thousands of little girls who had to do without a Christmas doll because of wartime shortages.

This year things are different. Although there is still a shortage of these toyland darlings, manufacturers have succeeded, in turning out a sufficient number this year so that every little girl should have her doll on Christmas morning—provided her parents are bright enough to do their Santa shopping early.

And the dolls that will be on hand to thrill little mothers on December 25 are no wartime makeshifts. These are glamorous, cuddlesome pre-war style dolls, complete with movable eyes, hair that can be combed and the ability to say "Mama."

For little girls with a flair for fashion, Little Lady is the perfect doll choice. This is the glamorous girl of the doll world, a sophisticated young lady with a dazzling



wardrobe, and hair specially treated so that it may be combed and

finger-waved. There is even a special wave-setting comb that comes with each doll, and a book of suggested hairstyles. One of Little Lady's costumes includes an evening gown and matching bag, with a maribou cape.

Sweetie Pie, pre-war favorite of little girls all over the land, is back in new and glorified form, with eyes that not only open and close but roll flirtatiously from side to side. Her wardrobe includes washable play suits as well as party dresses with matching sunbonnets, and this year she has a brother, Mickey, dressed in boyish striped sweater, cap and overalls. Both members of the family have hair that can be brushed and combed.

Then there is Babyette, modeled after a real, live baby and dressed in the daintiest of lacy clothes. These lifelike baby dolls come singly, or in sets of twins, triplets or even quadruplets.

The first irrigation project in Wyoming was recorded during the Civil War period.

## Italian Prisoners' Future Discussed

CAPTOWN, (AP) — The future of Italian prisoners of war, many of whom wish to remain in South Africa, is the subject of widespread discussion in Capetown newspapers. Farmers, particularly grape growers in Cape Province, want to retain the Italians, and at least 5,000 have said they would like to stay.

The government is considering the advisability of allowing a number of selected prisoners to settle here and defense headquarters has been instructed to ask all POW camp commandants to obtain reports from employers on the prisoners' work, general deportment and capabilities.

### CUSTER FOUGHT HERE

WOODWARD, Okla., (AP) — A drive is underway to secure funds to place a marker on a farm where General Custer fought a battle with Indians who killed 100 cattle belonging to a rancher.

**Christmas Cheer**

Bright burn the Christmas candles. Red, green and shining are the holly leaves and berries.

May this Christmas be Merry and may the New Year be filled with good things for you.

**The Book Stall**  
Crawford Hotel

**Merry Christmas**

What a wonderful feeling! To share the Christmas spirit with those you love, and to share Christmas prayers with dear ones far from home. What a wonderful feeling—to once again experience the jolliness and merriment of Christmas! Have a wonderful time —with our best wishes; and may you truly have an old fashioned Merry Christmas!

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**A Sincere "Thank You"**

For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

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## MORE CONVENIENCE AND LESS BACK WORK URGED BY FARMERS

MONROE, Mich., (UP)—Heaven will protect the working girl, but who is going to help the farmer? Brouwer D. McIntyre, president of the Monroe Auto Equipment Co., offers many suggestions on that score—including short-wave radios in tractors to keep the farmer in touch with his "headquarters" and food containers that keep hot food hot and cold drinks cold.

McIntyre says another radio might entertain the farmer while he is eating his lunch and resting in the field.

**Wants Equal "Break"**

A farm owner himself, McIntyre believes that farmers deserve at least the "same break" in cutting back-breaking labor as factory workers already enjoy.

He said that while foundry

workers, for example, actually need carry only seven to eight tons of material to make one ton of castings (instead of the 350 tons necessary before modern material handling methods were devised), the farmers still have little mechanical help in loading and unloading wagons and trucks, handling feed and fertilizer, picking up and carrying other materials and equipment.

McIntyre emphasized that industry should do more to help the farmer as well as help itself in the peacetime era.

His company now is engaged in manufacturing both material-handling equipment for industry and hydraulic, easy-ride seats for farm tractors.

**Suggests Tractor Cab**

The company head pointed out that the tractor is one of the least comfortable, "as well as one of the hardest-riding vehicles on earth." In addition to smoothing out the ride for the farmer, McIntyre advises an enclosed cab to protect the driver from the elements, more automatic controls, proper insulation, and air-conditioning—or at least filtered air to keep dust and dirt from the eyes and throat as well as the clothes of the farmer.

"Conveniences," McIntyre said, "and labor-saving devices and modern working conditions are coming to be expected, if not demanded, by the factory worker.

"Mechanical and electrical farm equipment has helped the farmer, too, but a lot more could and should be done in the same direction.

"This in my opinion, is a No. 1 peacetime job for industry to undertake."

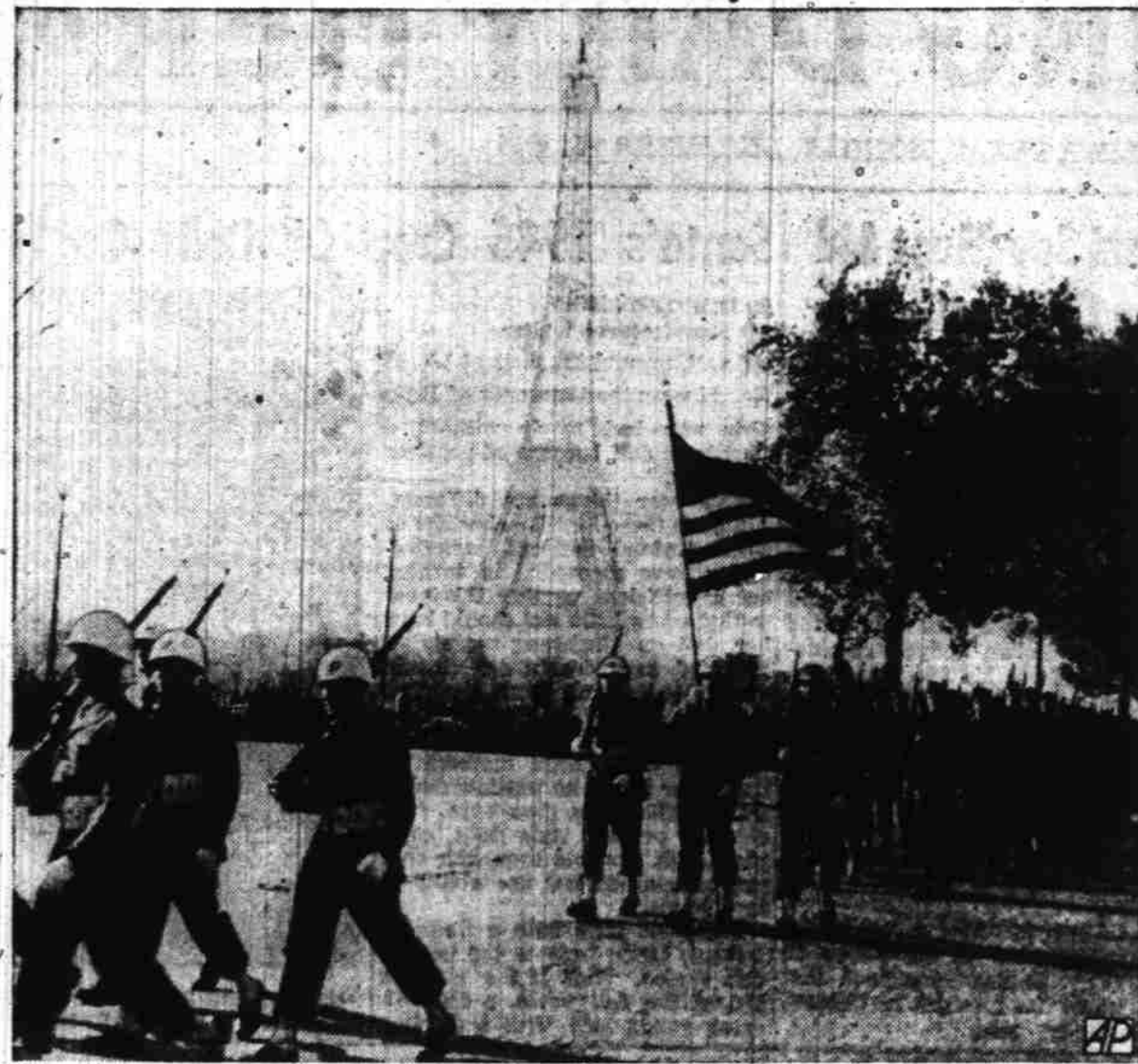
**FULL TERM NEEDED TO THINK IT OVER**

PHILADELPHIA, (UP)—The judge tried to console pretty, 21-year-old, Mrs. Elaine McColgan when he sentenced her to a year-and-a-day in prison for forging a neighbor's allotment check to buy groceries.

"If you behave yourself," said Judge Harry E. Kalodner, "you will be eligible for parole in four months."

But Mrs. McColgan refused the offer, explaining:

"If you don't mind, Judge, I'd rather serve the whole sentence. My whole life has been messed up and the only way I can straighten things out is to be away for a long time."



GI'S PARADE IN PARIS—American soldiers march along the Avenue de New York in Paris, in dedication of the street, formerly known as the Avenue de Tokyo.

## Civvies For GI's Tougher To Get Than Discharges

PORT HURON, Mich. (UP)—Port Huron's GI's today faced a delay in their postwar dreams of loud sport shirts and overcoats with a drape shape.

The city's returning veterans were anxious to get into those "civvies," but the merchants were singing "No Can Do."

Shirts were scarce, and only veterans with 40-inch waists stood a chance of getting a new suit. Port Huron clothiers expected the situation to ease up after the first of the year, but they don't think supplies will be normal for another year or two.

Manufacturers were reported delivering stocks a little at a time, but one merchant pointed out that he had been able to meet only two per cent of the demand.

The manager of a local branch of a well-known men's clothing firm said his store's normal stock of suits was between 1,000 and 1,100. A recent count placed the total at 172.

Shirts, together with pajamas and underwear were as difficult to buy, if not more so, than suits. Men's hats also were on the scarcity list, and the overcoat and topcoat situation appeared only slightly less critical.

Shoe stores were being held to rigid quotas, and one retailer said his stock of men's footwear was down from a normal supply of 1,900 to 600 pairs.

Meanwhile, the veterans are consoling themselves by wearing noisy-colored ties—with their khakis.

## PUBLIC TASTE APPROVES MORE APPLE FLAVORS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—"Make mine apple" may be junior's cry in the soda fountains of tomorrow.

The invasion of refreshment menus by apple flavor and its chances of taking a place alongside such reigning favorites as vanilla and chocolate recently was discussed by growers at a Michigan horticultural society convention.

Speakers stressed an increasing demand for apples from processing plants making sauce, juice, frozen

slices and apple butter, and for soda fountain uses.

Roy E. Marshall, Michigan state horticulturist, suggested that an apple essence—one ton of apples making one gallon of essence—may be produced as a by-product of the cider-vinegar industry.

District meetings will be held by the society in February and March at Pontiac, South Haven, Hart and Traverse City.

Nature controls erosion largely by supplying a vegetable covering over the ground.

Restore the soil—restore it.

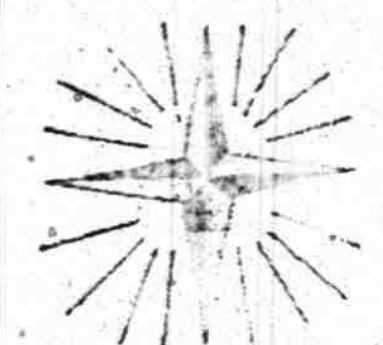


## Christmas Cheer

Jolly as Old Santa's  
Is our wish for you...  
It's a Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year!

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## All Good Wishes

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## NALLEY FUNERAL HOME

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**SKEET EXPERT**—Onetime west coast champion, Lt. L. G. Sclarant of Fresno, Calif., gets ready to blast a clay pigeon in the skeet tournament held for shooters of the 20th Air Force on the island of Guam.

## Town's Lights Go On Again After 23 Years

ST. NAZIANZ, Wis., (UP)—When the lights went on again on the streets of St. Nazianz recently, it was the first time in 23 years.

A storm in 1922 disrupted the street-lighting system and the community was unable to make repairs because it lacked the necessary funds. However, this year a businessman's association decided to finance the re-lighting project.

The village has a population of 485, according to the 1940 census.

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## Grid Star Dexterous

BATON ROUGE, La., (UP)—Jim Cason, star Louisiana State half-back, goes all-out when it comes to being ambidextrous. He throws a baseball with his right hand, and passes a football with his left. He bats with his right hand, and kicks with his left foot. He writes with his right hand, and eats with his left.

## Grid Greenhorns

BATON ROUGE, La., (UP)—Two Louisiana State footballers were really greenhorns at the

start of the season. Guard Herd Miller had never played the game before and Full Joe Bartus played only 43 minutes in four years in high school.

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Bill Sheppard, Manager

Seven Significant Number In His Life

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP) — J. L. Whorton should be able to earn a luxurious living by shooting dice. Seven seems to be a very significant number in his life.

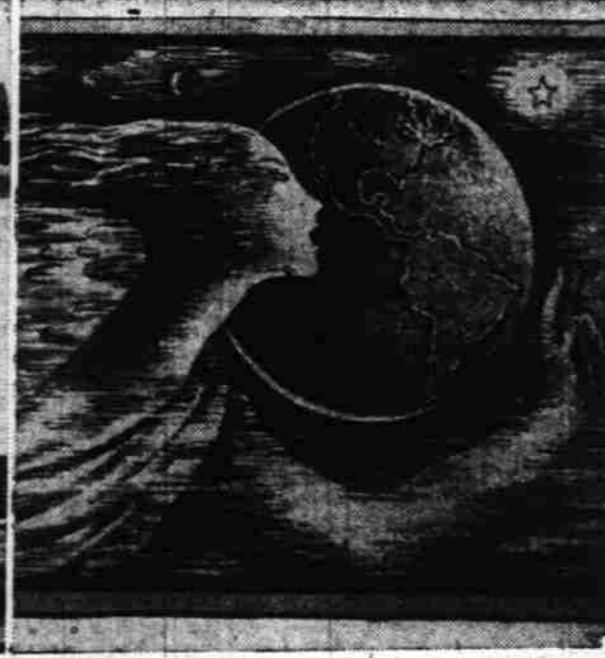
First Seed Shipment Comes From Holland

NEW YORK, (UP) — The first cargo of seeds from Holland in six years arrived recently in Hoboken, N. J., aboard the liner Delftdyk, owned by the Holland-America Line.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TAKE ON INTERNATIONAL SLANT



RUTH REEVES . . . Her theme, unity.



ONE WORLD . . . With peace on earth.

By ADELAIDE KERR AP Newsfeatures Writer Christmas cards with an international slant from the drawing board of a globe-trotting Guggenheim fellow will carry many Americans' Yuletide message of peace this year.

of the things they were fighting for," said Miss Reeves, a vivid black-haired, black-eyed woman, as she sat in her down-town apartment clothed in black pajamas and fire-red slippers. "So I turned out these Christmas cards."

and decorators rather than manufacturers. Among her outstanding pieces of textile work are the grand foyer rug and the inside wall tapestries at the Radio City Music Hall. She also has had paintings and tapestries exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of New York and other museums throughout the country.



And Our Heartiest Good Wishes to You This Christmas As the Stars in the Heaven and the Stars in Our Flag Unite for Everlasting Peace

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More Friendliness, Less Strain Urged For Church People

CHICAGO—Kinsey N. Merritt, New York, recommends publicity to win people back to the church. "Let the public know a man can be a good Christian and still have a lot of fun in life," he told a Chicago audience.



Building their own fishing boat gives these soldiers something to do in their off-duty time and will afford them lots of pleasure. The Regular Army now offers qualified men 17 to 34 years of age, inclusive, security now and for the future with retirement benefits of up to \$155.25 a month for the use of their lives.



FOR PLUTOCRATS ONLY . . . Melon-sleeved mink coat. By Maximilian.



FOR YOUR SWEATER GIRL . . . Matching cardigan and slip-over. Designed by Whitehorn.

Shortage Is Beaten With Bus-Apartment

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP) — The acute Memphis housing shortage didn't bother J. A. Wood, 30, a tire plant employee. Unable to find living accommodations, Wood converted a half-ton bus into comfortable living quarters.

Early Drawing Card

NEW ORLEANS, (UP) — Even when he was in prep school, Army's Felix (Doc) Blanchard was a drawing card. He appeared in the New Orleans charity Toy Bowl game his senior year, and a record attendance of 40,000 was set. It still stands.



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Our Christmas Wish For You



We hope all your Christmases to come will be increasingly merrier, in a world bright, cheerful and rich in peacetime blessings . . . as for ourselves, we joyfully anticipate the opportunity of continuing to enjoy our place in the community, serving you the best we can with the best available. And because no better words can say it, let these ring out our greeting: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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### 22-Year-Old Request Finally Gets Action

LEPANTO, Ark., (UP) — When M. C. Wall came to Lepanto in 1923 to take over his duties as a railroad agent, his first request was that lantern and lamp in the tiny depot be replaced with electric lights.

Recently, after 22 years of waiting, Wall's request was granted and electric lighting was installed in the depot. Wall said something about better late than never.

### Watching The Calendar

## CITY POLICEMEN PROUD OF CITY'S RECORD OF ONLY ONE TRAFFIC DEATH

Big Spring police watched the Christmas holiday season begin with the proverbial crossed fingers. Only a few more days of safe driving would see them through the year with only one traffic fatality to mar the record, and thereby

give Big Spring a top-notch spot in the nation's traffic safety program. The 1945 record was perfect until the night of December 2, when a man died from injuries received in a hit and run incident, and the police department was hoping that this would be the last mishap involving loss of life or serious injury for many months to come. Further to the department's credit it may be said that they solved the hit and run case within five hours, and filed charges the very next day.

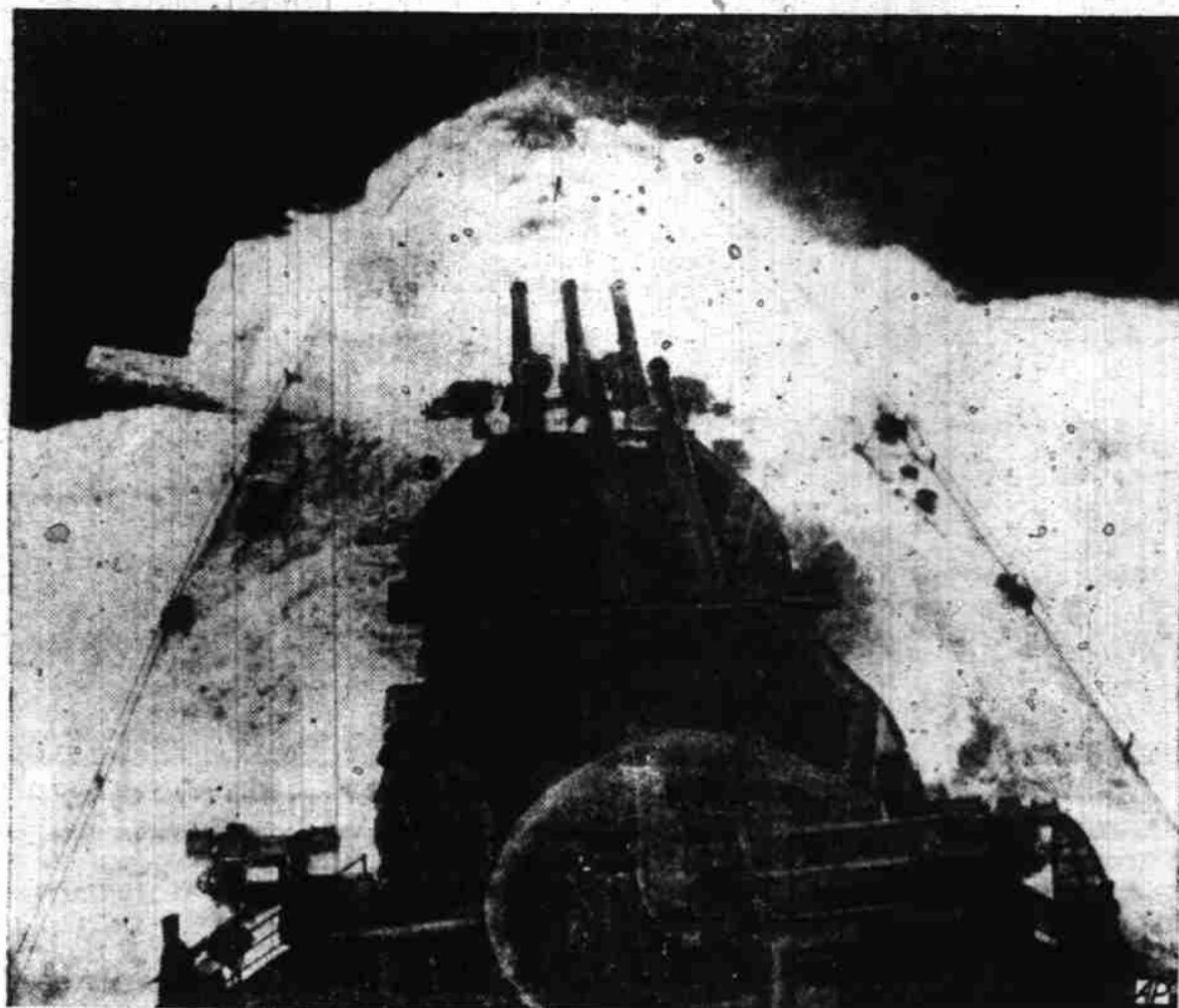
The record for two years back is just as good. Only one fatality was registered during the preceding year. "There were some just outside the corporate limits, but within our jurisdiction, that is the record," Chief A. G. Mitchell said.

The police force is well schooled in traffic-handling. Jack Harrison, head of the traffic division, has been through several of the toughest traffic schools in the country, Mitchell said. Captain Zachary, Officer Thompson and Chief Mitchell have all had instruction. At present, Mitchell carries on daily classes for the entire department on both traffic and crime prevention.

The police attribute a major part of the success they have attained in traffic handling to the cooperation they have received from the youth of the city, especially those of high school age. Officers are at the school three times each day during the school year, before classes in the morning, at noon and after classes in the afternoon. Students who drive cars to school are especially cooperative. It is not unusual for the officers stationed there to go six weeks without having to call down a single one of these high school drivers, Mitchell said.

For several days now, the police have been "lightening up" in general on minor traffic violations. One of the most prevalent of these is parking on the left side of the street, and courtesy tickets have been issued in first offenses in these cases. A repetition, however, will bring the real thing.

"It's not that we are anxious to fine our citizens and collect their dollars," Mitchell said. "But these little things must be taken care of if we keep our traffic moving orderly and safely."



**BUCKING A HEAVY SEA**—High waves threaten to inundate the big rifles on the USS California as the mighty battleship plows through heavy seas in the Indian Ocean off Madagascar, en route from Colombo, Ceylon, to Capetown, South Africa.



**'CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME'**—University of Alabama students wave from a pastebore train on the campus at Tuscaloosa to celebrate the Crimson Tide's forthcoming football foray against the University of Southern California in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena.



**GIANT COOKIE**—When Rhoda Olans, (above) Boston USO junior hostess, told Navy cook John Overfield of Chicago that she "never had enough" ginger snaps, he baked this colossal three-foot cookie and gave it to her at a party.

### Cops Turn Herders

GOSHEN, Ind. — Two Goshen policemen turned sheepherders and cowpunchers to roundup a stray Guernsey bull and a sheep loose in the Goshen residential district. They learned later that both animals escaped from a barn near the city limits.



**MERRY Christmas**

and a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**ROY CORNELISON CLEANERS**

911 Johnson

Phone 122

Christmas would be incomplete if we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our appreciation to our loyal friends and customers for your patronage. To you we wish the most of Christmas Joy and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

### Joe's Food Store

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevenson, Owners

**Western Grain and Seed Co.**



Located in  
Co-Operative Gin  
Building  
602 N. E. 2nd

### Home for Christmas



Celebrating his recovery after a year on crutches and braces, little Kenneth Redwine, 5, of Muleshoe, whoops it up at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, in Dallas. He'll spend Christmas at home, able to run and walk like the other kids, now that his legs are straight and strong. Kenneth is one of 7,688 crippled children cared for by the hospital in its 22 years of service. Nathan Adams' current campaign for Christmas gift checks from friends throughout Texas will help keep the hospital operating next year.

### The Deer Leaps

GREENBURG, Ind. (UP) — A 250-pound deer killed itself instantly by leaping from the St.



**REGENCY STARS** . . . Newest in court jewelry. Pendant, pins, earrings by Coro.

Land makes an ideal "living memorial."

**A Merry Christmas**

Time-worn words, but the most appropriate of them all. When we say "Merry Christmas" you can be sure that it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

**Lakeview Grocery and Market**

2000 West 3rd

Phone 9540



In the true friendly spirit that dominates the entire world at this time, we extend our wishes for a delightful Yuletide Season and a successful New Year. We sincerely hope that the pleasure we have had in serving you in the past has been mutual, and we wish to take this occasion to thank you for all past favors.

**Crawford Cleaners**

Phone 238  
306 Scurry

**HOLIDAY Greetings**

Just the same old wish for a Merry Christmas, but this year with Peace again, it takes on a very special significance. May songs of good cheer be in your heart this Christmas.

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year, and look forward to pleasing you again in 1946. Happy New Year to ALL!



**The UNITED**

Robert H. Hyman, Mgr.

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN STREAMLINED DRESS

May the Yuletide Season, with all its spirit of good fellowship, bring great joy to you and abundant prosperity in the coming year.

**A. K. Lebkowsky**

Schlitz and Falstaff Distributor

With Help Of Two Agents

## County HD Clubs Spend Busy And Productive Year

A sizeable number of achievements for the year have been recorded in the annual report of Home Demonstration Agent Margaret Christie, despite the fact that the county was without a home demonstration agent for more than a month in the late summer. Miss Christie assumed her duties as agent in September, after Rheba Merle Boyles had resigned on August 1, and as a result of this period in which the county was without an agent, interest subsided in many of the activities. However, much has been done in later months to restore the work and new interest has been created. Many accomplishments have been realized in Home Demonstration work during the past year. At the beginning of the year there were 10 clubs operating with a total of 132 members. New members to these clubs and addition of another club increased the total membership to 162.

Yard improvement was one of the first projects started by the HD women this year. This work concentrated on plants and shrubs which can be raised successfully in this area. Some club members reported almost a hundred per cent improvement in their yards. Fruit production was selected as the production demonstration for the year. Wide varieties of early bearing fruits were selected. Some plants failed to live during the hot, dry summer weather, but many favorable results were obtained.

During the year the home demonstration agent also conducted demonstrations on wardrobe planning and clothing needs. Special interest was shown in a hat clinic held in April, when a number of old hats were made over into up-to-date numbers.

Fresh pineapples were bought cooperatively and processed for family use, which greatly aided the fruit diet of many homes at a time when canned products were rationed. A total of 7,634 pints of fruit were canned as well as 2,269 pints of juice, which saved 724,170 blue ration points. In addition to this 300 pints were placed in freezer lockers and 330 pints eaten fresh.

Eight girls 4-H clubs with a total enrollment of 130 were also in operation during the year. Projects included bedroom and clothing demonstrations and fruit and vegetable work.

Following are some concrete achievements of the 4-H girls: Thirty-two planted vegetables, 20 planted melons, 11 planted berry vines, 28 planted flowers, 25 canned vegetables, 7 canned fruit, 31 raised baby chicks, 6 gathered eggs, 25 provided sanitary feeders, 4 cleaned and cared for yards, one fed a 4-H calf, one fed a sheep, and two planted peach and plum trees.

The girls also had their own judging contests on needlework and canned fruits and vegetables at the 4-H field day. Canned fruits and vegetables, dairy products, home baking and poultry products

featured booths at the annual Howard County Pig, Poultry, Food and Field Crop show in November. Coahoma club had the winning booth, while the Luther entry was second. Some 600 individual exhibits were on display.

Build or repair and baking are the two demonstrations to be carried out in 1946 by the HD clubs. Two demonstrations on yard planning will be held, and special work will be done on canning. Girls in the 4-H clubs will continue their bedroom improvement projects and gardening demonstrations.

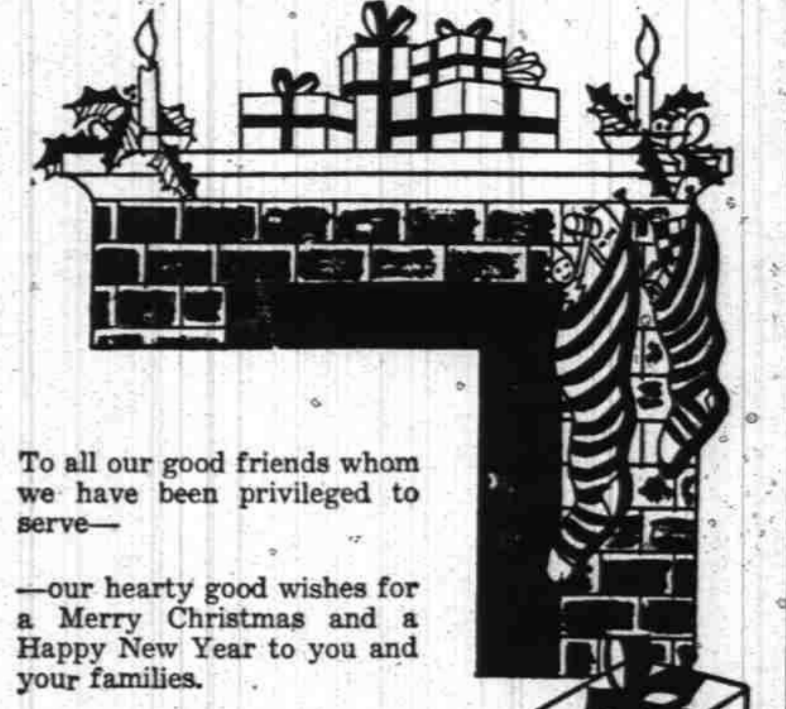
Gardens of all types in the county during the past year numbered 2,033, and their products were valued at \$40,660. A hundred families preserved more food in 1945 than they did the preceding year, with 75 of them processing enough for a year's supply for the entire family.



**FOUND**—Mrs. Hideki Tojo, shown in picture taken when her husband was still premier of Japan, was found at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. She claimed she had fled the Japanese capital to escape "the unbearable pain of Tokyo where I was exposed to public glare."

**NUMBER, PLEASE**—SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24. (AP)—Illinois motorists applying for 1946 license plates, didn't want any part of the number "13" says Secretary of State Edward J. Barrett. Some 50,000 motorists had put in requests for the first 10,000 numbers, he said. The most popular numbers? Seven and eleven.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



To all our good friends whom we have been privileged to serve—

—our hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families.

## CHRISTENSEN SHOE SHOP

119 E. 2nd Phone 1835-W

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.



## BIG SPRING INSURANCE AGENCY

106 W. 2nd Phone 172

In 97 Countries

## SALVATION ARMY WENT TO WAR TO AID, COMFORT US SOLDIERS

Salvation Army Clubs, hotels and mobile units gave services to approximately 225 million men and women in all theatres of war during World War II, according to a report released by Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States.

During the war, Salvation Army's international organization carried on its religious and social service program in 97 countries and territories, taking its diversified activities to 26 fighting fronts. Religious work has been an important part of this wartime program, although it has been subordinated to work of immediate war urgency.

An outstanding war service by the Salvation Army was given by its Red Shield Huts, or canteens. During six years 3,000 of these operated from a variety of locations, ranging from snow-covered mountains in Syria to caves in Sicily and tents in Iraq.

Only two of a score of Red Shield canteens who took part in the Dunkirk retreat returned, and it was there that the organization had its first war casualties.

During the epic Allied assaults on the island-stepping stones to Japan, the Salvation Army landed workers with leading elements of the first assault waves. These set up makeshift coffee-bars and were open for business while the first troops were storming ashore. These beachhead units were

termed by the soldiers as "strictly first-line operators." Once two tented canteens started operations on Iraq desert in a sandstorm, and in less than two hours they had cooked 400 eggs and made 500 sandwiches to serve men who had just completed a 380-mile trek through the desert.

Evangelical work on the fighting fronts and chapel services were adapted to circumstances and location. The strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" have greeted many service men storming ashore on many fronts, for a record player was part of the equipment of every unit.

Other war services of the Salvation Army include a home in France for children returned from Germany, who are being cared for until their parents can be found; a refugee boys' home and a "warphanage" in China; soldiers' and sailors' rest homes in South America and the Middle East; homes for evacuees, demolition crews and moving units in England after bombings; grocery stores for stranded families in Canadian war boom-towns; dining rooms for serving meals to children of war workers; restaurants in Belgium for refugees; and thousands of hostess houses throughout the United States for families and friends of enlisted men and women.

# This Christmas and Every Christmas



We look forward to wishing our friends and customers a real

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

MR. and MRS. C. L. ROWE  
Big Spring, Texas

## Got What He Asked For—And A Bit More

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24. (AP)—George M. Lizatz, 47, told District Judge Harvey L. Neelan that when he told some men in a tavern at 1 a. m. that he had no place to sleep they suggested he turn in a fire alarm and he would be assured a night's lodging.

He said he followed their suggestion and turned in an alarm and was given a place to sleep—in jail.

Judge Neelan said he would be sleeping in jail for the next 30 days, the sentence for turning in a false alarm.

## Happy Hunting

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo., (UP)—Miss Florence Dusspin of Thermopolis had some unusually good luck, and quite unintentional, she says, in hunting with her car one night. First she struck a skunk. Next, in order, were a large jack-rabbit and a pheasant. Finally, she narrowly missed striking a deer with her car. Her "hunting" took place on a 12-mile stretch of road. Now Miss Dusspin has a sign on the front of her car. It reads: "Critters Beware."

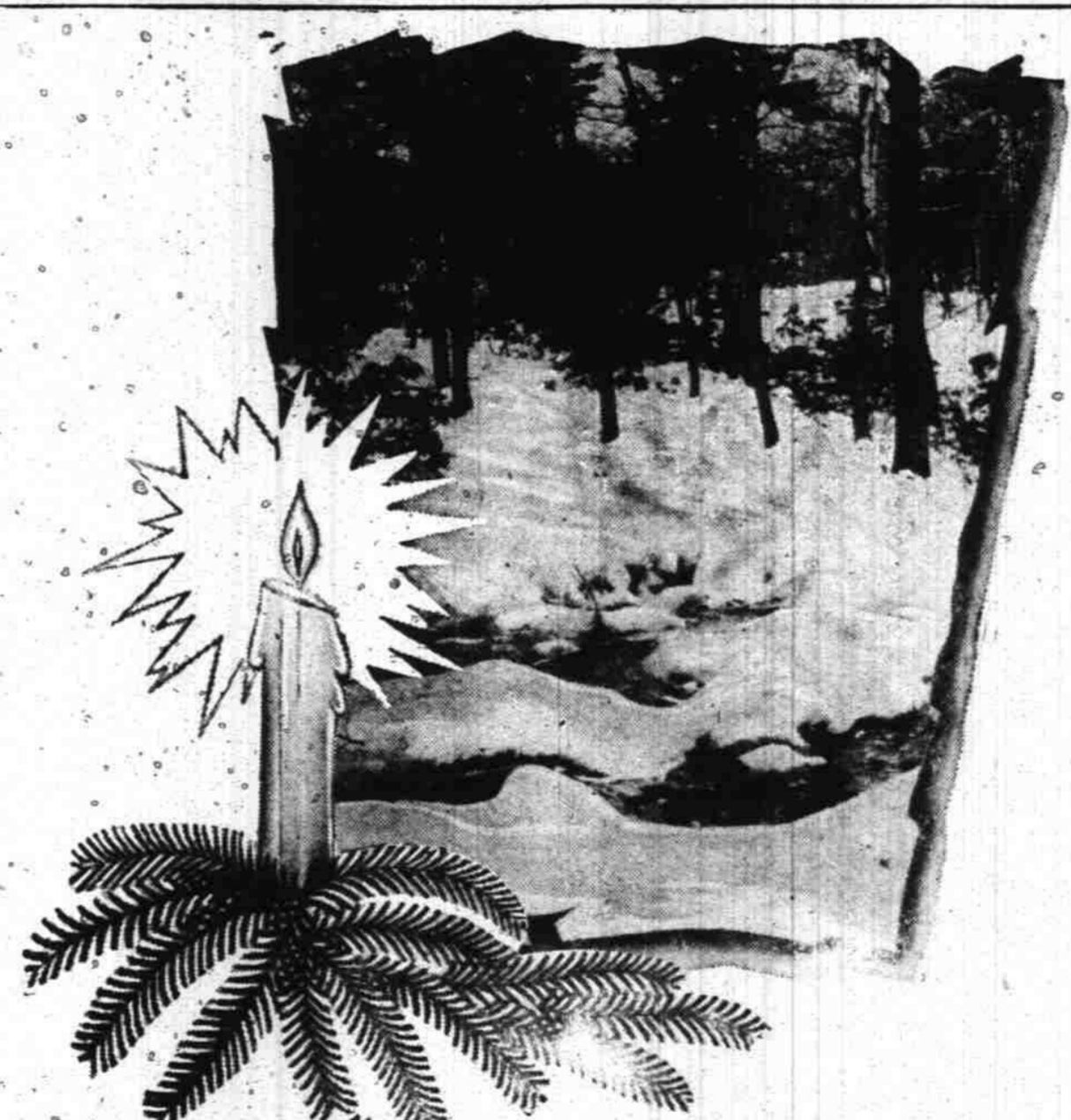


To All Our Friends and Patrons

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish the best of everything for all of you. May Joy and Happiness follow you throughout the New Year. At this time we wish to thank you for your fine patronage during the past years. We hope that we can serve you even better during 1946.

From The  
**Clark Motor Co.**  
PLYMOUTH AND DE SOTO



# Creetings

On this happy day when hearts beat fast with all the joys that come only in this Yuletide season we want to extend our sincere wishes for all good things and express to one and all our sincere thanks for your patronage and kind co-operation in the past—our hope to serve you better than ever in the future.

## HILLTOP GROCERY

### All Mariners Welcome

BOSTON. (UP)—The nation's oldest marine society — The Boston Marine Society — has opened its doors to seamen from all over the United States. Heretofore only native New Englanders were eligible for membership.

The society still treasures "The Box" — a heavy, leather-covered, brass studded box once used as the society's bank. From this box were taken funds to help assist needy members of the society.

Deaths from automobile accidents decreased from 184 per 100,000,000 vehicle miles in 1934 to 12.7 in 1941.

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### NEW STAMP-PICTURE TECHNIQUE CREDIT TO PENELOPE'S PATIENCE

Because Penelope, "the Stamp Lady," liked to make distinctive gifts, she began sending greeting cards made from cloth and buttons to her friends. Her novel messages were appreciated so much that she soon decided to turn her hobby into a full-time business.

"One day she found that a hat was needed to complete the girl's costume she was making. After experimenting with different materials, she discovered that a postage stamp made the best looking chapeau. In fact, so attractive was

the headgear, that she decided to make all her cards and pictures from stamps. Today the window of Penelope's little shop at 120 East 34th Street in New York City is filled with greeting cards and small pictures made from postage stamps of various colors and dates.

Although the stamp lady's whole name is Penelope Mack, she is just known as Penelope to customers and friends.

**Spare No Labor**  
Penelope takes her art of picture making seriously. Her figures must have action and color. In order to give them the necessary realistic touch, she sometimes uses hundreds of stamps, both foreign and domestic. A dog, if he is to resemble a real canine, requires 72 pieces of black and white stamps, she says. Carnations need four different colored stamps for the correct shading. Even a tiny blade of grass may take three or four pieces.

A "Group of Swedish Dancers" is Penelope's best production to date. For this she used about 103 stamps and spent three weeks of her time. Other popular designs include birds, trees, flowers, landscapes, boats, and homes of such famous people as Walt Whitman. Penelope likes a variety of subject matter and each card has an individual style of its own. Her boats glide smoothly out to sea, birds wing swiftly through the air, and flowers dance in the sun. So perfect is the construction of these designs that one cannot tell with the naked eye where the pieces have been pasted together. Even with a microscope, the blending is scarcely discernible.

Penelope's shop near Park Avenue serves not only as a display room for all of her unusual cards and pictures, but also as a studio. A customer attracted by the gay scenes in the window will find the artist herself in the rear of the shop working meticulously on her latest design.

**Exhibits With Antiques**  
For the past five years Penelope has been exhibiting her work at the antique shows. In the summer she displays pictures in Manchester, Vermont, and in the winter she goes to St. Petersburg, Florida. During the autumn months, visitors will find her creations at the Greenwich Village Art Exhibition.

Hundreds of persons have admired Penelope's exhibits; she receives mail from fans all over the country. Occasionally an admirer will forward a sample of his own efforts at this art. As yet, however, Penelope has found no one else who has achieved truly realistic pictures from bits of postage stamps. It takes endless patience as well as skill, and she thinks this is perhaps the reason.

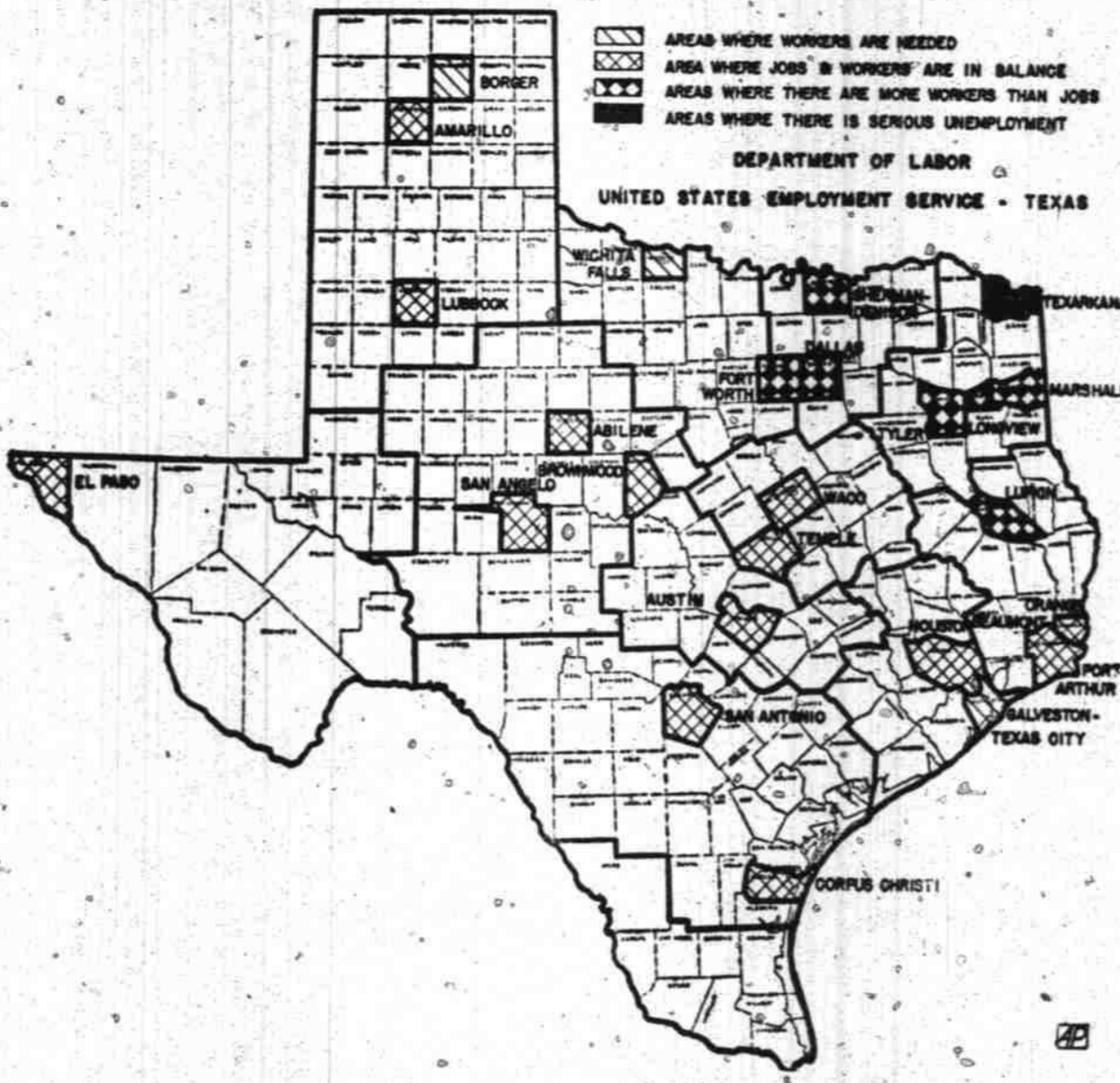
### 8-Month-Old Baby Doesn't Phase Cop

ST. LOUIS, Mo., (UP) — St. Louis police learned they had at least one "quick change artist" among their numbers when eight-month-old Janeen McKinney was found crying in a car in a downtown parking lot.

Going on nursery duty, Juvenile Officer Thomas Ryan diagnosed the infant's trouble and soon had her smiling after a quick and efficient change of diapers. Then he played nursemaid until the parents, Lt. and Mrs. Richard F. McKinney of Lawrenceville, Ill., came in search of her.

The McKinneys had gone Christmas shopping and left Janeen in her bassinette in the car. A passerby heard her crying and informed the parking lot attendant who called the police.

### CURRENT JOB SITUATION IN PRINCIPAL TEXAS INDUSTRIAL AREAS



All land animals are directly dependent upon the soil. There should be more teaching of land use and management.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are hoping that each of you enjoy the Merriest Christmas ever.

Your consideration of this firm in the past has been of tremendous importance and it is with gratitude for your patronage that we extend our most cordial good wishes for the Yuletide Season.

**H. B. REAGAN AGENCY**

217 1/2 Main Phone 515



**J. & L. DRUGS**

Douglass Hotel Bldg.

Phone 44

### How About Built In Dumplings? MORE MEAT, BETTER TASTE SPECIFIED FOR NEW CHICKEN

CHICAGO (UP) — Some of the country's leading poultry scientists have drawn up a blueprint for the ideal chicken of tomorrow. It's going to have 10 per cent more meat than the average 1945 breed of chicken and it's going to taste 100 per cent better.

That's the prediction of D. D. Slade, Lexington, Ky., secretary-treasurer of the International Baby Chick Assn., and chairman of the committee of chicken architects.

Slade said the specifications called for a bird with meatier, shorter legs and a broader, juicier breast.

"It's going to taste better, too," he said. "Now all we have to do is find the chicken."

**Offer \$5,000 Prize**  
The committee met here to discuss the genetics of growing the super chickens. It is going to give \$5,000 to the first person who produces such a fowl in the next three years.

That doesn't mean that the next person who produces a chicken 10 per cent larger than those raised now is going to take home the bacon, Slade said. He must have laid the foundation for production of a whole breed of meatier fowls.

"Our committee realizes the difficulty of trying to blueprint a design for the future of something that lives, walks and breathes," Slade said. "But we will accomplish our main objective of focusing the attention of poultrymen on the benefits of selecting breeding stock for meat-type characteristics, as well as for their egg-producing ability." With Slade, the chicken comes before the egg.

**Working Too Hard**  
Slade said the chickens had been working so hard at laying eggs that they had become "positively hollow-chested." He wants farmers to concentrate on building up meat production as well as egg output. There's an over-abundance of eggs now, anyway, he said. That's

why the committee wants to catch the growers before their chickens have egged them into another depression.

"The ultimate goal is to put at least 10 per cent more edible meat on the average chicken," Slade said. "It must grow faster on less feed for economical production, and must be able to reproduce."

"We expect to see a striking difference in chickens in 10 years. They'll probably look more like balloons than fowl."

### Optimism Pays Off

FORT WARREN, Wyo., (UP) — After serving overseas for two years, a GI who had been stationed here, came back recently to the No. 2 tailor shop in the basement of the main PX. He wanted to pick up some clothes he had left there to be cleaned two years ago. Sure enough, his clothes were ready and waiting. The clerk recognized him, too.

The molasses left after extracting the sugar from sugar-beet juice is not sweet, but sour. It is poured

### Draws Maximum Fine

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — William Bechtoldt, 45, of Cheyenne pleaded guilty to intoxicated driving after officers who arrested him said his car struck six persons, inflicting minor injuries. He was given a maximum fine—\$150.



At  
**YULETIDE**

It's A Merry, Merry Christmas That We're Wishing You . . . and A Happier New Year Than Ever Before . . .

**Clay's No-D-Lay Cleaners**

207 1/2 Main

Phone 70

CHRISTMAS is the time of year for keeping alive the sacred American tradition of a kindly spirit toward our fellow man—for remembering friends and dear ones.

To each and everyone we wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. An old, old wish but the one that most sincerely expresses our thoughts and feelings.

**RITZ DRUG**  
401 Main Phone 363

Heartiest Yuletide Greetings to all our friends.

**BUILDER'S SUPPLY**  
210 W. 3rd St.

Yes, Santa Claus does come to a community now and then, but in the main, most of the worthwhile things are earned. We are intensely proud of the generous spirit of our people which has been reflected in the progress made during this year. We are humbly grateful for the support given this, your institution, and hope that the same spirit of unselfishness will continue in 1946 to keep ours a community where people dwell in friendship and enjoyment.

Your  
**CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

R. T. Fiser, President  
J. H. Greene, Manager  
Matt Harrington, Asst. Mgr.  
Edith Gay, Office Secretary



Saved Millions For US

CHICAGO (UP)—The United States government saved many millions of dollars during the war by having all the property it bought appraised previously, according to Boyd T. Barnard, Philadelphia, president of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Get 'Drop' On Ducks

LENOX, Ia. (UP)—Two Lenox hunters literally "got the drop" on some mallard ducks recently. The hunters sighted the ducks while flying in their plane. They landed, drew a bead on the birds, and bagged them.

Howard - Glasscock Unit Has Imposing War Record

Record of the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Red Cross, reviewed at the annual meeting early in December, is little short of amazing. In a nutshell, here are some of the high points: Nearly \$90,000 contributed by the citizens and businesses of Howard and Glasscock county from Pearl Harbor to end of the war; 1,515 certificates issued for first aid, 470 in home nursing; 64 in nutrition; 14 in canteen work; 10 for accident prevention; 105 for swimming and life saving; half a million surgical

sponges prepared; 5,198 home service cases handled and \$11,271 loaned to servicemen or dependents. The things which go into these remarkable figures make the accomplishment even more impressive. Records recalled by Mrs. Moree Sawtelle showed that the work was under four chapter chairmen — C. O. Nalley, J. L. LeBleu, R. W. Whipkey and Roy Reeder. War fund drives, vital to the program, were directed successfully by J. B. Collins, R. B. Reeder, A. V. Kar-

Salvation Army Kettles Poor, But Party "On"

"Forgetful" persons have been causing Salvation Army Yuletide kettle contributions to run in arrears of last year's total, when a total of \$1007 was raised, but the annual Christmas party will go on as usual at the citadel the night of Dec. 25. The urns, complete with attendants who attract passers-by by ringing bells, have been conspicuously placed about the streets of week. They disappear this weekend until another season rolls Big Spring since Thanksgiving around. Money realized in the appeals goes toward purchase of fruit, candy and gifts of the underprivileged children, approximately 150 of whom are expected to be on hand when Capt. Olive Sheppard unveils the Christmas tree Christmas night. Sixteen women of the Ladies Home league have been working steadily the past few weeks, making dresses for the dolls that will be given away.

MEXICO FARM STUDENTS SEE TEXAS METHODS

FORT WORTH, (UP)—Great improvements in Mexican agriculture — through education — are the aims of a long-range plan now being started in that country, according to Luis Mas, secretary of the National School of Agriculture, Chapingo, Mexico. The agriculture official said here that better farming practices and modern agriculture methods will be taught the people of Mexico by students now attending the National School. He and several Mexican agricultural students have been visiting Texas — a trip of "untold

value" to the future of Mexican agriculture, said Mas. The students visited stockyards and packing plants in Fort Worth. "This is a wonderful experience for my boys because now they can see in action just what they have been taught in school and will have a working idea of what they must teach our people," he said. The Mexican group are scheduled to travel throughout West Texas studying the livestock industry. They will then return to Mexico. Through co-operation with the US Department of Agriculture and with American institutions such as the Rockefeller Foundation, studies are being instituted in Mexico on soil conservation, agricultural economics and irrigation.

Chicago Friendly City To Service Millions

CHICAGO (UP)—The Chicago Service Men's Centers expect their registration books to show 19,000,000 names very soon. Since they opened in August, 1941, the Centers have provided 11,105,490 pieces of cake to men and women in the armed forces of the United States and those of the other Allied nations. Records show that the Centers have served more than 18,000,000 sandwiches and hot dogs, and more than 9,000,000 cups of coffee. More than 1,000,000 packages of cigarettes were distributed, and more than 6,000,000 tickets to top-flight shows and other forms of entertainment.

Merry Christmas

and here's hoping you make many strikes in Good Fortune during 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dozier



Keep In Shape - Bowl for Health

WEST TEXAS Bowling Center

314 Runnels

Raccoon Beats Ban

BOSTON, (UP)—Here's a way to get around the "no dogs" signs in many apartment houses these days: Mrs. Sally Stearns of Boston has a pet raccoon which lives in her apartment. She picked up the animal several years ago on a Rhode Island highway. She says he has been the perfect pet ever since.

robes, 288 men's hospital pajamas, 105 operating gowns, 165 bed shirts. For refugees they knitted 153 children's beanies, 39 shawls, 187 children's sweaters (all sizes), 346 women's and 429 men's sweaters. Sewed items stacked up like this: 198 toddler packs (containing 14 articles); 203 layettes (containing 34 sewed articles), 150 infant gowns, 60 children's bed jackets, 270 women's blouses, 337 women's dresses, 706 children's dresses, 342 boys' shirts, 375 boys' overalls, 148 children's rompers, 375 women's slips, 892 girl's skirts, 345 girl's slips, 405 women's skirts, 50 infant shorts, 42 children's snow suits and 200 quilts. Quilts were made from production scraps and cotton donated by gins; half were given locally to needy families. The programs of the camp-and-hospital group were not tabulated, but they were held with fidelity and proof of their effectiveness came in grateful expressions from hospitalized men. Chapter workers also did yeoman service in meeting transcontinental hospital planes. There were many other activities, too, such as Junior Red Cross, public information, etc., all contributing to a tremendous program, made possible in part by the contribution of headquarters space by Howard county.



The Merriest Christmas Ever

WOOTEN PRODUCE

401 East 2nd

Phone 467

Advertisement for Big Spring Cotton Oil Co. featuring a large illustration of the Star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men. Text includes: "Merry Christmas", "Brightly shone the Star of Bethlehem guiding the way of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child. So brightly burned the faith in our hearts—the faith that brought us through the trying years of war. And in our hearts this Christmas burns a bright new hope to guide us safely and securely into a happy future and a world of everlasting Peace. To all of our friends we wish the most glorious Yuletide ever and Peace on earth, good will to men unto eternity.", "Big Spring Cotton Oil Co.", "N. 12th", "Phone 1598".

Advertisement for Big Spring Hardware Co. featuring a large illustration of a Christmas tree and the Three Wise Men. Text includes: "Holiday Greetings", "We are happy to extend to you our wishes for a most wonderful Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with joy and happiness for you and yours.", "BIG SPRING HARDWARE CO.", "117-19 MAIN STREET", "BIG SPRING TEXAS".

### CHESTS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS SENT TO FOREIGN YOUNGSTERS

By Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

A young GI in Italy, stopping by the roadside to speak to a small child, was surprised to find him absorbed in the pages of an American book. Using the few Italian words he had picked up, helped out with gestures, the GI was soon chatting with the child and looking more closely at the book—"The Five Chinese Brothers" by Claire Bishop. On the outside cover he read a presentation plate and found that the book was not only from America but from his own home town, Trenton, N. J.

Immediately the GI and the child were sharing a common interest that days of association might not have achieved without the link which the book supplied.

This incident dramatizes the role which Madame Ninon Tallon, founder of the Treasure Chest Campaign, believes books can play in introducing young people of the world to one another. For that copy of "The Five Chinese Brothers" had traveled across the Atlantic in a Treasure Chest of books

sent by a group of children in Trenton to children in Italy.

Children in 18 Countries

This fall, the largest number of Treasure Chests yet distributed were presented as gifts from American children to children in England, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Russia, Norway, Holland, Poland, Luxembourg, Denmark, Portugal (camps for refugee children), China, and the Philippines. The books were presented at appropriate ceremonies, conducted by persons prominent in education and public affairs of their country.

Madame Tallon envisions these events as foreshadowing a world-wide commonwealth of young people protected from totalitarian or demagogic ideologies by their ability to "see the other fellow's point of view."

"These books are just a beginning in the wide interchange of information and ideas that we are working for," she said, explaining the objective of the Treasure Chest Campaign. "Right books will introduce young people in any



**20th AIR FORCE SHOOTERS.**—Members of a high-scoring 20th Air Force skeet team, prepare to leave Guam in a B-29 Superfortress for an exhibition tour of AAF ranges at two Jima, Tinian and Saipan. Left to right, they are Lt. L. G. Sclaroni, Fresno, Calif.; Cpl. R. H. Wood, Beaumont, Tex.; Lt. John W. Horton, Edgewood, E. I.; Sgt. W. A. Covert, Ann Arbor, Mich.; and Capt. Bob Allen, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

### Pittsburgh Plans Global Airport

PITTSBURGH—With plans for a new \$20,000,000 airport now complete, Pittsburgh hopes to be a center for global and domestic aviation within a few years.

About \$5,000,000 in government funds already has been spent on the greater Pittsburgh airport. But

the field, no vast outlay of well-constructed and obstructionless runways, holds only an Army Air Forces installation and is closed to civilian flying.

The city is ready to spend an additional \$15,000,000 to lift the airport from commercial isolation and place it on globe-circling air lanes. The job is in the blueprint stage now.

The new set of plans, calling for a "city-within-itself" administration building, new runways and extension of existing runways, and

an airport parkway, has been approved by federal, county, city and airline officials.

The terminal building will be constructed in a half-moon shape, from which will extend "finger" passenger loading docks, capable of handling an ultimate 30 planes at one time. The main building will cover an area equal to three city blocks.

Preliminary phases of the work may start about Feb. 1, 1946, and the airport is expected to be ready for operation by Jan. 1, 1948.



## MERRIEST Christmas

May this Christmas be a season of good cheer, friendliness, and hopes fulfilled. May the unsuppressable mirth of eager youngsters, the crackling warmth of the early Yule log, and the invigorating scent of holly and pine, make this Yuletide a truly pleasurable one for you, your families, and your friends.

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year, and look forward to pleasing you again in 1946. Happy New Year to all.

### TROY GIFFORD TIRE SERVICE

216 W. 3rd

Phone 563

## THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We sincerely hope that the New Year will be filled with peace and contentment for all. It's a genuine pleasure to remind ourselves of the happy relationships we have enjoyed the past year and to promise you that every effort will be made during the coming twelve months to serve you as efficiently as has always been our custom.

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country to the world of other children—what they know, experience and think about. These young people will grow up with a feeling of children growing up all around the world—children whose experiences they know and understand through books, children whose surroundings they can picture and with whose problems they can sympathize.

"These books will bring much closer to children distant places and people who now seem so far away. The idea of the Treasure Chest Campaign is to make the children think, to give them information that will prompt them to think. In this way, they will gain the ability to see the other fellow's point of view, and this is the best way to protect them from totalitarian or demagogic theories."

Means of Communication

While the first objective of the Treasure Chests is to replace books for children in the devastated countries, Madame Tallon hopes that they will become a permanent activity that will bring together children in every country in the world. "They will show children that, through books, even if they

cannot travel, they can come into communication with young people of other lands," she said.

Madame Tallon hopes that eventually in every country there will be committees of children, deciding what books they will send to children of other lands, to tell them about their country. The children also make scrapbooks, with pictures and stories describing their own surroundings and activities, which add a personal note to the Treasure Chests.

The Treasure Chests are in two sizes, to hold 30 or 100 books. The plan for them was worked out by designers for the Book Committee of the Women's Council for Post-war Europe, which sponsors the campaign. On the inside cover are the words "Treasure Chest" and a rainbow, symbol of the Book Committee, whose watchword is "United Through Books." Each chest is decorated according to the taste of the girls and boys who sponsor it.

Hopes for a Follow-Up

Madame Tallon hopes that, as the Treasure Chest project grows, the committee will furnish "field workers who will follow up each

Chest and see that the books are well presented and used in the country to which it is sent. Eventually she hopes that teachers, librarians and social workers in each country to which the Chests go will take over this work themselves.

Books for the Treasure Chests are chosen from a list carefully selected by a committee and entitled "Our World United through Books." A glance at the group heads of the list gives an idea of the wide scope of the books covered. They are "About the World," "American Background," "Biography," "Christmas," "Dictionaries," "Fables of the World," "Folk and Fairy Tales," "Nature and Science," "The Other Americas," "Picture Books," "Poetry and Song," "The World in Stories."

One of the peculiarities of the ruffed grouse is the odd drumming noises it produces in the spring-time to attract attention.

WE WISH YOU ALL A

*Christmas AND A New Year*

One of the joys of the Yuletide is to put aside everyday business and wish that this Christmas will be a merry one and the coming year a happy one for all of you.

**Sears, Roebuck and Co.**



Friends and Customers

### Greetings

May You Have The Happiest Of American Christmases During The Holiday Season

### WESTERMAN DRUG

Soon We Will Be In Our New Location Next To Piggly Wiggly

It is our wish that you, our friends, your loved ones and friends, may be happy in every way on this occasion of Christmas. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas To Our Friends and Customers

**STATE DRUG**

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*HOLIDAY Greetings*

With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.

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**Any At North Pole, Santa?  
TRIMMING A CHRISTMAS TREE  
THIS YEAR TAXES INGENUITY**

Hereabout, people wish that St. Nick, as long as he has become as materialistic as he has, would go all the way and provide Christmas trees with the rest of his Yuletide offerings.

Creating the acceptable tree constitutes work of the first magnitude. The ritual is hallowed but the work is most laborious, especially if the decorating parties are pressed for time.

Old Santa could make himself a host of friends if he extended trees complete with decorations as part of his service, not that the old gentleman isn't busy already.

Getting a tree has been a problem for the average American family for the past several years. Spruce has been brought in from as far away as Canada. East Texas pine can be used. And as a last resort, the West Texas cedar, though it sheds a lot, can serve the purpose.

However, there never seems to be enough to go around. What with freight costs and all, price on the Canadian spruce has been jacked up. When the patrons do purchase that particular kind of tree, they could buy roots and all and grow their own.

West Texas cedar, tough as pine knots, are prolific and all but creep into the village, though local citizens may have difficulty in finding the six they want.

Local grocery stores, most of whom contracted to vend the im-

ported trees, have not been able to keep them in stock for very long, though an ordinary spruce no taller than a man's head will sell for something like \$3.

On the other hand, the smaller editions may be more apropos. At least, it makes your presents look larger.

**"Soldier's Wife" To Show Here Feb. 12**

A Broadway production, "Soldier's Wife" by Rose Franken is to be presented in Big Spring Feb. 12 by the Business and Professional Women's club.

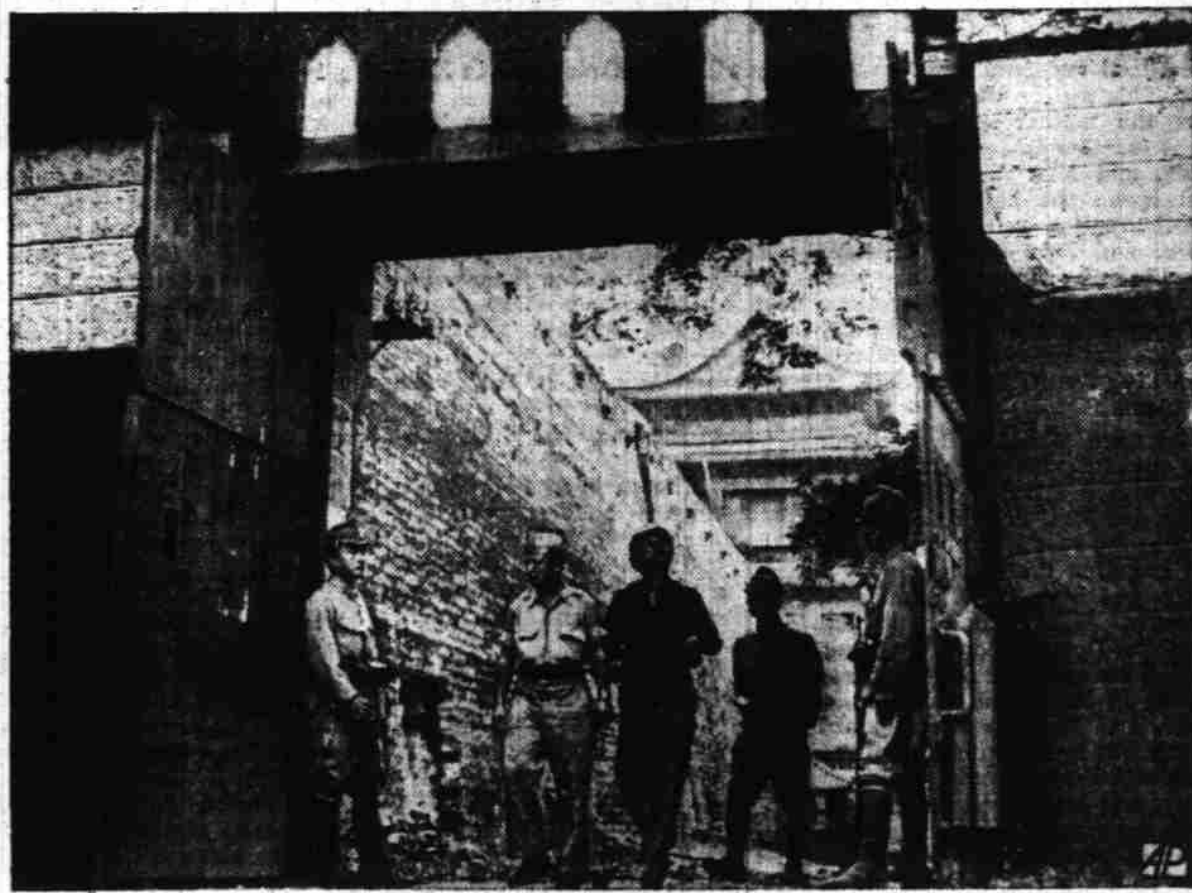
Five players from the Civic Drama Guild will be characters in the comedy which reviews the trials and tribulations of a returned combat soldier and his wife.

**Army Vet Joins Navy**

TYLER—Mark one up for the Navy.

A week after Grover Edward Lee was discharged from the Army after five years and nine days' service, he walked into the Tyler Navy recruiting office and signed up as a seaman, first class.

Kentucky has 4,000 miles of navigable rivers.



**GUARD DUTY**—Jap sentries stand guard at the gates of the U. S. embassy in Peking and watch as American officers of occupation forces pass through. U. S. Marines had been guards there since the Boxer rebellion, but were captured by Japs during World War II.

**Actress Marie Kenny Official "Mom" Of Seabees In South Pacific Islands**

By ADELAIDE KERR  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

If anybody had told Marie Kenny, Westchester housewife, 15 years ago that at 59 she would be touring the Pacific war area as an actress, she would have thought him dizzy indeed. And if he had told her furthermore, that she would be "Mom" to the 75th Seabees (Construction Battalion), she would have doubted her ears. But it all came true — plane tours, jeep rides, corsage bouquets, and all.

For Mrs. Kenny — widow of the late Timothy A. Kenny, vice president of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. — made her girlhood dreams come true after she became a grandmother.

Back in her Rochester girlhood,

of my children were grown, the third had a good governess and my husband was willing for me to try a stage career. So I did. I played a while in stock in 1932 and later, made by Broadway debut as "Salt Chuck Mary" in "Jamboree." Then my husband fell ill and I felt I belonged at home.

"After his death I played a while in radio and when the war came I began to work in The Stage Door Canteen. I noticed many of the boys called me 'Mom' and seemed to like so. I thought 'If they like it here, how much more would the boys out in the Pacific, far from home, like to have somebody they could call 'Mom'! I told USO Camp Shows and they agreed with me."

And so, Mrs. Kenny, white-haired now, but with the same big gray doll's eyes and the million dollar smile she was born with, started on repertory tour of the Pacific war area in August, 1944 when she was 58. She played Aunt Kate in "Personal Appearance" and Little Seal in "Petticoat Fever." She took the steaming heat, the tropical rains the rough conditions of travel and life like any other trouper, helped build props, set up scenery, cared for costumes and, she estimates, played to about three quarters of a million American service men.

Once she fell in a ditch in the dark and broke her ankle, but she played next night in a plaster cast.

Then came the big day. The 75th Seabees on the Island of Samar asked her to come back to their station at Calicoan for Mother's Day, 1945. She did.

"They met me with a big corsage of oleanders tied up with gift paper and ribbon," she recalled recently back in New York. "I attended Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services with the boys. They were all in the same chapel — that's what impressed me. At the Protestant services they asked me to read the scriptures. So I read that one from Corinthians — all about charity. Oh, what a lump came in my throat!"

At the end of the day they showered her with gifts — chop sticks, cigars, a plastic ring — and a folder inscribed "To the grandest girl in the world, Mom Kenny."

And so, Marie Kenny, came back home at war's end a little battered in body, but with happiness shining in her eyes.



pretty Marie Murphy, daughter of hotel man John Murphy, longed to be an actress, but her father squelched that ambition.

She married Harry McDonnell, her father's assistant, and mothered three children. McDonnell died and she married T. A. Kenny and settled down to the pleasant life of a Bronxville, N. Y. matron. Things might have gone on indefinitely like that, if it had not been for the Woman's Club. But the Woman's Club staged a play, Mrs. Kenny appeared in "The Torch Bearers" and her success set those old stage ambitions aflame.

"This time I decided I would not squelch them," she said. "Two



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SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE HERALD

**Convention Site**

DENVER—Denver's position as "the major relocation city of the intermountain area" has made it the 1946 convention site of the Japanese - American Citizens League, a national organization with headquarters in Salt Lake City.

**COLONEL DEMANDS TICKET**

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — The MPs arrested a colonel recently—on his own orders. Col. E. L. Stroben, commanding officer at Fort Benjamin Harrison, has been carrying on a tough campaign against speed-limit violators at the post. He was caught in his own trap when he was found driving 25 miles per hour in a 20-mile zone.



**Season's Greetings**

Santa is heading straight for your house and his sled is filled with good wishes for a most Joyous and Merry Christmas for you.

**The WAFFLE SHOP**  
110 W. 3rd Phone 1191

Birth and death columns in the Danville, Ill. Commercial - News have been combined under one head: "Who — Where — When." The brown pelican has an unusually large throat pouch which it uses as a container for food when carrying it to its young.

**GREETINGS**  
and  
**Best Christmas Wishes**  
to our many friends  
in Big Spring and vicinity

Your patronage of the past few weeks has been appreciated.

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Optometrist  
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**GREETINGS**

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That the true spirit of goodwill shall fill all hearts, and that the New Year will bring the most enjoyment for you and yours.  
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Bring out all the tinsel and tree trimmings! Sing out the gayest of Carols! Have Christmas in your heart and share it with everyone you know!

**CAROLINE'S**  
1510 Gregg  
Phone 103

**HOLLAND NEARS END OF BATTLE TO REGAIN LAND**

AMSTERDAM — Holland soon will have won her battle to reclaim her land inundated by the Germans and Allies, according to an announcement of the department of canals and waterways.

Walcheren, the garden of Holland, will again reappear just a little more than seven months after the Nazis were chased from the country. Two hundred fifty thousand acres of land again will be available for cultivation and the farmers can begin to rebuild their 450 farms and 1,000 homes destroyed by the flood.

With the help of Allied engineers and equipment, the Dutch labored relentlessly through the months, working to plug the dikes that kept the Zuider Zee off the land. Some farmers from this area have already returned to begin ploughing the salty soil. At present, the main pumps, which were left intact by the Germans, are pumping off the water at 500 tons a minute. Soon, with implementation of new pumps from the US, the rate will be speeded up to 4,800 tons per minute.

The job at Walcheren was more difficult, but despite disappointing delays due to storms which washed away all progress, the main hole in the Nelledike finally has been sealed off and water is being drained off rapidly.

The street of Camio del Monte Sol in Santa Fe, N. M., takes its name from a conical hill nearby called "Monte Sol." It was so named because the first and last rays of the sun are cast upon it.

**Christmas**  
Greetings to all our friends

With the Christmas season at hand we take the opportunity to say in print, to one and all, how much we value your patronage and friendship—how much we look forward to being better able to serve you.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**CRAWFORD and SETTLES**  
Coffee Shops



# How Local Residents Spend The Holidays

The G. W. Dabney, Sr. family will be present for Christmas tomorrow. Home as civilians are Pfc. Bobby Dabney, who was on Saipan; 1st Sgt. George Dabney, who served in England and Germany; Cpl. Chesney Dabney, who served overseas; Jack Dabney, who was third mate on a merchant marine ship; and Mrs. Josephine Raoul, who was in the W.A.C. Also here are Mrs. George Dabney and child, Mrs. Jack Dabney, James A. Raoul and Ross B. Chesney of Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis and daughter, Earlyne, are to spend the holidays in Midland at a family reunion in the home of Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Dona Dunagan. William Davis, who is attending Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Davis. Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. S. H. Wilborn and family of Port Lavaca will also spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis are expecting two sons and their families to spend Christmas with them. They are Dewey Bales and family of Berger and Oliver Bales and family of Big Spring.

Nancy Dawes of Dallas was a pre-holiday visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Dawes.

## Use Those Pretty Cards

There is usually so much remembering and thoughtfulness put into sending even the least expensive Christmas card that one wants to do more than allow cards just to accumulate in a bright heap for a short season. Like the New England custom of displaying the greetings on the fireplace or sideboard, but what to do in small quarters not having either! One solution is to pin the cards on a folding screen, or fastening them with bits of gummed tape if the screen is of wallboard or wood. If the back is a crenone of unseasonal hue, tack up several sheets of

heavy, rather plain, Christmas wrapping paper and mount the cards with large silver stars. Another idea is to fasten the greetings to loops of red and green paper rope (often used in trimming large trees) and use this in decorating an open stairway.

Last year's cards? We can't bear to part with them, so they are packed on top of our Christmas tree decorations. This week those greetings will have a chance to live again. After names are jotted down, we'll sort them into three groups. Pictures of friends and relatives go in our scrapbook. From another group we cut out the unusually colorful pictures of little angels, reindeer, Santas or tiny snow-covered buildings; paste them on bright squares and triangles of construction paper; tie loops of green string at the top and hang them on this year's tree. Most of the remaining cards go on little journeys as greetings in with gifts or as "thank-you" notes after Christmas. By unfolding the paper you'll discover you can cut it so as to cut out the message and one blank square, and have a distinctive folded note left. And you can add to the pleasure and interest of unwrapping the simplest of gifts by using a greeting-card picture on the outside and arranging the "ribbons or string" so as to frame it.



The joy, the spirit, the happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas is just about the best wish we know of to extend to you this Peacetime Christmas season.

### Mort Denton Package Store

807 E. 3rd Phone 168

To all our Friends and Patrons



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Big Spring Auto Parts & Glass Co.

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## HOLIDAY Greetings

FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S TO YOU ALL FROM

WALKER DRUG Across From The Banks

Christmas Eve. He spent a six-day leave visiting his family. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis and Jimmy of Monahans are to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dehlinger.

Irvin Frost will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. L. B. Dempsey and family. He plans to make his home here after receiving his

discharge. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Lytle and Shirley and Beverly of San Bernardino, Calif., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dennis.

Sgt. J. W. Denton, Jr., who has been overseas 18 months, is expected to arrive in time to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Denton and his wife, Mrs.

Covone Denton and daughter, Patricia Eileen. Jan Johnson, student at Hardin-Simmons University, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickerson. Jan will return to Abilene Wednesday to continue her work with the Abilene Reporter-News.

Mary Ruth Diltz returned to her home Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mary Diltz and sister, Betty Bob Diltz. Mary Ruth has been under doctor's treatment in Dallas for over three months. Billie Gene McElhannon of Dallas was also expected to spend the holidays with the Diltz family.

## Strictly Fabulous



EVENING BAG . . . Josef does this in bugle beads on satin for important swank after dark.

## Glitter Gadgets



ON THE SLEEVE is the new place to wear this brand new pin designed by Eisenberg.



MOTHER-OF-PEARLS makes this costume jewelry of butterflies, and flowers.



CHRISTMAS PINAFLORE . . . In holly red cordurella, gay peasant braid trim.

STYLE—Ida Lupino, motion picture actress, models soft pink linen shorts and halter, topped off with a chalky short-sleeved blouse with cut-out front.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 1946—  
Art Beauty Salon  
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## American Woman In British Isles To Study System For Re-Employment

By ADELAIDE KERR AP Newfeatures Writer

Uncle Sam sent Margaret Hickey to Great Britain to study John Bull's system for the re-employment and retraining of women, war workers and veterans.

Miss Hickey (chairman of the Woman's Policy Committee of the War Manpower Commission and president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs) is back now with these observations:

"The great lesson Great Britain has learned out of the war



MARGARET HICKEY . . . She sat in for Uncle Sam . . .

is the importance of the human resources of a nation. England has made a human approach to human problems that surround demobilization.

"For instance, they have Resettlement Advice Centers all over England — every community has one. These are not placement bureaus. They are attractive, well-furnished centers where people who were allied with the war effort can sit down in a homey atmosphere, talk over their problems and get advice on what track to take in future. There is less emphasis on filling out forms and more on getting at the problems."

Miss Hickey set aside a briefcase stuffed with memoranda and went on with her observations:

"Britain is determined to get back her place in the sun on trade. The country is in a radically constructive mood. The goals are: (1) Jobs for all who want to work. (2) A steadily rising standard of living. (3) Greater technical efficiency."

"The British plan to scrap old machines as fast as possible. The Higher Appointments Service, founded to fill top-rank vacancies — especially those in science and engineering — gets jobs for people, but it is also careful to place people for national interest.

"Finally, there is close cooperation between government and industry and between government and the workers, through committees and boards. In the cotton industry there is the Cotton Board; on the other side the trade unions. Both work with government."

Miss Hickey, dark-eyed, white-haired and fresh-skinned, spoke earnestly. She is one of the few key women in America who are in touch with virtually all types of working women. She was born and educated in Missouri, is a member of the Missouri bar and now heads Miss Hickey's Training School for Secretaries. She founded the school during the depression.

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## PHONE THIEF LEAVES TEXARKANA POLICE IN EMBARRASSING SPOT

By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff

Someone probably just wanted to telephone Santa Claus, but the firemen at Texarkana think it's very funny.

While they were attending a union meeting last night, someone stole their telephone.

Person or persons unknown entered the College Hill station, cut the wires and took the instrument.

There's a lot of influenza going around. If you'd like to try it, this might be a cure: Go to jail!

Schools are closing all over Dallas county. Even mighty Southern Methodist University had to close a couple of days early because of flu.

But not a single case of the disease was reported among the 229 inmates of the county jail.

Dr. J. M. Pickard, assistant county health officer, said one reason for this might be because the prisoners were forced to comply with

precautions and remedial measures urged by doctors.

These measures are, according to the Times-Herald:

Stay in a warm place. (The jail is steamheated.)

Don't stir'round too much. (You don't, in jail.)

Don't get out in the open too much. (The prisoners laugh at this.)

Go to bed and stay there. Don't overeat. Drink lots of water and no intoxicants. (Right down the prisoners' alleys.)

A mouse-colored burro has been causing a lot of interest in Amarillo. Picked up as a homeless desert canary recently, he cost the city \$4 for feed, \$2.16 for an ad which told of the auction at which he would be sold to the highest bidder.

Several boys came around to see him, asked to take him home, were refused by wise parents.

The city wishes it hadn't picked him up now. He sold for \$2, and his board bill remains unpaid.



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## Building Permits Rise

CHICAGO, (UP) — The city of Chicago issued permits for \$31,000,000 worth of construction during October — the highest figure since November, 1942, when plant construction reached its wartime peak.

## More Chickens In '45

AUBURN, Ala. (UP)—Alabama farmers have produced an estimated 14,375,000 young chickens during 1945, an increase of eight per cent over the 13,310,000 raised in 1944. However, the number is 19 per cent short of the 1943 record.

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## HOLIDAY Greetings

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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To each and every one of you go our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever.

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## Author Thinks South Has Edible Oil Opportunities

From the Southern Weekly comes a chapter from Williams Haynes forthcoming book, "Southern Exposure," which deals enlightly about the vegetable oil situation, a subject in which West Texas along with the South in general is interested.

Haynes quoted Dean Charles N. Shepardson of Texas A. and M. in an address to a dairy conference, as saying that "I must confess that I would rather eat some of the improved butter substitutes than some of the low-grade butter on the market."

Instead of being hooted for "treason," he was applauded for his address. He pointed out that "Dairymen have depended on law to tax the competitive substitutes for butter out of the market. In the future we must depend upon taste, which is the consumer's test of quality food product for which he is ready to pay a premium price."

**Margarine Due Change**  
According to Haynes, margarine is going to make one of the most exciting readjustments of the postwar period. Under the exigencies of war, domestic production of vegetable oils has rocketed. This presents a choice of whether it will become an agricultural scandal or a new opportunity for the South.

Margarine has won political friends because it made from domestic farm products. Elder statesmen figured margarine was a dangerous upstart to be ruthlessly legislated out of existence. But some younger dairymen are beginning to wonder whether this

die-hard policy is either necessary or wise.

Haynes, sketching the vegetable oil situation exhaustively, pointed out that there is no reason for one type not competing against another, whether for soaps, paints or foods, but each has natural advantages in its field. For instance, cottonseed oil and soybeans enjoy advantages in the foods field because they are bland oils. Soybeans have the price edge, but then cottonseed is more bland and does not have taste problems as does soybean oil.

**Cottonseed's Shackles**  
The trouble, however, is that cottonseed production is tied to that of cotton, which has declined sharply in demand. Haynes believes that subsidies to hold up the price level of cottonseed could further cripple its competitive ability and points to cotton's plight as proof. Perfection of a cottonless cottonseed might be one answer to putting the South in the oil market, he said.

All in all, Haynes believed dairymen would be wise to lift restraints on margarine (for it is the only food so heavily taxed), for if domestic oils are thus increased, so will be protein feeds.

That means lower feed costs to the dairymen, who could more profitably market his wares as whole milk, powdered, cheese and ice cream. After all, he contended, butter is his least profitable production, and margarine can compete with it equally as to color, taste and quality and give it a beating on price.

He hopes the country will utilize the opportunity of increasing its domestic supply of vegetable oils and to fall to do so would be "improvident and dangerous." The answer, thinks Haynes, lies in the question of "Have we learned anything from the expensive cotton lesson?" The future of American edible oils in the South and Midwest will be shaped by the reply to that question.

Letter To Editor—

### READER HART FINDS COMPANY IN ANTI-O'DANIEL CAMPAIGN

Dear Editor:

Lest some think my pieces about Sen. O'Daniel are exclusive opinions, I would like to quote from a letter received by me from Mrs. E. B. Alexander of Sherman:

"I am 85 years old, but thanks to God I still have my faculties. I just want to tell you that I am one of W. Lee O'Daniel's prey caught in his trap once, but since I found out I can see through his miserable scheme to deceive the people who elected him, I am so sorry beyond measure that I ever did cast one vote for him.

"I received a clipping of your article and you spoke my sentiments exactly. When he was running he asked us old folks if the pension board didn't treat us right to call on him so I did. My husband is a cripple and I myself was under a doctor for three years, and what did he do? But, he said he had put a tax on oil to build up the fund and so I appealed to him and this is what he did. He sent the note to Stevenson and said he had no jurisdiction over such matters, and so Stevenson came up, also our Representatives Evans and Winters and straightened things out. Now he claims he did it. I am sending you his reply he sent asking me to work for him. He said personally he wanted from \$5 to \$25 pinned to each line of each of the (subscription) blanks (to the O'Daniel News).

"When I received the second blank he sent, I got my Irish up and did I give him what he needed in plain words. By the way, here came a bunch of blanks wanting me to get out and enlist people's names that was not getting the pension and send to him and he would help them get it. That is

one scheme he tried to work. He said the more names we got on his subscription, the more money we would have to fight Roosevelt and the New Deal. He hasn't sense enough to sit a goose on a hillside."

So you see, Mr. Editor, I am not alone in my opinions.  
Respectfully,  
W. H. HART.

### Resents Competition

ST. LOUIS, (UP)—"Hmmm, a lotta robbers ain't in jail," thought a prisoner recently as he boarded a train in St. Louis enroute to the Missouri state penitentiary.

Source of the discontent, other than the jail sentence, was a wisp of ham between two razor-thin slices of bread.  
"And they send folks like us to prison for robbery," he muttered.



CORDLESS ELECTRIC IRON . . . Newest wrinkle in the electrical lineup.

### Lieutenant Gets Own 'Posthumous' Medal

BELVIDERE, III, (UP)—A very much alive army lieutenant has been awarded a posthumous military decoration.

Second Lt. Donald H. McKibben, Belvidere, was presented with the Silver Star medal for "Gallantry in leading his men in a successful attack against great odds near La Voivre, France," more than a year ago.

The award was announced as a "posthumous decoration" after the Lieutenant was erroneously listed



MINIATURE CARRYALL . . . Handy size purse in green thread, pin-money price, by Dofin.

"killed in action" by the War Department.



### MERRY CHRISTMAS from all of us to all of you

Jolly old Santa is helping us once again to convey to one and all our many wishes for the brightest Christmas ever.

**K & T ELECTRIC**

400 E. 3rd

Phone 688

### BEST WISHES for the Holiday



WE want to take time out to enter into the glad holiday spirit with our sincerest good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years, to all our new acquaintances and old friends.

**THE ARMY STORE**

205 MAIN

from your friendly Tire and Gas Service Station



This organization is happy to extend its most heartfelt Christmas Greetings to the people it serves. May continued success and happiness be yours in the New Year.



For Gas, Seiberling Tires, Tire Repair Battery and Battery Service see

**CREIGHTON**

TIRE COMPANY

CHARLIE AND REUBEN

Phone 101



203 West 3rd



TO EVERYONE

We are hoping that Christmas will be as gay and delightful as were those of your childhood . . . those you remember in your fondest recollections . . .

Today, as then, may the gladness of Christmas force all other thoughts from your mind, and may coming years of peace bring complete happiness.

**CRAWFORD HOTELS**

Big Spring, Texas

Colorado City, Texas

Midland, Texas

Carlsbad, New Mexico

**SETTLES HOTEL**

Big Spring, Texas

CAL BOYKIN, Mgr.

Season's Greetings  
To Our Many Friends and Customers

**SMITH BROS. DRUG**



**OFF TO SCHOOL**—Little Claude Blanche (left) takes smaller Josette Zagarian by the hand as they make their way to a nursery school in Meudon, a Paris suburb.

**Christmas Transportation Available But Not Guaranteed To Be On Time**

Christmas traffic, via bus, train, airplane and travel bureau has picked up noticeably in Big Spring and officials expect a greater gain in the next few days.

Extra buses and longer trains are being used to care for the loads which constitute the heaviest passenger month in railroad history, ticket agents say. Transportation facilities are available for any persons traveling during the holidays, but none guarantee to be on time.

"The first two days after the Greyhound bus resumed service," Henry Long, manager, said, "were comparative light runs." The company expects very heavy Christmas traffic and already it has been necessary to run three buses on the same schedule. Officials expect to add an additional bus on some schedules, if they are available.

Not too much of the traffic includes Big Spring citizens, ticket agents believe. Most of the traffic is eastward bound and many special troop trains have been put on to assist in getting the soldiers from the Pacific home for Christmas.

Most travel bureau business is coming from other points. Airlines have been booked for reservations during December for over a month and only in case of cancellations are persons able to fly to their destinations.

Deluged with Yule business, west bound passenger trains of the T & P railway have kept tardy schedules in recent days but most of the east bound trains are running on time.

The trains reaching here from Fort Worth have been running as much as three hours late. The tardiness can be expected to continue through the holidays.

Several commercial aircraft have been grounded here lately due to recalcitrant weather.

Mount Sterling, Ky., received its name because of the numerous ancient mounds built by the Mound Builders. Some of the mounds are 300 to 500 feet in circumference.

Spain sold the state of Florida to the United States in 1819, with this country gaining full possession of the area in 1821, for only \$5,000,000.



Joyous Christmas greetings and our best wishes for a year of happiness, health and prosperity.

We Appreciate Your Many Favors During 1945

**J. B. SLOAN**  
Transfer and Storage

100 Nolan

Phone 1323

Merry Christmas

**LEON'S FLOWERS**

120 1/2 Main Phone 1877

**Writing On Tablecloth OK FOLGER CELEBRATION EACH YEAR TAKES PLACE CHRISTMAS MORNING**

Friends and relatives of Dick and Mabel Folger, of Boston, are sharpening pencils, looking forward eagerly to signing up for Christmas breakfast—a breakfast at which writing on the tablecloth will be no faux pas.

In fact, it's coming to be a tradition to write one's name on this snowy white tablecloth, following it each subsequent Christmas with the year—after which the letters and figures are embroidered in bright Christmas red by the hostess, all ready for another season.

The idea wasn't original with Dick and Mabel. But they wanted to do something on Christmas morning for their apartment house neighbors who, later in the day, would be away at family gatherings. And here was a happy way of starting the Christmas morning.

**Two Jolly Features**

Mabel had come across the signature-tablecloth suggestion along with the recipe for Patica, a Christmas bread made popular by Polish and Czechoslovakian people. And Patica is the high spot on the Christmas breakfast menu at the Folgers—along with fruit cup, crisp sausages, cinnamon apple rings, and scrambled eggs. There's even bacon some years, and griddle cakes and maple syrup.

Breakfast time is open-house time on Christmas morning, with things kept hot for all comers who drop in. For the apartment dining-living sitting room is a bit small, and with the gaily decorated Christmas tree in one corner there's not too much room for a large group at one time.

So neighbors drop in at almost any hour, partake of the breakfast goodies, and then sign up on the tablecloth. A soft lead pencil is used for the signatures, and a year later the date only is added. What memories these names and dates will recall as the years slip by!

For the benefit of others, Mabel has copied down her recipe for the Patica bread:

2 yeast cakes  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 pint warm buttermilk  
1 tablespoon salt  
3 eggs  
7 cups all-purpose enriched flour  
1/2 cup soft butter or margarine

Dressing for the bread is made from the following recipe:

1 cup honey  
1 egg, beaten  
1 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped fine  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 cup of sugar

Crumble the yeast cakes into a bowl. Add 1/4 cup of sugar. Pour the buttermilk over the yeast and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Add three cups of flour to this mixture. Beat smooth, then let stand until light and bubbly. (About 20 to 30 minutes.) Beat in the butter and remaining sugar. Add three eggs, remaining flour, and salt. Beat smooth. Set in warm place to rise. Cover bowl with damp cloth or paper. (Rising will take from 1 to 1 1/2 hours.) When light, punch down and allow to rise again.

**Lengthy Sweet Roll**

After punching down again, toss onto a floured cloth and roll very thin in one long strip about six inches wide. This strip will run from six to eight feet in length, so it may be necessary to double the strip if table is short.

Spread this strip with beaten egg and honey. Then sprinkle with half of the chopped nuts and the mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Roll lengthwise two or three times into a rope. Press the seams to hold, the dressing inside. The roll should be about one and one half inches in diameter.

Grease a tube pan and line with the remaining finely chopped nuts. Next, coil the dough round and round in the pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) from 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Remove from pan at once, and when cool ice the ring and decorate with candied cherries. This will make about 20 servings.

**He Who Hesitates**

BOSTON, (UP)—In the 37-year history of the Christian Science Monitor, no one ever has smoked in the paper's newsroom.

When Col. Evans Carlson, leader of the famed Carlson's Raiders, visited the newspaper on the invitation of a Monitor Pacific war correspondent, he pulled out a cigarette and struck a match. Then he hesitated.

"Say," he asked one of the editors, "it's all right if I smoke in here, isn't it?"

"Oh, certainly," came the affable reply. Then the editor added with a smile: "Of course, no one ever has."

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE HERALD

**Saying It With Flowers—**

**POINSETTIAS, OTHER FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, POPULAR GIFTS**

This year as in many years before, the poinsettia, either plant or cut blossoms will predominate in decorations for Christmas dinner tables.

According to local florists they've gotten large assortments of the gaily colored plants, and they're going like the proverbial pancakes. Local shops have the as-

sortments in sizes ranging from one blossom to as many as six.

Since Christmas time is usually considered one for giving luxuries, the weary Christmas shopper has discovered that there's nothing more appreciated than a gift of flowers, whether it be one of a cut arrangement, potted plant or corsage.

All florists have had appropriate arrangements of winter greenery with candles set in rustic log holders. Holly, though not a native of this section, has been provided for holiday decorating by the flower merchants.

Most popular in corsage gifts for this season are gardenias and camellias, and for extravagant giving, the orchid is a popular blossom. Christmas gift givers continually search for something novel and attractive so the florists have available that "different" looking flower, the antherium. It is of a deep pink color with one large petal shaped rather like that of a calla lily, with a rather tubular projection which resembles marble. On the whole they are eye-catching and interest creators.

In the rare house-plant department in the desert spoon, a member of the cactus family, it resembles a spoon, and has waxy leaves.

Always appreciated are azaleas, camellias, carnations, roses, and all other tried and true favorites.

Florists said that although there is some rise in price of flowers, as in all other products, they are still comparatively inexpensive, and the prices have not fluctuated greatly.

Many are following the florists' advice of "Saying it with flowers"—at least they've cleaned out the florists shelves.

**Reassign Power Saws**

DENISON, Tex. (UP)—Saws manufactured here during the war for use in clearing southwest Pacific jungles, now are going to South American countries. Most of a backlog of 1,500 orders at a power saw company are scheduled for the governments of Chile, Colombia, Panama and Mexico.



**SANTA**—A winsome and cool-looking Santa Claus, with her arms full of gift packages, is Janis Carter, movie actress, in this pin-up picture for the season.

**Shed Wire Kills Cow**

SEDALIA, Mo. (UP)—A cow owned by J. E. Wolf of Sedalia bit into a cud she couldn't chew. It turned out to be a light cord attached to an electric light string through the cow shed. Bossie was electrocuted.

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON

May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

**E & JEWELRY**

G. W. EASON 305 Main St. W. R. RAYBURN

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

On this most glorious occasion we want to express our heartiest wishes to one and all for a Christmas brimming over with joy and happiness.

**MACOMBER AUTO SUPPLY**

113 E. 2nd Phone 308

FRIENDLY Holiday Greetings

In keeping with the gay spirit of the holiday when greetings pass from friend to friend, we hope that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will bring you true happiness.

**MODERN CLEANERS**

Wanda & Hayden Griffin

303 E. 3rd Phone 860

Holiday Greetings

And Best Wishes for the entire Holiday Season and New Year From The Borden Co.

**Borden's**

Fine Dairy Products Since 1857

Unless we conserve our soil, posterity will suffer the ills and woes of an impoverished land. The peak of hog production in Wyoming was reached in the late 1920's.



All Good Wishes

The things you have wished for, the ambitions and plans that have been yours for so many years, we hope they will all be realized during the New Year. And may the Holiday Season be a cheerful one that you will long remember.

We Thank You For Your Many Favors During 1945 And Hope To See You Often In 1946

THORP PAINT STORE  
Pee Gee Paints

### Civic Improvements Begun During First Peace Period

The year 1945, which brought the last months of the war and the first period of peace in nearly four years saw several civic projects completed by the city department. One of the most important of these was a substantial increase in the city water supply. This was accomplished by drilling wells and installing pumping equipment in Glasscock county. A total of 12 wells were drilled in all. City Manager B. J. McDaniel said, and seven are producing at present. Result is an increase of 1,250,000 gallons in the city's supply. The water project also included some 25 miles of pipelines and construction of two pump houses, a collecting reservoir and chlorinating station. All water coming into the city now is chlorinated, McDaniel said, whereas only lake water used was formerly given this treatment. A health drive during the polio epidemic found two mobile units from the US Public Health Depart-

ment here to aid in combating the disease. The Lions club, with all other service organizations co-operating, made a sanitary survey, and then a city ordinance was passed requiring all business buildings in the city to be rat proofed. Also during the polio epidemic, the state health department sent two men here on a rat trapping campaign and to dust public buildings such as schools, churches and theatres for fleas. Another urgent need was fulfilled with the construction of a transient labor camp to furnish ac-

commodations for migratory farm laborers. The city and county worked jointly on this project, which materialized at a cost of \$8,000. Groundwork for new projects for the future were also laid. The new veterans hospital, for which the city will furnish land, has been approved, and as soon as a definite site is chosen, work is expected to begin. Plans are being formulated for a new paving campaign, which is expected to afford vast improvements to the city streets when completed.

### Bus Drivers Hedge On Snappy Answers

ST. LOUIS, Mo., (UP)—If a St. Louis streetcar or bus operator "sasses" you it may be that he is tired or it may be that he is insured against layoffs for being "sassy." It is estimated that 10 per cent of the Public Service Company's operators are insured against salary loss resulting from passenger complaints, accidents or "unfair treatment" by the company. The unique insurance, issued by the Locomotive Engineers and Conductors Mutual Protective Association of Detroit, pays \$5.50 a day to drivers suspended as punishment and \$500 in event of discharge. It costs from \$1.50 to \$3 a month, depending on the amount of protection desired. The insurance is frowned on by both company and union officials who feel that it tends to create indifference and carelessness in work but neither group has taken any definite stand in the matter.



Christmas Greetings

A sleigh full of our very best wishes.

Crawford Beauty Shop

Crawford Hotel Phone 740



QUEEN OF MARINES—Film actress Jinx Falkenburg, surrounded by some of her "subjects," is crowned queen of the Marine birthday ball given by the Greater New York detachment at the Waldorf-Astoria in celebration of the 170th anniversary of the Marine Corps League.

### Santa's Big Spring Workshop FIREMEN AGAIN TURN OLD TOYS INTO NEW FOR YOUNGSTERS

Some of the most welcome guests at the Salvation Army annual Christmas party, which takes place Tuesday night at the local citadel, will be members of the city fire department, who have just completed another prodigious task of assembling and repairing toys for the underprivileged children. Boxes on boxes of the playthings, most of which had seen better days but made ship-shape again by the nimble fingers of the fire-

men, were carted up and taken to the Salvation Army headquarters last Wednesday. There were new toys, old toys, little toys, big toys, doll toys, toys with a military theme, toys of comic heroes and toys for the more serious youngsters in the lot. There were baseball bats, drawing slates, books, miniature trains, planes, and battleships, footballs, boxing gloves, and toy rifles in the accumulation — any item of which would make the ordinary child's eyes sparkle with joy.

### FOX-EYE SCORED ON FIRST SHOT

GOOSE CREEK—Hen house burglars had better steer clear of Mrs. E. M. Clark's chicken coops. While her husband was working the night trick at the Baytown refinery, Mrs. Clark heard her chickens squawking the other night. She turned on a 250-watt porch light and saw a gray fox looking at her, 75 feet away. She shot once with a 22-caliber pistol—and hit the fox in the right eye. "Oh, yes," Mrs. Clark said. "I've practiced some. I used to knock the clothes pins off my mother's clothesline when we lived at an oil company production camp."

The firemen have been at work steadily at the job of repairing the gifts for the past month, oftentimes dropping their tools to answer an emergency call, then picking them up again immediately upon return. In the final week of the assignment, the fire station took on the appearance of a Santa Claus workshop. The old gentleman would have been proud of the work accomplished.



All Hearts Echo Christmas Gladness

The first Christmas to find the world at peace in many years, will find us hoping that our friends and customers will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

Bolinger's Grocery

300 North west 3rd



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

VAUGHN SWEET SHOP

103 Main

Phone 146

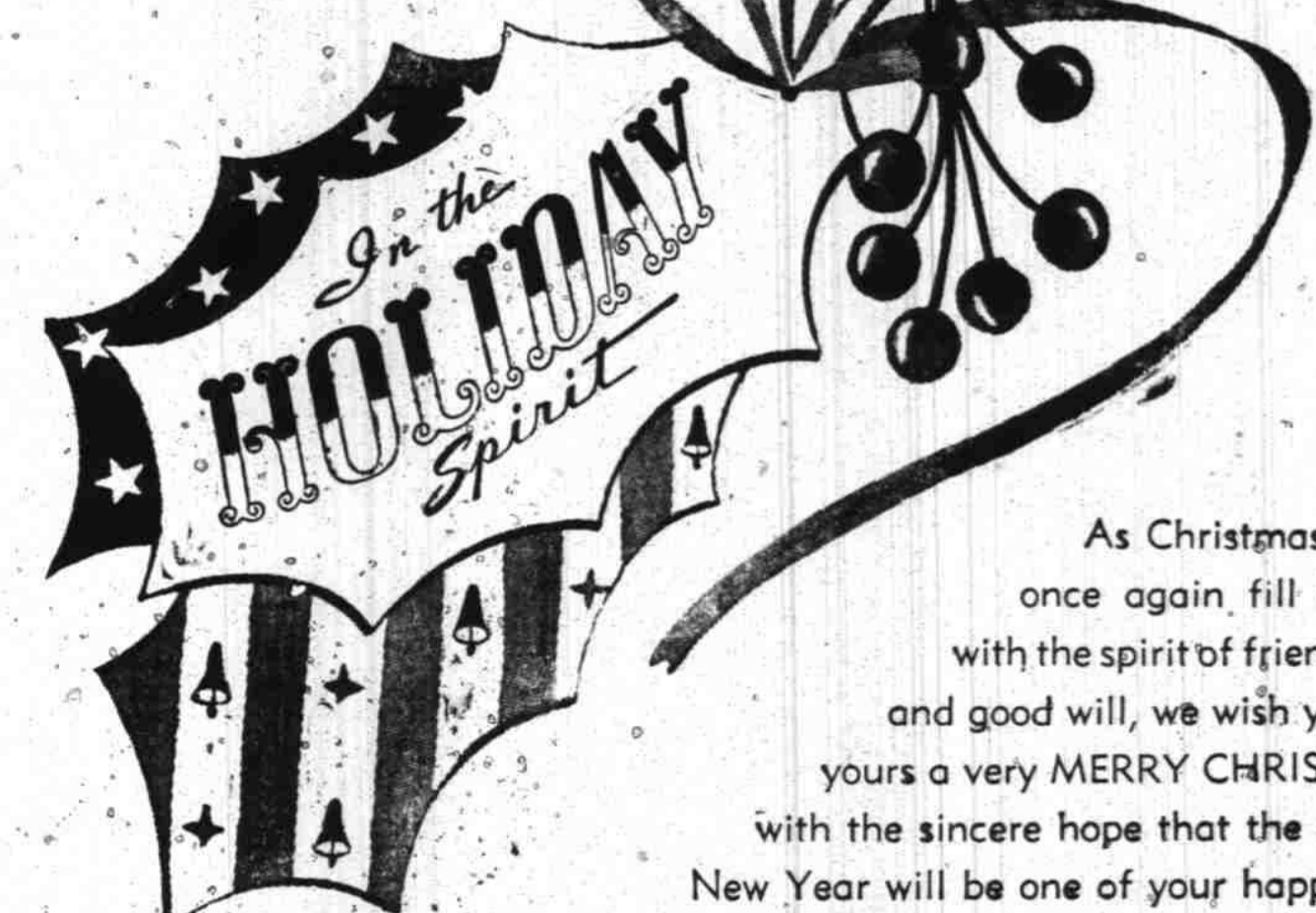


TATE & BRISTOW INSURANCE AGENCY

Petroleum Building

Phone 1230

CLOUD LAUNDRY



As Christmas carols once again fill the air with the spirit of friendliness and good will, we wish you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, with the sincere hope that the coming New Year will be one of your happiest.

Cloud's Laundry

401 Runnels and DRY CLEANERS Big Spring



# Agricultural Plans For '46 Hold Promise For County

Full consideration of the county's loss of topsoil and organic matter will be given agricultural plans for 1946. County Agent Durward Lewter has announced.

Erosion has made heavy inroads on some of the best cropland in the county, and methods for combating this will compose major projects for the coming year. Several farmers have agreed to follow Extension Service recommendations for conserving topsoil, organic matter and water. A tour of these farms will be made at the beginning of planting season and just before harvest. Litter and stalks will be left in fields to fight

wind erosion and aid in renewing organic matter.

Ample consideration will also be given farm machinery. It is hoped that more combines will be available, and a survey will be conducted to determine the number of parts and repairs needed to put present machinery into shape for another year. There are 36 combines in the county now. Grain storage space is expected to be increased. Many farmers are planning to build new storage units and repair and enlarge present facilities. Twenty-six demonstrators will raise experimental plots of grain sorghum in efforts to ar-

rive at the best type suited for the county. Accurate records will be kept, and a county-wide tour will be made before harvest so that farmers may see the results.

Tendency in cotton is toward varieties which can be machine harvested, as there are now six mechanical harvesters in the county. As a result of this trend the grade for the county has been lowered. Records of grade and yields of recommended varieties will be furnished farmers.

With more livestock on rangeland, mesquite eradication will be stressed. Several demonstrations will be conducted by Lewter.

DDT is expected to be a big help to stockmen in the control of flies. Loss from these pests has previously run well into thousands of dollars. Lewter will continue to recommend Smear 62 for screw worms, until final results on DDT are available.

Following are major goals and objectives Lewter has set up for the year:

1. Continue 4-H club program with more emphasis on feeding home grown feed to livestock.
2. Livestock judging and grass identification teams and other contests to improve farming conditions.
3. Improvement program for soils.
4. Improvement of native grass lands.
5. Continue work toward building good dairy herds.
6. Regular monthly meetings at rural centers.
7. Encouraging placing farm and ranch work high on business-levels.
8. Work with cooperators in securing best adapted legume crop for West Texas.
9. Community audit feeding program.
10. Encourage 4-H boys to keep accurate records and turn them in



And a Wish for a Happy Holiday to Our Friends and Clientele — and heavy Thanks for Patronage During the Past Year.

**TOM ROSSON**  
Public Accountant  
Office: 211 Petroleum Building  
Phone 1233 Big Spring, Texas

## Browsing In China Shops— NAMES, GOODS OF FAR OFF TIMES, FAR OFF PLACES FOUND IN STORE

Only the feminine mind can find delight in browsing through china shops, even though the average homemaker has little academic interest in the names she meets there. A china shop, however, is actually a treasure chest of namesakes and place names from the past.

China and chinaware were so named, of course, because the first porcelain seen in Europe came from China. Genuine Haviland ware takes its name from the French town of Haviland. It is not the real thing unless it bears the hallmark of that old town.

Wedgwood and Spode mean fine porcelain to most homemakers. But they are more than that. They are reminders of Wedgwood and Spode, two English craftsmen who took more than ordinary pride in

turning out some of the finest porcelain on the market in their day.

Majolica or Majolica ware goes back to 15th century artisans. It was first fashioned by the pottery makers of Majorca, in the Balearic Island group of the western-Mediterranean. The neighboring island of Minorca, by the way, is just as widely known for giving name to Minorca hens. When this island pottery attained wide popularity in European markets, the Italians sought to imitate it as the surest indication of its worth. They called it Majolica ware, the Italian language translation of Majorca.

Dresden ware came originally from the Saxon town of Meissen near Dresden. Potters there experimented with all sorts of wares, turning out delicate china dolls, clocks and even musically tinkling china bells.

Palissey recalls Bernard de Palissey, the 16th-century French master who produced fine pottery with raised designs and figurines.

Chelsea ware takes its name from Chelsea in England, where Charles Dickens once resided, while Sevres recalls the French city of that name.

All in all, there is much more than this in the way of namesakes and place names to be found on the counters and showcases of a china shop. But these random selections give a general idea of the possibilities:

Plan wise use of our water resources.

## Drive For 9 1/2 Million

Cleveland Hospitals fund to pro-paign for \$9,325,000 for the Great-Cleveland Hospitals fund to provide expanded facilities for the in-

stitutions which cared for the city's ill and disabled soon will be launched. It will be the largest co-ordinated hospital fund campaign ever undertaken in the United States.

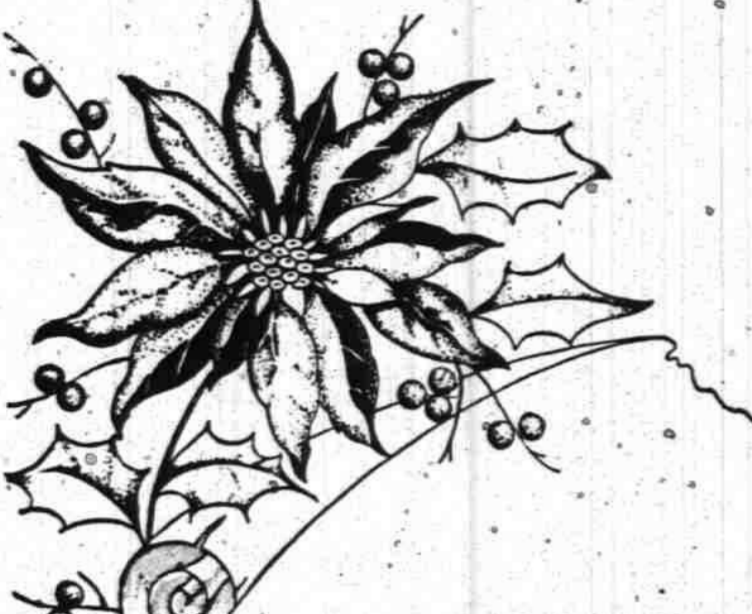


And a Happy New Year. Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow . . . holly wreaths and mistletoe . . . roasted turkey and pumpkin pie . . . the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well . . . Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings!

**ALLEN GROCERY**

205 E. Third

Phone 615



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

We can think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS." We never grow tired of saying it to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others. It is the one universal greeting that carries with it the thought of others and the appreciation of fine friendships and associations.

It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

**Southland Studio**



Holiday JOY  
2031

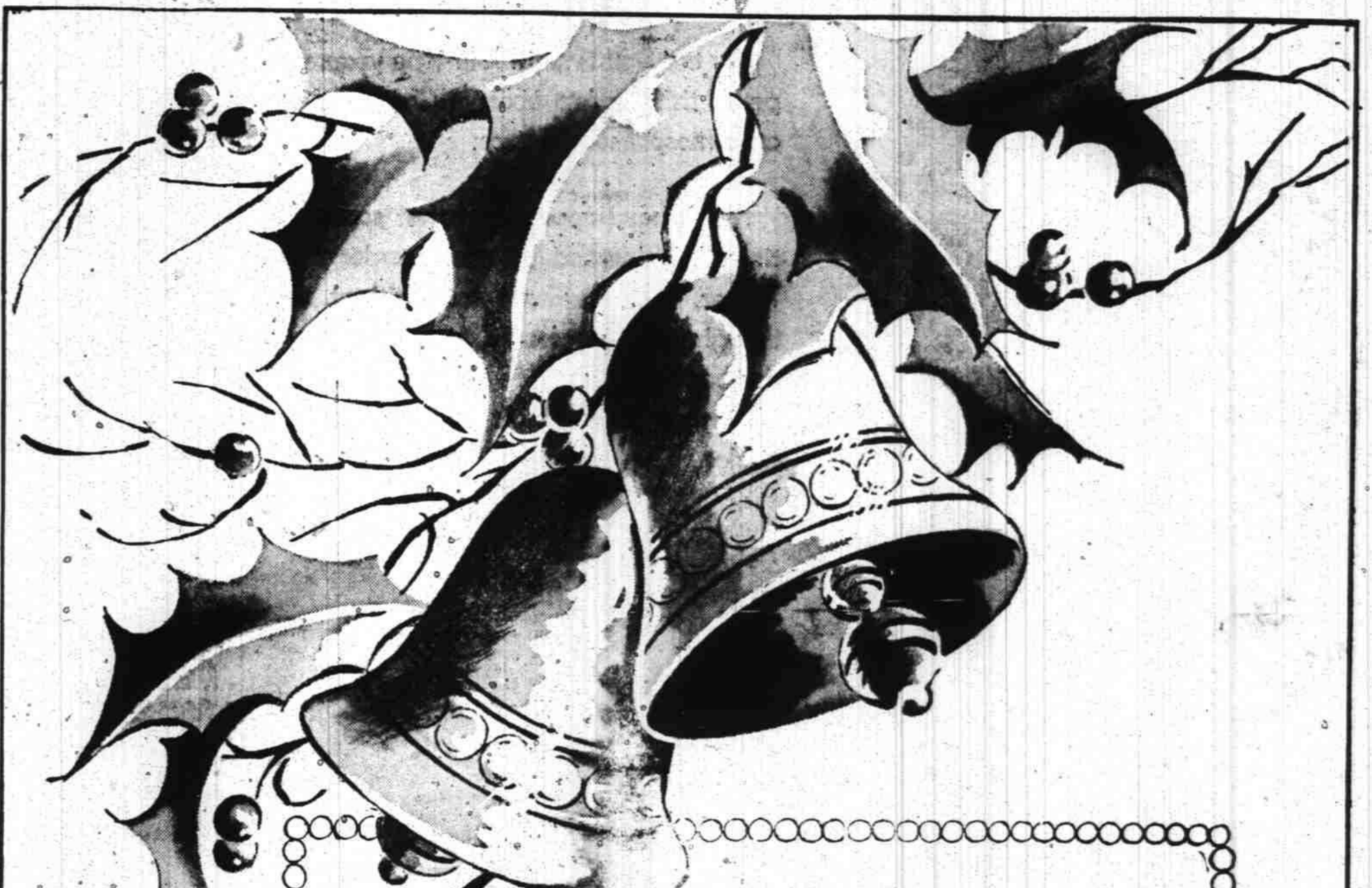
May your feastboards on Christmas be laden with cheer,  
Your holiday season be bright,  
And the carolers merrily sing, while the bells chime of Peace thru the night.

**HI-WAY PACKAGE STORE**

PETE HOWZE, Prop.

419 E. 3rd

Phone 1725



Christmas Greetings

PEACE.. GOOD WILL

After Four Long Years of War . . . Let us Give Thanks for this Victorious Peaceful Christmas . . .

GOOD SERVICE  
EMPIRE SOUTHERN GAS COMPANY  
LOW RATES

J. P. Kenney, District Manager



*Merry Christmas*  
*Best Wishes to Our Many Friends*

and



For the first time in four long years we pause this year to observe Christmas in an atmosphere of Peace.

Much has happened in that space of time. We learned to work harder and longer, to do without some things we thought were necessary, to bear up under bad news, to keep up our spirits at Christmas time despite broken family circles.

There were some bitter experiences and dark hours. Had it not been for the willingness of each of us to help the other, the concern about the heartaches of our friends, the realization that little things no longer mattered—had it not been for these manifestations of neighborliness, the way would have been most difficult.

This year, thanks to a Kindly Providence, hundreds of our families will be together again, enjoying the spirit of Love and Brotherhood in keeping with the Christmas Season.

We rejoice in this good fortune. It is our hope that our many friends will find the season one of the most blessed of their lives, and that the New Year will be one in which all of us can march together in the same generous and cooperative spirit to accomplish as much in Peace as we did out of necessity during the past four years.



**COSDEN  
 PETROLEUM**

**CORPORATION**

Every Stockholder, Director, Officer and Employee of Cosden Wish All Their Friends Everywhere the Full Happiness of the Holiday Season.

**R. L. TOLLETT, President**

From Moffatt Translation

## Same Old Story, Written In The Language Of Today

The Christmas story, from the Gospel according to Luke, is a beautiful story, forcefully told in the simple terms of language of its day when scholars translated the King James version.

Yet, it is interesting to read the same story in the language of our own day. For this reason, The Herald presents the story of the birth of Jesus as translated by Dr. James Moffatt. While primarily from Luke, there are references also from Matthew. As is a custom with The Herald, the King James version is carried as its editorial of the day, and thus a comparison of the two may be of interest.

"Now in those days an edict was issued by Caesar Augustus for a census of the whole world" (this was the first census, and it took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) So everyone went to be registered, each at his own town; and as Joseph belonged to the house and family of David, he went up from Galilee to Judea, from the town of Nazareth to David's town called Bethlehem, to be registered along with Mary his wife.

"She was pregnant, and while they were there, the days elapsed for her delivery; she gave birth to a son, and as there was no room for them inside the khan, she wrapped him up and laid him in a stall for cattle.

"There were some shepherds in the district, out in the fields keeping guard over their flocks by night; and an angel of the Lord flashed upon them, the glory of the Lord shown all around them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, 'Have no fear. This is good news I am bringing you, news of a great joy that is meant for all the people. Today you have a saviour born in the town of David, the Lord messiah. And here is a proof for you: you will find a baby wrapped up and lying in a stall for cattle.' Then a host of heaven's army suddenly appeared beside the angel, extolling God and saying,

"Glory to God in high heaven, and peace on earth for men whom he favours!"

"Now when the angels had left them and gone away to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us be off to Bethlehem to see this thing that the Lord has told us of.' So they made haste and discovered Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the stall for cattle. When they saw this, they told people of the word which had been spoken to them about the child; all who heard it were astonished at the story of the shepherds, and, as for Mary, she treasured it all up and mused upon it.

"Magicians from the East arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the newly born king of the

Magicians listened to the king and then went their way. And the star they had seen rose went in front of them till it stopped over the place where the child was.

"When they caught sight of the star, they were intensely glad; on reaching the house they saw the child with his mother, Mary, they fell down to worship him, and opening their caskets they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Then, as they had been divinely warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by a different road.

"Then the shepherds went away back, glorifying and extolling God for all that they had heard and seen—as they had been told they would."

### HITLER'S FANCY SILVER NOW IN EX-GI'S HOME

LEWES, Del. — Here's something else over which Adolf Hitler, if he were still alive, might rant and rave and chew up a couple of more rugs:

When Hitler and other swaggering Nazis dined in the Munich Brown House, party shrine, the table was set with beautiful silverware made, especially for Adolf.

Now, 126 pieces of the silver-bearing the monogram "A.H." engraved with swastika borders and bearing Hitler's personal crest—are in the Lewes home of Harry B. Massey, Jr., discharged first sergeant of the Counter Intelligence Corps of the US Sixth Army group.

Massey collected the silver as his share of legitimate war trophies discovered in underground vaults of the Brown House. The American soldiers had to blast open a 10-inch thick steel and concrete door to gain access to the vaults.

Massey, who plans to put his trophies on display soon in Wilmington, Del., said the soldiers found a lavishly furnished apartment, apparently one of Hitler's personal retreats, in the underground section.

Better farms—better living. Terrace land—terrace land. Our soil is a priceless heritage—conserve it. Soil washing is a national menace.



VETERAN—Although he's just 14 years old, Darryl Hickman is celebrating his tenth anniversary in the movies.



WAY DOWN SOUTH—"Come on out, the weather is fine!" says Miss Aubrey Crutcher, in an inappropriate costume, as she molds snow man after a three-inch snow at Washburn.

## Merry Christmas Can Be Holocaust Of Blazing Fire

Usually some persons' Merry Christmas turns into a nightmare because of carelessness with fire.

Statistics have proved, H. V. Crocker, fire chief, said, that the more serious fires are on Christmas eve and day because people are usually careless about leaving stoves burning near Christmas trees, Christmas tree lighting, decorations, etc., add to the hazards.

When fire crackers are being sold, Chief Crocker said, at least one stand catches fire caused from misbehaving children.

Since so many people leave their homes for a short time to attend open houses and other parties but never turn the stoves off, fire officials can always expect the worst in December. For this reason, no firemen are allowed any time off during Christmas.

Twenty-one fires occurred during November, and already this month there have been several

others. In 1944, seventeen fires were reported during December. Of the total, 12 were resident fires with damage; a one room home and a two room home were totally lost. Only one business fire was listed.

The 1943 Christmas month had nine fires. Two homes suffered heavy loss and one home was a total loss. Two homes were badly damaged and a business house had heavy damages, Crocker stated.

Greetings Gay  
as  
Christmas Ornaments

Yuletide joy to all our kind friends on this gladsome holiday

**BIG FOUR INSURANCE**  
1st National Bank Bldg. Phone 440



# Merry CHRISTMAS

On the day which is the anniversary of the birth of the son of God, how fitting it is that we should enter the friendly doors of the Church of our faith with gratitude in our hearts for the blessings He has granted us. United we have walked the difficult road together, and now with the end of that road in sight, united let us lift our voices in praise of the Almighty. For it is with His guidance that we shall be able to celebrate future Christmases in a world of freedom and everlasting Peace.



**Fashion CLEANERS**  
DE-LUXE SERVICE  
Phone 1775

## BEST WISHES

To our many good friends and customers we wish for you all the good things on Christmas day and throughout the New Year.



## MELLINGER'S

"Big Spring's Largest Store for Men and Boys"

223 Main

Phone 815

An Old Custom

Christmas Cards Add Best Wishes For Victory Year

Christmas cards for this season continued to be of the same sentiment as the old fashioned traditional ones with expressions of added happiness for the victorious peace on earth for the first post-war Christmas.

Only in few instances did the cards strike a patriotic tone with colors and verses. The most popular cards usually had a picture of a snow scene, lighted Christmas tree or Santa Claus. Etchings are becoming more and more in the "lime light" of Christmas cards and these may also be framed after Christmas. Scenes on the cards become most realistic in a miniature way with textured materials used frequently.

It seems one of the earliest Christmas cards dates back to

Not Hale Nor Fogg Nor Snow Shall—

BOSTON. (AP)—One scarcely could be unaware that it's really winter with the snow, sleet and slush around the Logan International Airport—but American Airlines has Hale, Fogg and Snow on hand just the same.

E. B. Hale is manager of operations; Phillip Fogg and Elmer Snow are reservation agents. And they make a point to see that things run smoothly for their boss, W. Nelson Bump.

Always The Volunteer

NEW YORK. (AP)—A Bronx elevator operator was held for observation after he turned in three false fire alarms—all from the neighborhood where he served as an auxiliary fireman during the war.

1939 and since then the majority of families all over the world have a list compiled to send out their yearly Christmas wishes,

The Stars Shine Brightest During Christmas Seasons

By ADELAIDE KERR AP Newsfeature Writer

Stars of stage, screen, radio and opera have planned gay gifts and celebrations with a novel slant for the first peacetime Christmas in five years.



DEANNA DURBIN... Pop! Goes the popcorn streamer...



RITA HAYWORTH... Holly is her holiday folly...

When actress Cornelia Otis Skinner, now starring in an NBC show, serves Christmas egg-nogs to the John Mason Browns, she says she will serve the first one in an antique drinking glass in which Mark Twain and Joseph Jefferson used to toast each other once a year... Greer Garson plans to center her Christmas dinner table with a big red cardboard chimney topped with little gifts, each attached to a red satin ribbon which trails to a guest's place... The guests at Lucille Ball's Christmas dinner will find their placecards tied to the backs of their chairs with a holly-spiked green satin bow... Smorgasbord, much like her Swedish parents used to serve back in Minnesota, will be the piece de resistance of radio actress Alice Frost's Christmas Eve, midnight supper.

Helen Jepson, songstress, will give her Christmas party in honor of her small son, presenting her young guests with big bright ocrucoplas stuffed with popcorn, candy and small gifts... Lisabeth Scott has given some thought to the Hollywood girls who live alone, and invited the same nine who shared her Thanksgiving turkey to a Christmas afternoon tree and gift party... Kate Smith has begun to bake dozens of cookies, cut in the shape of Christmas trees and dusted with multicolored candies, destined to be brightly boxed and added to her regular Yuletide gifts as holiday flavoring.

Little Margaret O'Brien of the movies is also at work on holiday preparations, making little net bags to be filled with candy and nuts, and later to be given as gift-greetings to her family's Yuletide callers... Deanna Durbin plans to trim her Christmas tree as grandmother used to do—with strings of old-fashioned popcorn, cranberries and big red apples... Anne Eastner, radio actress, will make her annual visit to the village school in her home town of Stock, N. Y., and present each child with a gift book... Rita Hayworth likes to make her own holly wreaths.



KATE SMITH... She knows her cookies...

When it comes to gifts and greetings, many of the stars favor those with a musical slant... Ruth Webb, singing comedienne of "On the Town," is giving Betty Comden, who wrote the show, a

musical typewriter that plays tunes when a certain combination of keys is struck... For friends who are Caruso fans, songstress Rose Bampton has collected a number of the famous tenor's recordings and assembled them in albums of five... Helen Traubel, Wagnerian soprano, plans to surprise a couple of friends with musical alarm clocks which play "Oh how I hate to get up in the morning!"... Kathryn Duffy, producer of night club shows, is presenting her, small daughter with a record player and 20 sides of music by American composers. From her USO tour in the Far East, movie actress Jinx Falkenberg brought back lots of Chinese silver filigree ornaments, which she will use as gifts... Jane Powell, singing actress, is going to gladden the hearts of her young school chums back in Oregon with leather autograph books, already bearing famous movie signatures... Scarfs splashed with bright sequin monograms are going to a lot of friends of Louise Fifth, star of a CBS show... Barbara Stanwyck says she is shopping for a four-passenger plane for husband Robert Taylor... Grace Allen, whose daughter, Sandra, loves to draw maps, is giving the youngster a set of mechanical pencils with bright leads... Chanteuse Hildegarde is going to present a lot of her friends with the same kind of big bright kerchiefs that she carries herself.

Eagle Eyes—

SHOPPERS HAWK COUNTERS FOR "SCARCE" GIFT LINES

Only a casual observer was needed most any hour of the day downtown to learn that the public took full advantage of the few "scarce" gift items which as they returned, and that it watched day by day for any new arrivals of articles made unobtainable during the war.

Still on the proffered list as gifts were portrait photographs. If you have doubts, just ask anyone who tried to get an appointment during the weeks before Christmas.

Photographs moved to a new peak as favorites during the war, and there has been no slump noted. The boys are coming home from the service, but their likeness was still regarded as one of the best gifts for family or girl friend and vice versa.

Articles of furniture have maintained a heavy demand also. Dealers throughout the country still encounter some difficulties in replenishing their stocks. However, there was plenty for the Christmas shoppers to choose from.

A real shortage of electrical appliances remained, although most dealers were fortunate enough to get a few items for "display only" of favorite types. Only reason these articles were not at the front in the gift race is their scarcity. Their popularity may be judged by the long list of applications received by all dealers who are taking advance orders.

Many experienced some difficulty if she wanted to give certain articles of clothing to her favorite gentleman. Shirts, long a popular gift, were practically heading the shortage list. That is too dress variety; a fair selection of sport shirts were available.

It all adds up to this: some shortages are on the decrease, some are still holding on, and all items which are gradually beginning to find their places on the counter again are moving rapidly.

We'll Take Chicken

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (AP)—Boatswain's Mate 1-c Herman B. Barger, 29, back home after 3 1/2 years of a starvation diet in a Jap prison camp, commented: "Snake tastes like chicken when you're hungry."

In the days of Richard II, steaks, chops, etc., were never used but fish, fowl, were chopped, minced or hacked into pieces and served as soups, potages, ragouts, stews or hashes.

Maybe By Next Christmas WOMEN WAITED FOR NYLONS— AND THEY ARE STILL WAITING

After three Christmases of war and subsequent shortages women had hopes that they might be able to receive many of the luxury items this year that they had missed previously. However, gift seekers were disappointed to discover that the shelves were not flooded with post-war stocks.

Women who get nylons from their rayon Christmas stockings this year may consider themselves among the honored few. The local merchants received trickles of the precious synthetics, but they were gone before the salesgirls had time to catch their breaths.

Nylon underwear is appearing on the market again. However, since some of the fabrics were available during the war, the sensation has not been so great.

On the whole luxury items of lingerie were still scarce, although shops that are members of chains

were able to receive goods where individual buyers could not find stocks. One ladies' wear shop owner stated that he returned recently from markets in New York and that the only difference in shops in smaller cities and those in large ones lay in the fact that where establishments the size of local ones served one, the larger ones had a thousand customers. "On the whole," he told Christmas shoppers, "shopping in Big Spring is about as good as that of any other city."

Manufacturers told merchants that materials were still very short and since negligees, night gowns, lounging pajamas, and lace trimmed slips are not necessary for comfort and livelihood, more useful goods were made.

Fur coats were one luxury which, though readily obtainable, most Christmas shoppers shied

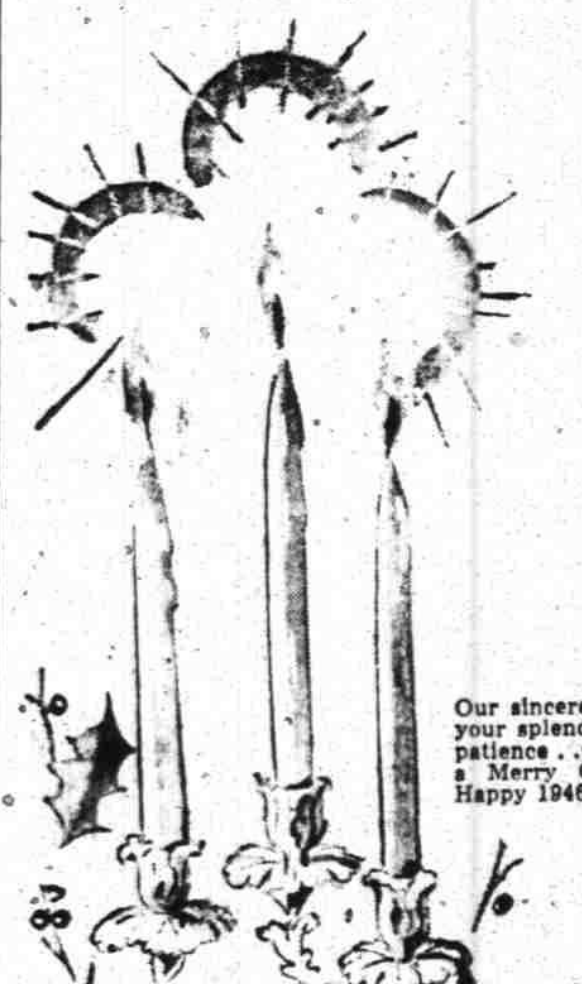
away from. Although the furs were of excellent quality and workmanship, the levy placed on the skins by the government frightened most gift givers away. On the whole, most independent dealers noticed little change in gift supplies along the women's apparel line, but they promised, "Just wait until next Christmas!"

Help, Police!

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP)—Raymond Cardella suffered a bitter humiliation soon after his appointment as police chief in suburban Alcoa. He parked his official car here while shopping and returned to find—someone had stolen not only the car's red light but the strea to boot.

A new spray has been developed which kills weeds among vegetables at a cost of less than \$12 per acre, as compared with about \$60 for hand-pulling methods.

Some scholars have estimated that about 2,700 languages are spoken in the world today.



Our sincere appreciation for your splendid patronage and patience... Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1946.

STEAKS CHICKEN

MEXICAN FOOD

The Wagon Wheel

Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt

803 E. 3rd St.

Phone 9591



The clarion of peace heralds this Christmas season with a ring of hope and good will towards all men forever. This is the Yuletide your fighting men have been looking forward to for many years—a Yuletide, which for many, means home and loved ones again. Let us keep the spirit of peace and Christmas alive forever.

DOUGLASS HOTEL



Advertisement for Phillips Tire Co. featuring a large tire graphic and a small house illustration. Text includes 'Merry Christmas... Happy 1946', 'May the joy of the Christmas Season be yours, and may the new peaceful year be bright ahead.', 'Phillips Tire Co.', '211 East Third Phone 473'.



HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY.....

A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want the sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.



MARIE WEEG HEALTH CLINIC 1308 Scurry Phone 832

Not-So-Sweet Christmas

Supply Of Candy And Sweetmeats More Limited Than Ever Before

It may be our first Christmas after victory over German and Japan, but still good chocolates and Christmas candies of the fancy designs and colors remain a thing of the past and future because of the sugar shortage. Local candy counter dealers believe that it has become more difficult to obtain manufactured candy, and most receive only very small shipments of "name" chocolates. One feature available in limited supplies for the post-war Christmas is the huge peppermint candy cane. Early buyers were lucky they obtained one of the canes for high prices but are satisfied with the long lasting of the candy. Housewives continued to help themselves to the Christmas spirit by making most of their families Christmas delights. Among the most popular types of sweets being made, if the sugar lasts, include the old stand-bys of fudge, patience, divinity and date loaf. Others are taffy, peanut brittle, caramels and home-made jelly can-

Also included in the Christmas cooking is the pie baking of mince meat and pumpkin variety. Several merchants agreed that this season saw less candy in stock than even the years during the war and what they did have was sold out immediately. If Santa's candy supply runs out before he gets to every house, remember he may be having stamp trouble too. The original manuscript of George Washington's farewell address was bought at auction in 1850 for \$2,300 by one of the founders of the New York public library. New Zealand became a dominion in the British Empire in 1907. There are some 44,000 lightning flashes all around the earth on an average day. There are about 5,000 golf courses in the United States now, compared with 200 in 1914.



PALESTINE POLICE PARADE—Mounted police parade past the public information office at Lydda, Palestine, when Lt. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham arrived by plane to take over as high commissioner for Palestine and Transjordan.

HOLE AND ALL

MANITOWAC, Wis., Dec. 14. (AP) — A middle aged man got at the end of a long line of women who waited their turn to get to the hosiery counter of a department store — and buy a pair of nylons. After almost an hour, he left the line for a few minutes. When he returned he didn't get his position back, so again he went to the end of the line. Finally he reached the hosiery counter. "A pair of men's Sox, size 10, please," was his request. In the early Roman constitution the citizens, all of them soldiers, were classified according to the equipment which their means made possible. Soldiers in early armies equipped themselves. The annual US production of Swiss cheese amounts to 40,000,000 pounds.

"Old Rugged Cross" Breaks All Barriers

CINCINNATI, (AP) — Barriers of distance, race, language, and background dissolved for two Yank captains—one of them just enrolled here at the University of Cincinnati under the GI Bill of Rights—and two natives of India as they all joined in the singing of a hymn while riding in an Army jeep in the Assam Valley, India. The two American officers had picked up the pair of loin-clothed native hitch-hikers, armed with bows and arrows. The Yanks, unable to converse with their passengers for want of a common language, broke into "The Old Rugged Cross." The passengers sang in their native tongue. The homesick Yanks had come upon two fellow Christians. Capt. John R. Mockbee, Fairmouth, Ky., now a freshman here, was one of the officers.

SAV YOU SAW IT IN THE HERALD



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We bring you our good wishes for a merry holiday

J. W. CROAN MOTOR SERVICE

401 East 3rd



Bounteous greetings and many hearty thank-yous to all our kind friends.

The Record Shop

211 Main

Phone 230

One For The Books

ANY OF THREE TYPES OF READING VOLUMES MAKE APPRECIATED GIFTS

By W. G. ROGERS AP Arts Editor

Books that make fine gifts are of three kinds: those filled with the Christmas or holiday spirit, those prettied up with illustrations and extra-handsome bindings, and those whose contents make them suitable gifts at any season. These classifications overlap, of course, and you can sometimes get three in one binding. The Bible is a popular gift, sometimes in expensive editions. Dickens' "Christmas Carol" combines seasonal and literary qualities. Even contents overlap, as in "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories," edited by Edward Wagenknecht and illustrated by Wallace Morgan; it contains selections from the Bible, Dickens and more recent writers. John Erskine has just written "The Human Life of Jesus," and Willard L. Sherry is author of "Religion in America." Books that the recipient will be proud to leave on the library table are "Pride and Prejudice," illustrated by Robert Ball; "The Oregon Trail," illustrated by Thomas Benton; "Robinson Crusoe," illustrated by Fritz Kredel; and others in the Doubleday-Doran Limited Editions. There are also Daumier prints issued by Pantheon, and the same firm's "Prehistoric Cave Paintings" . . . without much Christmas spirit but still a handsome book; Random House's two-volume Aquinas and Knopf's two-volume de Tocqueville, both boxed. A wide choice of new books is worth reading now and likely to be still worth reading years from

now; they are in the fields of history, literature and music. If you want to begin a series of related gifts, you might choose the first volume, just printed, in each of two series. One is "The United States and Britain," by Crane Brinton; first in the American Foreign Policy Library edited by Sumner Welles; and the other is "The Farmer's Last Frontier," by Fred A. Shannon, inaugurating an "economic history of the United States." Other historical topics are investigated in these books: Schlesinger's "Age of Jackson," Macartney's "Rebuilding of Italy," Stegner's "One Nation" . . . about our own country; Thompson's "French Revolution," Bryant's "Years of Victory," Bowers' "Young Jefferson," "A Picture History of Russia," edited by John S. Martin, contains 1,200 illustrations. Everywhere you turn in bookstores you run across books about the war, perhaps as short as Ensor's miniature history, which is barely 135 pages, or as long as Root's, 1,300 in two volumes. Good books about music and musicians are Tovey's "Beethoven"; Schaffner's "Florestan," the life of Schumann; Graf's "Legend of a Musical City," about Vienna; and "The Bach Reader," edited by David and Mendel. Numerous authoritative volumes have appeared in the course of the year on literary matters. Emily Dickinson is the subject of "Ancestors' Brocade," by Millicent Tödd Bingham; "The Trollopes" is by the Stebbinses, mother and son; Byron is the hero, or villain, of "Teresa, or Her Demon Lover,"

by Austin K. Gray; Frances Winwar writes about George Sand in "The Life of the Heart"; and "The Shelley Legend" is by R. M. Smith. While it's risky to hazard any guess about the life of a novel, the one published this year which seems to me to have the best chance of surviving is "Rickshaw Boy," by Lau Shaw. Children, good and bad, are the material of Anna Parrish's fine "Poor Child," and also of Dola de Jong's stirring "And the Field is the World." Jessamyn West's "Friendly Persuasion" is full of the sort of joy and delight supposed to mark holidays, and also comes in a jacket as pretty as a Christmas package. "Other good novels are Rouseche's "Black Weather," Wolfson's "Lonely Steeple," Simonov's "Days and Nights," Though Himes' "If He Hollers Let Him Go" is hard and savage, it is first-rate fiction. Poetry volumes include Emily Dickinson's "Bolts of Melody," consisting of poems unpublished before; the collected works of W.

Too Many Majors No Minor Problem

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP) — A major telephoned the Army-Navy Hotel Bureau, which finds temporary housing for armed service personnel, and was assigned a room. Later, again by telephone, another major was sent to the same room. The second major called the Bureau and asked if he could move. "Sorry," he was told. In a few minutes, he called again. "If you don't like your room, you can move into the street," the Bureau insisted. "All right," the major replied meekly. "You put me in with a WAC." Read-The Herald Want Ads. H. Auden; admirable books by Louis MacNeice, Gwendolyn Brooks and Karl Shapiro. Of all the many verse collections, David McCord's "What Cheer" would be a most appropriate gift.

Advertisement for Piggly Wiggly featuring a large illustration of a Christmas tree and the text: 'Greetings for the Yuletide Season. The time of the year when bells ring out the gladsome tidings in our hearts — the time of the year when the Star-atop the Christmas tree shines brightly, reflecting in its brilliance the memory of good things in the past — better things to come. Our sincerest wish for the best to all of you on Christmas Day, and throughout the New Year. PIGGLY WIGGLY'

Advertisement for J. & K. Shoe Store featuring an illustration of a shoe and the text: 'Heartiest Greetings of the Season to You! It is with a great deal of pleasure we wish all our friends and customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1946. It has been a pleasure to serve you during 1945, and we hope to see you often during 1946. J. & K. SHOE STORE E. B. Kimberlin G. C. Jones'

# Veterans Hospital Location Picked As Top Local Story

This is the season of the year when editors guess at the "biggest" stories of the year. The sport is at best the pooling of opinion, for frequently history gives importance to stories, rated both in Europe and in the Pacific, far down the list. However, the events in a class of their own, was the announcement that Big Spring had been designated as the location of a Veterans Administration general medical and surgical hospital. This carried with it a \$2,500,000 project, plus a new institution which would mean considerable to the community and region. It was especially important because many West Texas points had sought vigorously for it, and because, as had the securing of the Big Spring State Hospital several years before, it gave the city a new standing and confidence. Probably the second biggest story was the weather, particularly its whimsies. The forecast of the year was one of the driest in a quarter of a century. Then came the first two weeks in July with rains ranging from 10 to 20 inches in various localities. It damaged farms and roads as they have not been damaged in many years, and some estimates were that it worked half a million dollars of havoc. However, the immediate importance of it was that the rains, as severe as they were, proved the difference between practically no crop and no ranges and a fair to good crop and excellent ranges. It also completely filled the city lakes.

# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS DO NOT GO ON AGAIN FIRST PEACE YEAR

When the lights go on again will have to wait over for next Christmas, hundreds of residents found out when they contacted local stores to purchase the bright red, green and blue bulbs with which to light the Christmas tree. One of the casualties of war not yet out of the reconversion stage, the lighting industry was unable to meet a fraction of the demands three years of worn equipment needing replacement could make. Many families however, dragged ed and repair firm ES HTARO out the box of strands of pre-war days, dogeared and repaired many times, but these were apt to blink out without warning. Once a bulb burned out, it was almost impossible to replace, but many learned not to stay in the dark. A snip with a paring knife, and a few twists of the wire will cut out a light socket on the kind of hook-up where all the lights burn (or not burn) together. One store in town reported receiving 25 strands of lights, and 1,000 bulbs for replacement, but these went fast. Other electric appliance stores stocked a few strings of the new fluorescent lights.

These were expensive, but that seemed no handicap to patrons eager to buy. One electric shop made up strands of lights of weatherproof sockets and small bulbs which had to be painted. The effect of the globes dipped in ordinary paint was good, but the price almost tripled that of the usual facilities and the strands were so heavy the tree might end up lengthwise on the floor unless it was pretty strong. The electricians and dealers promise better next year, explaining that shortage of materials results in no lights, madam, we are sorry. By next year perhaps the prewar source of those precious bulbs will be again in operation — they came from Japan.

The first telegraphic news of a presidential inauguration was sent by Professor Samuel F. B. Morse at the inauguration of President Polk in 1845. In the past six years, the United States has jumped from about one-third of world tanker tonnage to almost 65 per cent.

# Designer Finds Oldest Christmas Card -- Maybe

**AP Newsfeatures**  
BOSTON — Ernest Dudley Chase, greeting card designer, publisher and collector for 40 years, has found the world's earliest Christmas card — maybe. Published in Albany, N. Y., it will take the honor away from England, if he can verify the date, believed to be 1839. "An 1842 design by W. M. Egle, Jr., of London, now holds the record," said the 67-year-old dean of American card designers. "It was discovered in the British Museum just before World War II. Up to then J. C. Horseley's card, published in 1846, was supposed to be the first." An executive of Rust Craft Publishers, where his office walls bulge with enlarged replicas of old Christmas cards, Chase displayed the treasured find for which he paid \$150. Sketched by Forbes and lithographed by R. H. Pease, Albany, the little rose-tinted card has five panels of festive scenes. Beneath Christmas and New Year's greetings are lines for the names of sender and recipient. Across the top is a head of Santa Claus and the words: "Pease's great variety store in the Temple of Fancy." A good detective like all collectors, Chase tracked down Pease to 1839, at which time the Albany director listed him as an engraver, but is still not sure when the "Temple of Fancy" was founded. "If only he'd put the date on," the card connoisseur sighed, adding: "But I'm quite sure it's the earliest American Christmas card." Chase considers the late Louis Prang, also a Bostonian, "the world's greatest greeting card publisher. Prang, in business in nearby Roxbury from 1874 until 1890, was Chase said, "a genius in his own way. He printed Christmas cards in 24 colors. We do well nowadays to use five or six." England, oddly enough, was Prang's first market and he was as successful there as in this country. His custom of offering annual prizes of \$2,000 and \$1,000 for designs attracted famous artists. The Prang cards of 60 and 70 years ago were fringed and frosted and sometimes scented, so that lucky recipients could use them as sachets. Christmas cards suffered an artistic decline when he died, Chase recalled, and were brought back in the early 1900's by two other Bostonians, Alfred Bartlett and A. M. Davis. Among Bartlett's designers were such great artists in type design as Fred Goudy, Bruce Rogers and W. A. Dwiggins. Poets Edwin Markham and Henry Van Dyke wrote Christmas greeting for Davis. A publisher who lived to see the tremendous growth of the Boston-born greeting card industry is Chase's colleague, Fred Rust of Rust Craft, who came to Boston from Kansas in 1908. In the intervals of tracking down old Christmas card designs, Chase found time to write an authoritative book on the subject, "The Romance of Greeting Cards." He is frankly critical of many of his own innovations. The large poster Christmas greetings which he published 30 years ago, he dubbed "a flat failure." His first phonograph record, put on the Christmas market in 1915, "practically bankrupted me," he said, "but record collectors still pester me for copies."

Russia's population is twice as large as the combined populations of Britain and France, and her birthrate is more than twice as high.

With The Magic Wand—

# FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES— AND MAKING A FAIR PROFIT TOO



PRETTY BUBBLES in the air . . .

**AP Newsfeatures**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C. — Three young men with a formula have blown a bubble up into big business. They're working night and day to meet the current bubble-blowing demand from young and old alike that is sweeping this nation and Canada, and even bringing inquiries from points south of the border. The three young men, Donald A. Barnes, 35, Hubert B. Jerman, 31, and James T. Duckworth, 29 — youngsters as business executives are judged — call their bubble solution "Rainbow Bubbles." It wafes from a lorgnette-shaped "wand" in a string of filmy, rainbow-hued bubbles that leaves grown-ups as giggled as kids. Jerman, a local guestwork technician, started working nights in his kitchen last spring, aiming to make a low-cost bubble solution for his little daughters. Unknown to Jerman, Barnes and Duckworth were working on a bubble solution in Duckworth's garage. By the early part of last June, Jerman had arrived at his formula, and made a few local sales; about the same time Barnes, the only graduate chemist of the group, and Duckworth were scratching the local drug store novelty trade. Eventually, they learned of each other's off-duty experiments. Jerman, with a formula calling for plentiful ingredients, offered it to Barnes and Duckworth, whose formula called for hard-to-find ingredients. The upshot was a partnership. They each put in \$150, and went to work in Jerman's garage "because it had

garage, farmed production of the bent-wire wands out to neighboring housewives at piece rates, mixed the solution in barrels, agitated with an old garden rake, and filled hand-labeled bottles from barrel spigots. Then Joe O. Scott, salesman, promoter and former business manager for his movie actor brother Randolph Scott, offered to sell the product. The bubble experts had landed their first big order with a local department store chain. Under Scott's promotion, the bubbles took Atlanta by frontal assault, swept into Manhattan and virtual nation-wide demand via Woolworth's. Now the bubble business, expanded from the garage to quarters 50 times larger, employs a business personnel of 110, and production has jumped from 600 bottles a day to between 75,000 and 100,000, in less than six months. Only this fall did Barnes, Duckworth and Jerman decide to give up their regular jobs to take over full-time operation of their mushrooming bubble business.

# Christmas Greetings to one and all



Straight from our hearts come the season's greetings: sincere, joyous and full of hope. Here's to Christmas happiness for all.

**PITMAN'S**  
Big Spring's Oldest Jewelers

**A HAPPY CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS**  
Holiday greetings to each and everyone of our friends.  
**McCRORY'S**  
Your Friendly 5 and 10



We welcome this opportunity to wish each and everyone of our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year  
**State National Bank**  
Big Spring's Oldest Bank  
"Time Tried — Panic Tested"



**NIGHTIE**— Marlow Neumayer of Chicago models a nightgown of brushed rayon intended for winter nights.

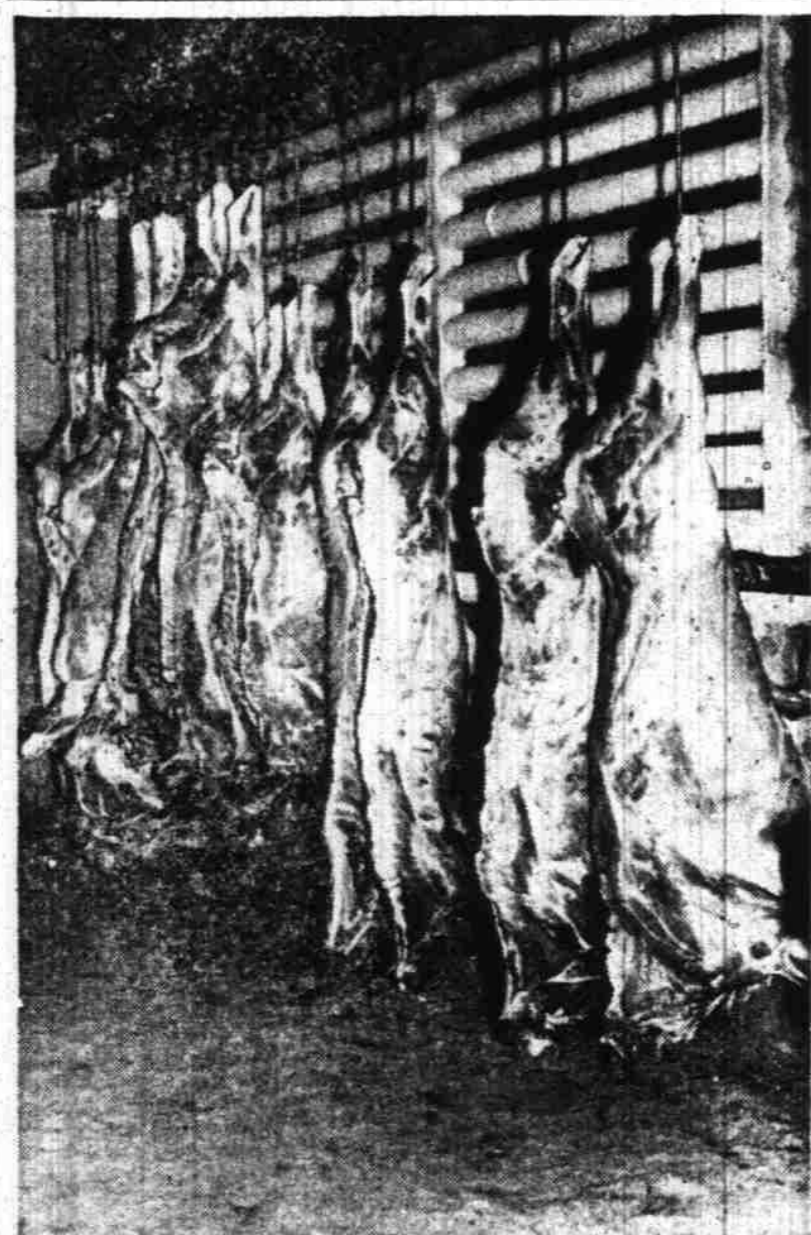


Just the man we're looking for  
With his twinkling eyes, cherry red nose and snow white beard, a Ruddy Old Saint Nick arrives again, bringing with him a sack full of laughter, merriment and Christmas joys.  
We, too, bring to you our sincerest wishes for a very happy holiday.  
**The Kid's Shop**  
Bob and Eva Pyeatt  
121 East Third Phone 1596

# Major News Stories Of 1945 In Big Spring Are Listed

## JANUARY

1—Funeral held for Akin Simpson, retiring County Commissioner, new county officers sworn in.  
 2—First branch unit of post office put into operation in community center at Ellis Homes.  
 4—Checkup shows Big Spring bank deposits up three million dollars over corresponding period of year before.  
 5—Kiwanis Club installs new officers; goal of \$20,000 set by Howard-Glasscock Red Cross chapter.  
 6—James H. Crossne, paroled convict, held in lieu of \$2,500 bond on burglary count.  
 9—County goes over top by 25 per cent in E bond purchases for Sixth War Loan; American Airlines announces six and one half per cent reduction in passenger fares.  
 10—Labor shortage causes city to abandon trash pickups from yards.  
 12—Petition circulated asking for election to ban sale of alcoholic beverages in precinct one.  
 13—Light balloting as \$150,000 road bond approved; eight youths injured in auto crash five miles west of Big Spring.  
 14—Local draft board scrapes bottom of barrel as selective service asks for men up to 30.  
 15—Farmers flock to county agent's office to complete income tax returns before deadline.  
 17—J. D. Young, negro, goes on trial charged with assault with intent to murder Police Chief A. G. Mitchell.  
 18—City water situation eased as new pumps put into operation.  
 19—Post Office receipts bulge to abnormality, as several large permits are paid.  
 21—Howard County Farm Bureau officers announce membership of 395, all-time high for local chapter.  
 22—Enundo Adams, 20, killed in auto mishap 16 miles northwest of Big Spring.



MEAT SHORTAGES threatened periodically during the year, but Big Spring and Howard county people never really suffered any serious effects. Slaughterers managed to get relief and to hedge against succeeding months quotas, utilizing a good supply of meat from local ranges.

24—West Texas Hotel Greeters association holds first meeting of

year at Settles Hotel.  
 25—Whooping cough shows increase in city; state health officer urges strenuous efforts to control disease; Howard-Glasscock area face prospects for deep oil production.

27—Poll tax receipts move ahead of previous marks, as voters qualify early.  
 28—City tax payments rise sharply as deadline nears; school children organized into "Paper Troopers" in salvage campaign.  
 29—M. A. (Martin) Bean becomes first negro ever to be called for grand jury duty in Howard county.  
 30—Annual President's ball held in Settles Hotel as polio drive feature.  
 31—1944 cotton crop said about 500 bales ahead of previous year.

## FEBRUARY

1—Poll tax payments total 4,280 at the deadline.  
 2—Police begin search as three young girls reported missing in this area.  
 3—Paper Troopers announce 41,000 lbs. waste paper collected during first week.  
 4—Local USO observes 4th na-

tional anniversary with open house.  
 7—Boy Scout week ready to begin; 1,100 merit badges awarded in Big Spring during year.  
 8—Truck load of household goods stolen from Howard and surrounding counties recovered at Lamesa.  
 9—Murder and suicide is verdict returned in fatal shooting of Mrs. Sara Bennett and Floyd Fresno Ford.  
 10—C. R. Brown of Odessa injured in car-train crash 15 miles east of Big Spring.  
 11—Due to fine record in January, bond quota for February is lowered.  
 12—R. T. Piner named president of chamber of commerce for 1945.  
 13—Big Spring safety council elects new officers; Earl Haynie is new president.  
 14—Mrs. B. F. Wills, Sr., dies.  
 15—Red Cross campaign takes shape with \$1,000 initial gifts.  
 16—Steer cagers windup season against Lamesa with second place in district cinched.

17—One suspect held in connection with fatal shooting of J. R. Treadwell.  
 18—Prize awards of \$579 announced for coming 4-H club show.  
 19—Three young people reported missing in this area.  
 20—Senior nong out undergraduates in annual basketball game at high school.  
 23—Volume of air travel from here for year sets new record.  
 24—Water pumped here for first time from Glasscock wells.  
 25—Big Spring Athletic Association announces rules for coming kite show.  
 26—First annual fine bred Hereford sale announced by County Hereford Breeders association.  
 27—R. T. Piner installed as president of chamber of commerce; fire destroys Moore school building.

## MARCH

1—Construction cost for February is six times higher than in 1944.  
 2—Foundations laid for 12 of 35-unit building program.

3—Forty-one bulls average \$208 at annual Hereford Breeders sale.  
 4—Two men held here on burglary charge after long chase.  
 5—Local pastors announce religious census to be conducted during week.  
 6—Postmaster warns patrons to control dogs after three postmen are attacked.  
 7—Confirmation received that county exceeded February bond quota.  
 9—FHA announces recommendation for Big Spring to get 25 new houses.  
 10—W. C. Blankenship renamed superintendent of schools after completing 18th year.  
 11—Big Spring pastors association joins in effort to cope with housing shortage.  
 12—Slight decrease reported in list of communicable diseases.  
 13—Dallas Woods wins paper Trooper contest in local salvage drive.  
 14—Plans for annual health roundup announced by local unit.  
 15—Winds up to 60 miles per hour hit area, doing some damage

to small buildings.  
 16—Charges of assault with intent to murder filed against Sam Banks, Negro.  
 17—Plans announced for 7th War Loan drive.  
 18—Committee named to head clothing drive for war relief.  
 19—Bombardier School presents 12 decorations, four posthumously.  
 20—Phillips Wildcat reports 180 feet of sand in Northern Glasscock test.  
 21—R. T. Piner reports on trip to Washington in connection with Veterans Hospital.  
 22—Ted Groehl named general chairman of 7th War Loan drive.  
 23—First membership drive in three years slated by chamber of commerce.  
 24—Howard County entries take several ribbons at Sand Hills Hereford and livestock show.  
 25—Gambling raids by police force net 13 prisoners.  
 26—Last rites said for John Newland Conrad.  
 27—Tommy Lewis, Negro, held lieu of \$750 bond on charge of

assault with intent to murder.  
 28—High school seniors join in chamber of commerce survey on post-war conditions in Big Spring.  
 29—County Clerk files show record number of transactions here during month.  
 30—All Christian denominations announce Easter meeting in amphitheatre.  
 31—Health clinics announced for pre-school children who plan to enroll in fall.

## APRIL

1—More than 7,000 attend Easter services; firms announce veteran training program.  
 2—County automobile registrations increase over 1944 by nearly 300; county farmers ready for plowing; United National Clothing Collection starts.  
 3—Cecil Weaver killed in action; George Dabney and J. L. LeBleu named to city commission.  
 4—Denny Ivey killed in action; chamber of commerce directors approve \$18,000 1945 budget; late

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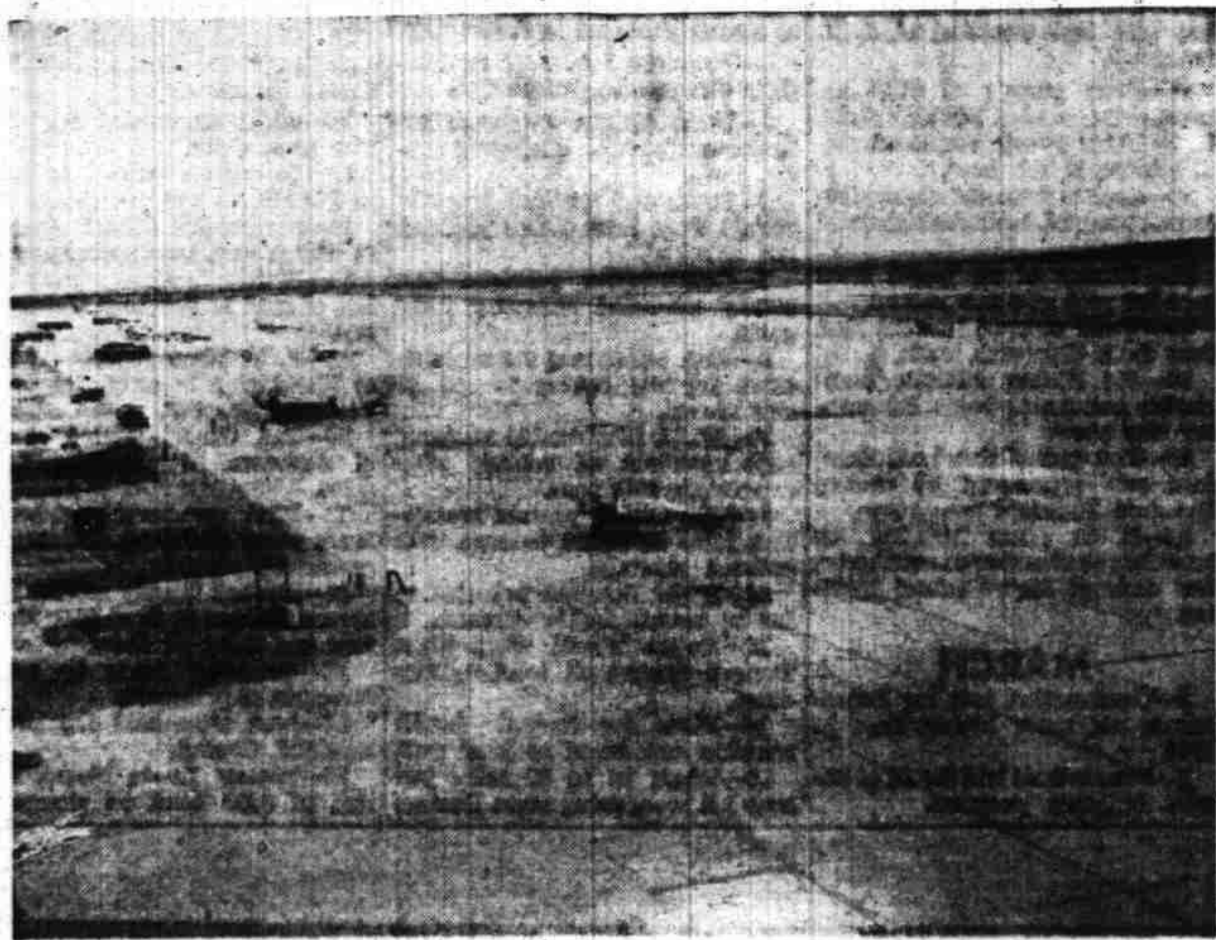
# Here's The Local Year In News As It Happened

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northern drops mercury to 29.  
 6—Avenger field plane crashes on Coshoma ranch.  
 7—Ira Thurman and R. L. Tollett re-named to school board.  
 8—Thousand pounds of clothing collected first week of drive.  
 9—R. L. Cook named mayor of city commission; Girl Scout advisers meet at Settles for organization.  
 10—One hundred thirty nine delegates register at PTA convention; District 6-North agriculture heads meet.  
 11—Blackie Bostick given 13 months in federal jail for OPA violations.  
 12—President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies suddenly; paralysis drive ends with \$2000 collection.  
 13—President's death honored by local organizations; residents recall Truman's visit here; Burt Chandler killed in Germany.  
 14—Passing of Roosevelt observed by minute of silence downtown and services at Big Spring Bombardier school; Vernon Hofcombe dies in Germany.  
 15—Community memorial services held in honor of Franklin Roosevelt.  
 16—D. Hodson Lewis, manager of southwestern district of US Chamber of Commerce, speaks to directors.  
 17—Rev. James E. Moore named moderator of El Paso Presbytery.  
 18—Pfc. Jose Guerrero reported dead in Germany; Steers start spring workouts.  
 19—PTA provide health checks for children.  
 20—First polio case reported; Lt. D. M. Johnson killed.  
 21—Teleforo Galan, Jr. faces murder trial.  
 22—Travis L. Smith dies of wounds in Germany; city commission plans second fire station; four killed in crash of plane from local post.  
 23—Dr. T. M. Collins observes 50th anniversary; Pfc. Claude Higginbotham Jr. killed in Germany.  
 24—Clean up drive off to slow start.  
 25—Pfc. Ben Schafers Jr. reported killed in Philippines; girls' field meet draws 300.  
 26—Seventh War Loan quota fixed at \$1,475,000; paper salvage drive over the top.  
 27—Fire destroys NCO club at post.

## MAY

1—United National Clothing Collection ends; funeral held for Richard LaFevre.  
 2—Clothing collection totals 19,800 pounds; many attend 4-H field day in Coshoma.  
 3—Boy Scout Round Up planned for three days; Orel Magoe, Vadmoor, wins 4-H judging contest.



**GOODBYE, MR. BOMBARDIER**—Rumors of two years standing finally came true late in 1945. With the collapse of Germany and then the sudden surrender of Japan, need for bombardiers ended. And so, in October, training concluded at the Big Spring Bombardier school, and by mid-November, with inactivation dates announced, the once busy apron looked like a deserted strip with an occasional trainer sprinkled around.

4—More than 700 boys register for Scout Round Up; rodent control program starts.  
 5—Prospects bright for deep oil test in Howard-Glasscock field; championship roping matches set; local troops win Round Up events.  
 6—Big Spring unexcited over unofficial V-E news; Toots Mansfield, Sonny Edwards' win roping.  
 7—V-E Day. Citizens attend prayer program; Big Spring citizens have mixed feelings on V-E outcome; chamber of commerce membership campaign opens.  
 8—Jimmy Greene observes eighth anniversary as chamber of commerce manager; Red Cross council adopts veteran policies.  
 9—Steve Nobles killed in Germany; band, choral club featured in annual concert; Lt. Hubert Yeaden reported alive.  
 10—Seventy-eight Big Spring teachers re-elected; College Heights P-TA sponsors recreation plan.  
 11—Mighty Seventh War Loan begins with \$98,000 back log; WPB approves construction of Cap Rock electric lines.  
 12—Chamber of commerce membership drive said successful; bond campaign continues successfully.  
 13—Lt. Robert E. Colquitt killed in action.  
 14—Swimming pool opens.

## JUNE

1—Cigaret and tobacco rationing for Bombardier school goes into effect; narcotic thieves steal 350 half grain tablets of morphine from Cunningham and Phillips.  
 2—Meat packers begin killing on June quota to relieve meat shortage; issuance of home canning sugar suspended; tennis courts at high school stadium improved; Roger Nation, movie and radio actor, visits here.  
 3—Herald route boys honored by community leaders for bond sales.  
 4—A-C Joseph J. DiMaggio dies at swimming pool.  
 5—Three hooked by police in drug theft.

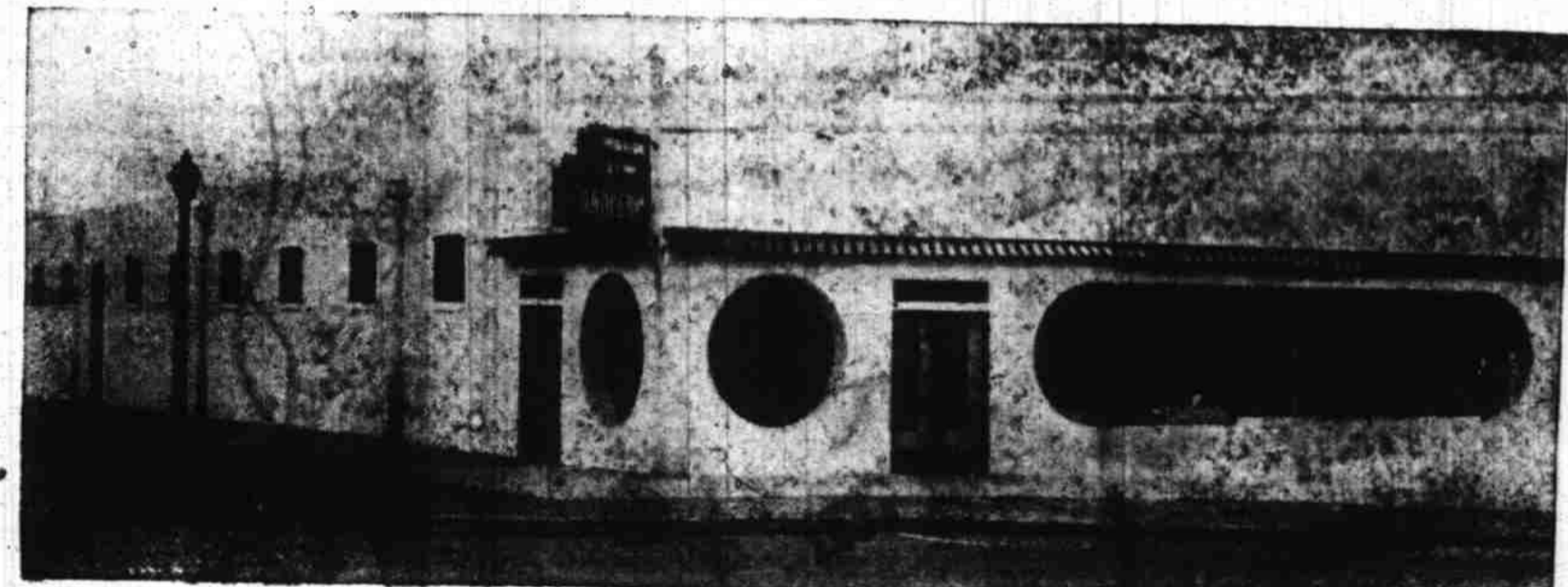
Pfc. Wayland Wright listed killed in action in Pacific area.  
 7—Tentative plans made to rebuild Moore school house; all day union district meetings held for Seventh-day Adventists church.  
 8—Teachers in Big Spring school system received an increase of \$150 per annum; Burl Haynie, highway patrolman, resigns post; Pfc. Gene W. Moore listed killed in action on Okinawa; large crowd see "Here's Your Infantry" show and pledge purchases amounting to \$350,868 in war bonds.  
 9—Jack Benny, Hollywood radio and screen star, stops in Big Spring several hours; city begins a series of well tests for water; farmers ready tractors for cotton planting after good rains in area.  
 10—Eighteen companies represented at a board of equalization meeting.  
 11—Sgt. Joe C. Dilts reported killed in action in China May 18 by bandits; TP gets permission to construct a short spur on NE 1st; West Texas C-C managers gather here for session.  
 12—Howard county fails to meet quota in mighty Seventh War Bond drive, time extended; W. G. Anderson dies suddenly of a heart attack; Clyde Angel goes to work in Hamlin bank.  
 13—J. G. Hammack, Jr., named adjutor for cotton insurance; Lt. Col. E. V. Spence, former city manager, visits here on terminal leave.  
 14—George Boswell resigns as Coshoma superintendent.  
 15—Big Spring Cotton Oil Company invests \$10,000 for building with 10 apartments to prevent costly labor turnover.  
 16—Powell Creek lake rises 10 feet as a result of showers around the edge of Howard County; Cadet Class 125 presents "Minstrel Dals" to 1,200 persons in city auditorium; 1st Lt. Richard E. Griffin dies of injuries received in war wreck.  
 17—City milk producers decrease two-thirds production compared to 1942; Walker Bailey elected president of American Business Club; Rexie Cauble elected president of Hereford Breeders; 123 Home Demonstration club women, 4-H club boys and girls and farm leaders attend encampment.  
 18—Robert Donald Dorwood dies following long illness.  
 19—George E. McNew dies from

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# Day By Day Chronicle Of Top Local News Events

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heart attack; 350 boys from 11 counties of district No. 8 attend annual Baptist Youth Encampment.

27—Window-peeper arrested by city police after several complaints; Ira Driver installed as president of Rotary Club; high state officials attend conference on traffic court procedure here; Cadet class 125 thirty-eighth class to graduate from local field.

28—Cpl. William B. Cook reported killed in France June 16; 109 degree heat hits city for new record.

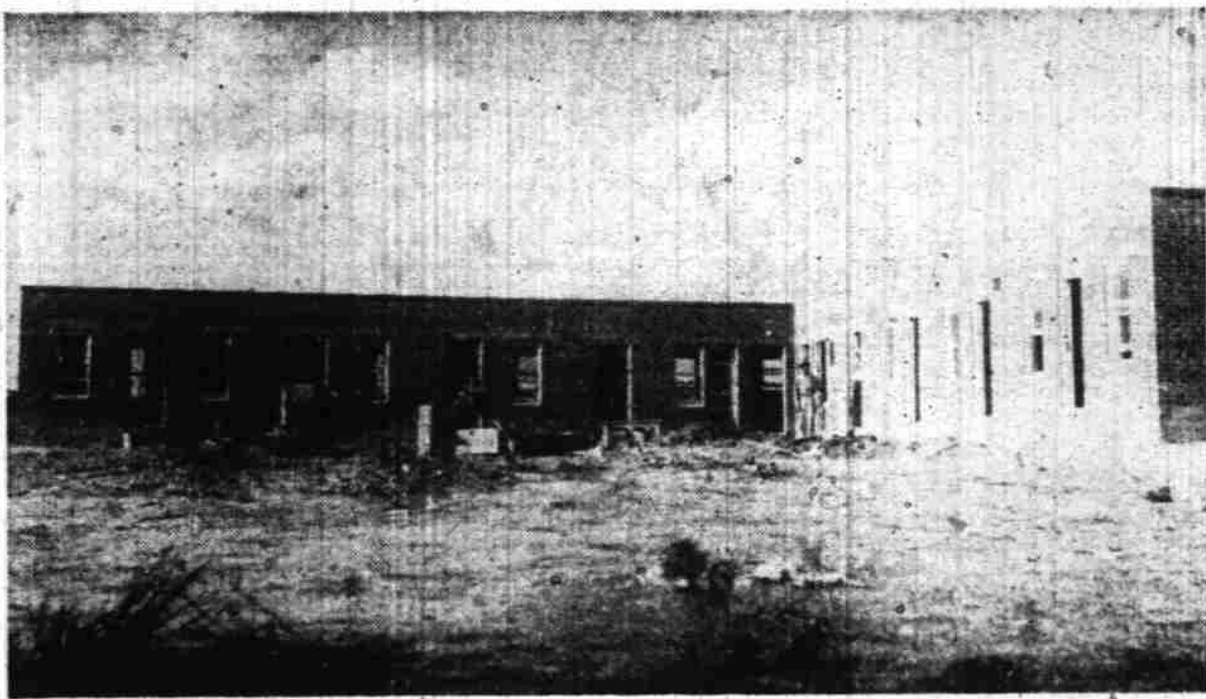
## JULY

1—Last day's rush for car use stamps brings total to 3,400; heat wave breaks; new type of insect, cereal grain moth, makes appearance here.

2—Louis Thompson enters U.S. Military Academy at West Point; Woodrow Campbell appointed as new manager of American Airlines operations; good showers fall in area; D. M. McKinney injured in fall from 50 foot pole; Lane Hudson's Palomino wins yearling class in show at Mineral Wells.

4—Lomax community receives biggest downpour in history; Jack Y. Smith installed as Lien president.

4—Pfc. R. E. Jackson killed in action June 17 on Mindanao; independent and common school districts in Howard county will receive approximately \$28,000 more in scholastic apportionment.



**A HOME FOR FARM LABORERS**—After temporarizing for many seasons, Howard County and the City of Big Spring got together on a building program for a migratory farm labor camp. Above, the first unit of the permanent structure is shown. Officials pointed out that should the demand increase this might be but a beginning.

5—Local banks reach new high in deposits with gains of over three and a half billion dollars over last year; Bern McNallen wins first place in flag tournament at the Country Club; Mrs. D. W. Christian, Jr. dies from injuries received in a traffic mishap.

8—Plane from Alexandria, La. crashes near Sterling City, kills pilot; heaviest rains since 1902 flood section; farm lands take

worst washings in the agricultural history of this section; city commissioners make plans for additional city paving; B. F. Robbins retires as head of Howard county rationing boards.

9—Big Spring picked as site for area's new veterans hospital to cost two million dollars; Pfc. M. L. Maddox in custody after hit and run traffic accident.

15—Junior college petitions to be circulated through county; second heavy thunderstorm flooded Howard county early Saturday; damage estimated up to \$500,000; county ranks 17th in buying E-bonds during Seventh War Loan.

16—Barkley Thomas Wood, Jr. enters United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; Col. John K. Nissley assigned as commander of local field.

17—R. L. Tollett re-elected as president of Cosden for sixth year and board members returned; officials of Texas Electric tour here.

19—J. H. Greene appointed rodeo association chairman; OPA reports of inspecting food lockers slows meat slaughtering; Herald route boys sell \$40,191 bonds; construction begins on new bus terminal.

20—Dr. C. A. Shaw resigns state hospital superintendency.

21—Two pilots, 2nd Lt. Robert F. Wentworth and F-0 John L. Scharpf, killed in crash here.

25—Cadet class 215 graduates.

26—Dan Conley resigns high school band director and director of public school music.

27—J. D. Harvey, Church of Christ minister, dies of heart attack at Hobbs, N. M. revival.

29—M. R. Turner of Kingsbury appointed as superintendent at Coahoma; Rhea Merle Boyles, resigns as county home demonstration agent after two and a half years service.

30—Herman Mitchell, negro, charged in connection with fatal shooting of Melvin Owens.

31—Open house held at local field in celebration of 88th Air Force anniversary; actual bombings seen from top of Scenic Drive; Wiley Curry takes over management of Eberley-Curry Funeral Home; Lubbock OPA district office closes.

## AUGUST

1—Cowboys in town for rodeo; thirteen cases of typhus reported.

2—Work begins on Fisherman building; rodeo parade, first performance; sewer damaged by July flood announced repaired; wildcat oil test starts near Coahoma; O. E. Hannor killed in auto wreck near Bombardier school; Gabriel Alvin Peugh of Stanton killed by falling

Newman called to pulpit at Church of Christ; outpost completed, in southeastern county; month's bond quota set at \$97,000; heat wave said to have benefited cotton.

5—Last rodeo performance in the afternoon; Louis Brooks takes top money.

6—News of atomic bomb; John Silverine Benson dies.

7—Fort Worth man announces plans to construct grain elevator; Herald carrier boys set Texas bond buying pace.

8—Terrific rains batter section north of town; Ray G. McDaniel, Robert Earl, Corcoran reported wounded in action.

9—Invitations sent for high school athletic camp; rat extermination campaign begun.

10—Community plans V-J celebration; drinking water palatable again; Knott county line school bonds said sold.

11—Lt. Col. Spence checks with water supply; athletic association seeks members.

12—"GI Mikado" cadet show, opens at post; P-TA units to handle distribution of poison grains.

13—Commissioners adopt budget; scouts leave for Concho camp.

14—Big Spring celebrates news of Jap surrender; chamber of commerce barbecue draws huge crowd despite surrender news.

15—Big Spring takes a victory holiday.

16—Motorists buying lots of gas-

oline with rationing lifted; housewives calmer about lifting of rationing on canned goods; six year search for Bill Berryhill, wanted for theft, ends with capture; Squadron F declared Post softball champions.

17—Red Cross says it can now accept letters for POW's; time for Victory program changed.

18—Temperature reaches 102 degrees; farmers open fire on cotton pests.

19—Typhus cases still coming in; congregation attends union victory meeting in city auditorium; CAP cadets begin two weeks encampment at Post.

21—Episcopalians start new church additions.

22—Peppy Bjount speaks to graduation of Class 315 at Post.

23—Six polio cases reported in the county.

24—Polio drive opens; Robert Mize dies of polio; Big Spring post combat officers receive news of impending discharge.

25—Big Spring, Howard county go life state in approving three of four amendments; Mrs. Doris Rockie dies of polio.

28—Knott boy, Kenneth Charles Brown, dies of polio; dates for school to begin announced; commissioners approve Tracy Smith as new city attorney.

29—High school Bible fund reaches \$800; local golfers qualifying for Labor Day tourney; OPA

trine station here eliminated; school trustees approve budget; Patsy Mims dies of meningitis.

30—Additional polio case reported; Big Spring highway to Snyder rerouted; showers up to 2½ inches fall over county; athletes return,

rained out of camp. 31—Two more polio cases reported; Kathryn Fuller dies, following operation; Frank Wentz named band director.

## SEPTEMBER

1—No letup in polio cases reported; farmers sign cotton picking agreement; farmers polled on labor needs; Sleurs report for football practice; legal fees of 80 up; negress found stabbed.

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# Calendar Recalls Leading News Events Here In 1945

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- 2—Big Spring celebrates quiet official V-J day.
- 3—City takes Labor Day holiday; Doug Jones wins country club golf tourney; Rev. W. L. Porterfield heads ministerial association.
- 4—Ygnacio Garza shot in attempted arrest; city clean-up begins; Mrs. Ella Conrad dies on ranch.
- 5—Grand jury indicts 13; Dr. Glenn Weaver, superintendent of hospital, dies.
- 6—KBST notified of FCC power increase; forty dismissals in district court; season football tickets arrive.
- 8—Parents learn Joe Lusk died in prison camp; temporary lab established by health agents; jury-men called for Monday; crops showing gain.
- 10—Clean-up week begins; Telador Galan stands trial for murder.
- 11—Galan given 20 years; gas wells completed in Andrews county for Big Spring use; three prisoners escape from county jail; school opens, over 2,000 enrolled.
- 12—Frank Owens decorated at retreat at post; unidentified man injured in wreck; Jesse Coy Kimbrough, one of the escapees, heard of in Eastland.
- 13—First norther blows in; search continues for jail breakers; over 500 at post receive discharge orders; Steers work out under lights.
- 14—Local army post may have status change, rumors claim, with cadets shipping to Midland; trio of local men—Frank Gensburg, Earl Baldock, and Floyd Dixon—reported liberated from Jap prison camp.
- 15—Steers beat Tahoka 37-0; "Girl Crazy" troupe at post; worm damage estimated as severe in the county; marijuana ring broken up by officers; William J. Alexander dies; Harry Ford Toney reported liberated from Jap prison.
- 16—Futile search made for plane reported in forced landing near here.
- 17—Johnny Nall declared dead in review of missing status.
- 18—New typhus cases result in crackdown on stray pets.
- 19—Class 415 graduates at post.
- 21—Oldtimers hold annual reunion in park; Galan asks for new trial; Steers lose to Cisco 12-0.
- 22—Shakeup in separation order received at post.
- 25—Dr. James I. Peters, Dr. W. C. Curtis added to state hospital staff; committee maps plans to raise victory chest quota.
- 26—Cadet training class of Chinese cadets graduates.
- 27—Kenneth W. Luton said liberated; airliner forced to land in field by airport; Bishop Guerra of Mexico speaks at First Methodist church; tax collectors announce rolls complete.
- 28—Mercury tumbles in first bitter norther after record hot spell; jury decides in Collin-Lester damage suit; J. L. Merrick killed in wreck near post; Killingsworth to be new city engineer; 1,800 bombardiers and navigators in area to receive discharges.
- 29—Citrus comes to town; Steers beaten by Lubbock 27-0; girls asphyxiated, but suffer no after effects, in bus to game; George Vinson cited for heroism on Iwo Jima; William Elliott selected evangelist for the coming united revival.
- 30—Cold wet weather continues.



**THEN THE RAINS CAME**—Big Spring and Howard county withered for six months in the face of abnormally dry and hot weather. Then in July rains came, turning streets into rivers, filling lakes, washing out fields, roads and bridges, stalling traffic—but putting enough moisture in the ground to make a crop.

- 28—Major and Mrs. L. W. Canning, local Salvation Army workers, retire from service.
  - 30—Stage show, "Cover Girl," appears at city auditorium.
- NOVEMBER**
- 1—Coahoma entries capture the lion's share of awards in Howard county Pig, Poultry, Food and Field Crop show, as fair underway.
  - Robert Strippling elected head of Kiwanis; Rufus Davidson, who had lived in this section 45 years, is death victim.
  - 3—G. H. Hayward named president of Big Spring Real Estate Board; Dr. E. R. McIntire becomes member of Big Spring medical family; Harold Steed receives Howard county's first 1946 automobile; migratory Farm Labor camp dedicated.
  - 4—City affected by Greyhound bus strike as traffic comes to standstill.
  - 5—George Wilke, jeweler here since 1922, death victim.
  - 6—Big Spring Bombardier school discharges last 100 negro troops to Brooks field.
  - 7—Toots Mansfield, world champion calf roping, visits here after a successful season at Madison Square Garden in New York City; seven persons hurt in a car-taxi crash at Owens and 11th Place; John Malaise, NITSC graduate, named basketball and tennis coach at local high school.
  - 8—Central Ward wins city ward school football championship by beating West Ward, 35-0.
  - 10—Lloyd Robinson, Knott 4-11 club boy, wins second place in junior steer show at Pan-American Hereford show in Dallas; Don Newton makes talk before local civic leaders for YMCA organization.
  - 11—Revs. H. C. Smith and W. L. Porterfield, pastors of First Methodist and Wesley Memorial churches, respectively, returned as pastors at district convention in Abilene; three automobile accidents send four local citizens to hospital.
  - 12—Losses exceeding \$100,000 reported in fire at Big Spring Cotton Oil company; H. L. Holcombe, Lubbock, killed and two others injured in wreck north of town.
  - 13—W. E. Harper, resident of Big Spring for 40 years, death victim.
  - 15—D. S. Riley, Big Spring, named to board of directors of North Texas Hospital association, completing two-day session here; deer season opens.
  - 17—Big Spring Junior college voted into existence by local ballot, \$14-90.
  - 18—Mrs. Emma Ann Merrick, resident of Howard county for 39 years, succumbs.
  - 20—Feeding experiments begin at US Experiment station.
  - 22—R. L. Nowell dies as result of automobile wreck.
  - 24—Meats go off the rationing list here; Hondo AAF trims Southwestern 19-7, in an ABClub-sponsored football game; 30 landowners vote in favor of farm wage stabilization.
  - 25—Alice Phillips, Big Spring's best-known woman golfer, dies as result of extended illness.
  - 26—County agents and home demonstration agents of half a dozen West Texas counties meet in session at Settles hotel; Bob Piner selected chairman of Big Spring Junior college board of trustees; L. H. Thomas named vice-chairman.
  - 30—Big Spring Army Air Field closes after more than three years' operation.
- DECEMBER**
- 3—Man held for hit and run case; Alvin Thigpen named to head American Legion; NAA chapter organized.
  - 4—Library campaigning for funds officially opens; YMCA finance committee goes into action.
  - 5—Cable linebred Herefords bring \$33,980 in sale; Roy Smith, George Pitman injured in yard wreck in Toyah.
  - 6—Christmas season officially opened with treasure hunt; Santa Claus comes to town; Legationaires plan district meet; district grand jurors return 13 indictments.
  - 7—Tag day gifts increase library fund over \$78.
  - 8—Weekend bond sales put county over top by \$55,000; Stanton plans co-operative hospital.
  - 9—YMCA campaign for operational funds underway with \$1,800 collected.

## OCTOBER

- 1—Livestock Auction company in process of being organized.
- 2—Wanderer's Inn partly destroyed by fire; L. H. Thomas re-elected district supervisor Soil Conservation zone 2.
- 3—Gregoria Narbari charged with murder after allegedly shooting Carlos Ramirez, 13, north of town; local employees of Bell Telephone discuss possibility of strike.
- 5—West Texas Chamber of Commerce representative of District 6 in session here.
- 7—Plans for new fire sub-station announced; Howard county observing National Employ the Physically Handicapped and Fire Prevention weeks.
- 8—City employees go on 8:30 a. m.-5:30 p. m. "peace-time" day; crops retarded by brisk norther.
- 9—Victory chest drive underway; new rains soak the county, bringing total to 3.77 for the month.
- 10—Most of cadets in training at Bombardier school transferred to Midland AAF; Victory Chest drive launched; permanent typhus control program instituted under sponsorship of city.
- 11—Louie Hutto, veteran rancher, dies from injuries resulting when hit by auto in Coahoma.
- 15—Local chapter institutes PTA membership drive; Continental Airlines seeks to make Hobbs-San Antonio route permanent; paving underway on Main street; Quarterback club organized.
- 17—BSAAF ordered to start discharging some of own personnel; petition circulated for names of trustees for proposed junior college; Chamber of Commerce approves most of proposed planks in referendum ballot.
- 18—B. Reagan honored for his 34 years scouting in dinner at Settles hotel; School Bible Fund campaign "over the top" with more than \$2000 raised.
- 21—Community revival services underway at First Methodist church with Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., Dallas, serving as main evangelist; Big Spring Laundry Company building burns at estimated loss of \$13,000.
- 22—Howard county Sears Pig show underway at County Warehouse barn.
- 23—W. G. Vollmer, president of T&P Railway, honor guest in dinner at Settles hotel; Wayne White, Coahoma, has winning entry in Sears Pig show; 4-H Club boys honored with luncheon at Settles; local ABClub members go to Lamesa to help form similar unit there.
- 25—Howard County Fair association sets \$30,000 capital stock as its goal in re-organization move.
- 26—First new 1946 automobiles arrive in Big Spring.
- 27—Contract for \$70,000 hotel let.

We cannot repeat too often our wish that your Christmas be a MERRY one.

**Hester's**  
OFFICE SUPPLY CO.

For an old fashioned  
**AMERICAN CHRISTMAS**

We know no better wish than  
*this. May you enjoy Christmas to its fullest.*

**TWINS CAFE**

206 West 3rd  
LEONARD COKER — LONNIE COKER

**Merry Christmas**

On this joyous occasion we want to wish one and all the very merriest of holidays and extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our kind friends who have been so patient during the difficult period of the past with the promise of better things to come in the near future.

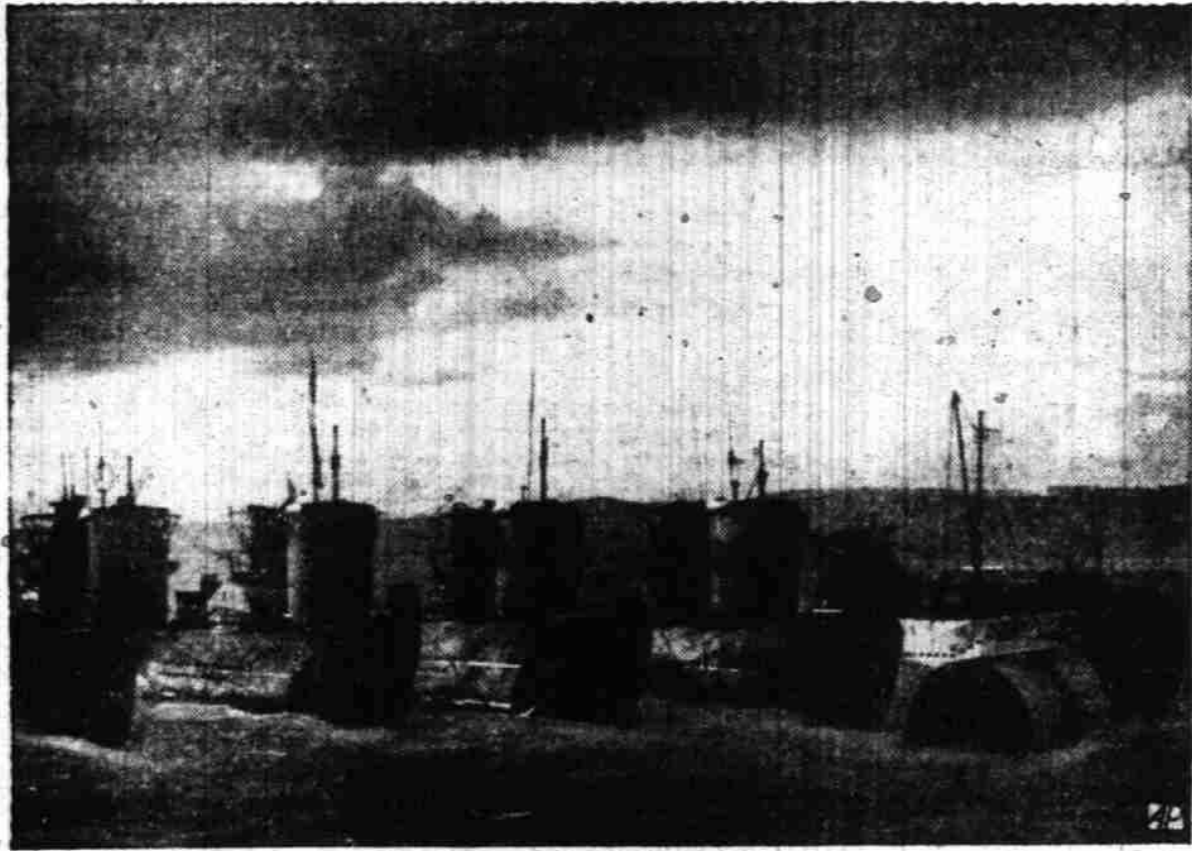
**PENNEY'S**  
1212 PENNEY, CO., LTD.

**MERRY Christmas**

It's an old-fashioned Christmas we're celebrating again this year. And what a warm, happy glow it puts into our hearts to know the war is over, and that many of the boys who spent last Christmas in fox holes will be home.

It is with much gladness that we wish you the joys of the holiday season.

**Jones Motor COMPANY**  
Dodge - Plymouth



**NAZI SUBS TO BE SUNK**—German submarines are tied up in the U-boat "float" at Loch Ryan, Scotland, waiting to be towed to a "graveyard" off Bloody Foreland, Northwest Ireland, where they will be sunk by destroyer gunfire. Hitler's U-boat packs are being towed six to eight at a time from Loch Ryan and are being sunk in what the Royal Navy terms "operation daylight."

### Grafa And White Plan To Retire From Hog Field

Two Big Spring men are in the process of retiring from the hog business after marketing little short of 500 tons of animals for the pork market.

During the time from the activation of the Big Spring Bombarrier School here late in 1942 until its inactivation, Otis Grafa and George White have carried on a steady and extensive hog feeding campaign. They held the contract on disposal of swill from the camp, utilizing it through the pigs.

In the three-year period, they finished approximately 3,500 pigs for the market, most of them going in at around 275 to hit the top.

Both White and Grafa learned some things about pig raising in that period of time. At the outset they kept new animals in feed for a few weeks before administering cholera shots. They found there was inevitably a certain percentage of loss, so they found the wise policy was to take the loss at the very outset.

Although all was not smooth sailing, for pneumonia occasionally made inroads on the herd, losses were held to moderate figures so that the experience represented a profitable investment. Anyhow it meant the two men made available for food over half a million pounds of pork at a time it was sorely needed on the tables of American families and for fighting men.

The only thing which is retarding the complete retirement from the field is the fact that brood sows have not all farrowed or have comparatively recently. When these reach saleable age, White and Grafa are due to class themselves as former big feeders.

### Nearly Half Century On Street-Car Tracks

NEW ORLEANS, (UP)—It was a cold December day in 1896 when Maurice Verges took his first job with the New Orleans public transportation system and fed, watered and brushed-up 20 mules for the day's run.

After 49 years in the business, the 71-year-old conductor recently took his last fare on one of the city's electric streetcars, and retired to do some of the fishing and hunting he's been missing.

### Cab Ride Beats Crush

INDIANAPOLIS, (UP)—It takes a little pull to get space on a train, President Herman B. Wells of Indiana University discovered recently. A friend, a general division superintendent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, arranged for Wells to ride the cab of a fast diesel locomotive from Mitchell, Ind., to Cincinnati when Wells found the train too crowded.

Winter cover crops blanket the soil protecting it from erosion.



**SANTA'S TROUBLES**—A little girl (right) tells Santa Claus she wants a doll as "big as that." Tot at left is more intent on playing with whisks than talking about toys.



### Gold Star Mothers Give To Navy Men

FORT WORTH, (UP)—A group of mothers whose sons won't come home this Christmas — or any other Christmas — have organized to plan a cheerful Yuletide for other mothers' sons who have returned.

A little housewife group of women wearing tiny gold stars in memory of boys lost in this war, they met in a Fort Worth hotel room to form the Tarrant County Gold Star Mothers of World War II.

The 23 mothers present didn't know much of parliamentary procedure, but they managed to put together a constitution and by-laws.

What they were sure of, though, was the first objective of their organization — preparation for this Christmas.

Memory was still sharp in their minds of how boys love to eat, so they voted to present Navy patients in the US Public Health Service hospital gifts of food delicacies.

Soil is our greatest natural resource—save it.

### Navy Storing Surplus Ships Set For Action

By ED BARLOW  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
SAN DIEGO, (UP) — They're packing America's warships away in mothballs at the Naval Repair Base here today.

"We're not going to have any Red Lead Rows here like those after the first world war," Navy authorities say.

"America cannot afford to have hundreds of ships rotting away to worthless, rusted junk again. These ships must be ready to be put in action quickly in case of national emergency."

Which makes the job a little harder than putting Mrs. Jones' fur coat away for the summer.

When completely "dehumidified" by new processes, these ships can be put back into action by "stepping aboard, firing the boilers, tooting the whistle and shoving off," the Navy says.

### Keeps Inside Dry

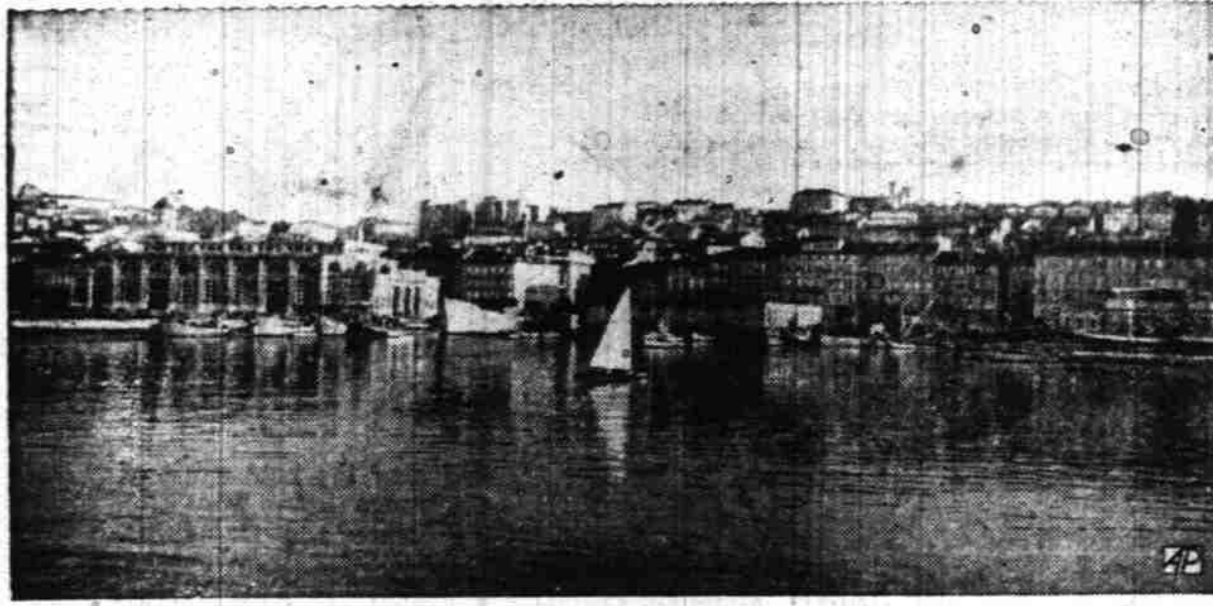
Tied up in four- and five-ship divisions, destroyers are the first craft to be subjected to the new method. All but one destroyer in each division are fully dehumidified and the remaining one left partly open for maintenance crews.

Every hatch must be sealed vents covered with metal sheets tack-welded and caulked for easy removal, smokestacks closed up and a dehumidifying machine installed in each ship.

Cmdr. Clyde Lovelace, head of the Readiness and Preservation Department of the industrial command at the repair base, is enthusiastic over these new machines.

"They can be operated for only a few cents a day, keeping all air

inside the ships dry — which certainly is cheaper than allowing the vessels to rust away and having to replace them," Lovelace says.



**DISPUTED CITY**—This is a recent view of Trieste, main coastal city of the Allied occupation zone of northeastern Italy, to which both Yugoslavia and Italy have laid claim.

### Sailor Finds Brother In Search On Okinawa

CIRCLEVILLE, O. (UP) — Due to Dale Ankrum's efforts, an almost impossible feat was accomplished.

Chances of finding a lone ship in the Pacific are very remote. And a lone man, especially a brother, would be even harder to locate. That didn't stop Dale.

Dale, carpenter's mate 2-c, and a member of an LST 73 crew, heard that his brother's ship was in his vicinity. He decided to see him. He went to the Post Office on his side of Okinawa Island, learned the location of his brother's ship, hitch-hiked across the island on jeeps and trucks, and walked many a mile.

Ralph, 20, coxswain, was sitting in his compartment on the LST 293 writing a letter to his mother when Dale walked in. The two brothers finished writing it together.



Season's Greetings

WE ARE GRATEFUL AT CHRISTMASTIME

As we wish each other Merry Christmas this year, we are thinking of our neighbors and friends, hoping the holiday season brings them new faith and greater promise of bright days to come.

**CO-OPERATIVE GIN & SUPPLY CO.**

511 E. N. Second

Phone 286



**LEADER**—Robert R. Wason of New York is the newly-elected president of the National Ass'n of Manufacturers.



HOLIDAY Greetings

It is our wish that you, our friends, may be happy in every way on this occasion of Christmas. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the New Year.

**BIG SPRING TRACTOR CO.**

C. C. Worrell, Owner  
Lamesa Highway

Phone 938



Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas

**D. & H. ELECTRIC CO.**

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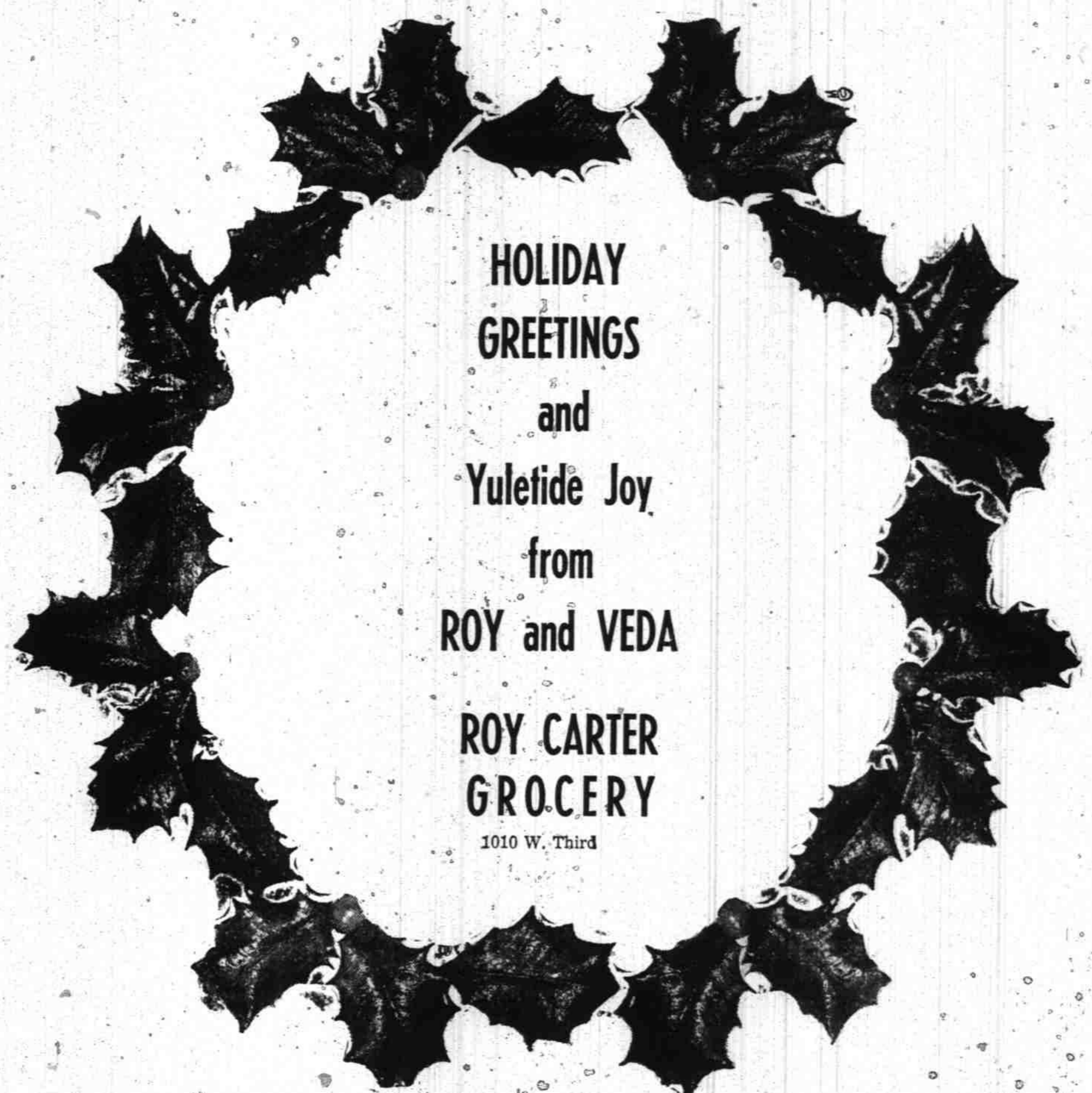


Christmas Be Cheer

Our deep appreciation for your patronage and patience... our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever.

**Settles Beauty Shop**

Ina McGowan, Owner  
Settles Hotel Bldg. Phone 44



HOLIDAY GREETINGS and Yuletide Joy from ROY and VEDA ROY CARTER GROCERY

1010 W. Third

Flavors For Christmas—

# It's An Old Latin Custom

By GERARD TETLEY  
AP Newsfeatures

To those who have sometimes asked why fireworks should be associated with the birth of Christ, the answer is that this was an imported custom which settlers brought from France to New Orleans.

Before it was introduced in this country, the Italians were using colored fire on December 25 and there is abundant evidence that the Spaniards also indulged in early pyrotechnics.

In the southern states, fireworks remain a Christmas "must" notwithstanding the fact that

many cities and towns have enacted prohibitive ordinances because in so many instances Christmas joy was turned to Christmas grief in killings and maimings.

The paganistic motif bobs up again in the burning of the Yule Log which is certainly tied in intricately with Christmas but which can be traced back to the word "Jul" and the Goths' festival commemorating the winter solstice.

Mistletoe is another Christmas custom which goes back to the white robed Druids who revered it. They always cut it with a golden blade because they considered

it a symbol of peace. In the early ages if two foemen met underneath mistletoe, they dropped their arms and embraced—hence the modern practice of kissing under the mistletoe.

The Christmas tree is entirely Germanic in origin and first made its appearance at Strasburg in 1605. It was not until 1840 that the Princess of Mecklenberg introduced it in England to become immediately a Christmas fixture.

But one little known fact is that the Christmas tree was a current Christmas fixture in America before it was in England because immigrants to this country from the Black Forest brought the idea with them. Immigrants also introduced the story of Kris Kringle—a vulgarization of the German words Christ Kindlein (the little Christ child).

Where, did Christmas presents originate? The Germans are totally responsible for the origination of Santa Claus though some profess to see again some analogy between gift-giving and the rich bestowal of gifts peculiar to the Roman Saturnalia.

### Air Line To Sweden

STOCKHOLM—American Overseas Airlines recently placed six additional Skymasters on the run between New York and Stockholm and added impetus to the increasing air traffic between the United States and Sweden. Evidence of the growing importance of air traffic between the two countries was seen in the recent visit of American Overseas President Sumner Sewall to Stockholm for discussions with Swedish airlines chiefs and Swedish authorities.

### Song Of Warsaw

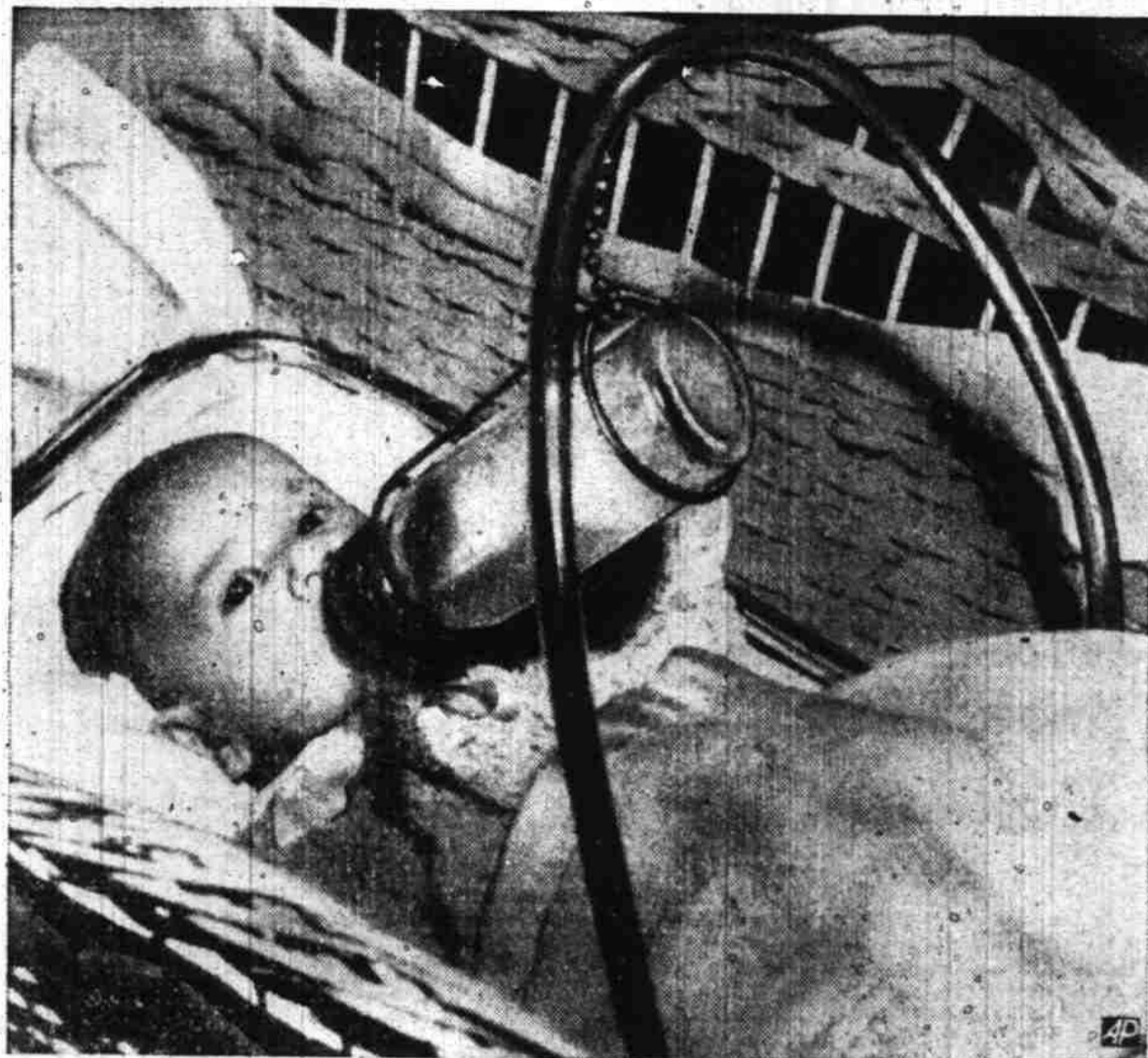
WARSAW, (AP)—Vladimir Ivan-nikov, widely known Russian composer, has been invited by the Polish ministry of culture and art to come to Warsaw and write an "Oratorium about Warsaw."

### Gold Star Mother

QUINCY, Mass.—Mrs. Victoria Morrissette of Quincy who recently celebrated her 95th birthday is believed to be the oldest Gold Star Mother in the United States. Mrs. Morrissette's son was one of the first six American soldiers killed in France during World War I.

If you know the fertility of the soil of a given community, then you know the kind of people to be found in that community.

The terrace is an age old device to combat soil erosion.



**BABY FEEDER**—Six-week-old Nancy Lee Bloom takes nourishment from a baby feeder invented by her father, Alan D. Bloom, a former Marine, at Los Angeles. He calls it a feederette.

## Try and Stop Me

DAILY STORY FROM THE BEST-SELLING BOOK

By BENNETT CERF

HERE are a few stories about Texas from Boyce House's hilarious book, *I Give You Texas*.

There's no need to ask a man what state he's from. If he's

from Texas, he'll tell you himself; if he's not, why embarrass him?

The state is so big that El Paso natives refer to citizens of

Texarkana as "effete Easterners" and Brownsville folk regard

Dallasites as "Northern white trash."

Even Texas sandstorms, continues Boyce, are something special.

A farmer went to town to borrow money on his farm. The banker said, "I'll have to ride out and look over your place."

"That won't be necessary," said the farmer. "Here comes the place now." On his way out, the farmer's hat blew off. He just

reached up into the air and pulled down another one.

A Texas rancher shot a man dead and telegraphed a slick lawyer in Fort Worth, three hundred miles away, offering a \$5,000 fee. The attorney wired back, "Leaving for your town on next train, bringing three eye-witnesses."



### Miss Soldier Trade

## MORE PURCHASERS THIS YEAR, BUT MUCH LESS MONEY SPENT

Christmas spending for 1945 has been given varying estimates by Big Spring merchants, according to the nature of trade, and not one failed to mention how much they missed the soldier trade of the last few years.

Dealers in heavier goods have injected a note of disappointment in what a majority of light goods sellers have considered a banner season.

Buying has been largely devoted to less costly items, giving rise to the opinion held by many merchants that more purchasers are in the market but less money is being spent. The reason for the decrease in buying is due largely to the lack of post-war merchandist.

On the other hand, clothiers have had a tremendous run on stocks. Men departing the service have converged on the haberdash-

ers, taking any of the commodities available and several of the merchants have virtually been "cleaned out."

Ceiling prices on such items have been relaxed in recent months but that has seemed to make little difference to the soldiers returning to civilian life, who wanted to "clean the muffs" at all costs.

Several merchants received orders for several items they could not deliver before sometime in 1945. New automobiles had not yet appeared in quantity but not a few persons received "promissory notes" for vehicles.

Prices for most gifts are running on the same level of Christmas, 1944. Merchants have not received an abundance of gift items that have been absent from the shelves for the past three years.



## Christmas

# 1945

### Peace On Earth

### Good Will Toward Men

Peace on earth—perhaps no other Christmas in our lifetimes will mean so much to so many people as this Christmas of 1945. For this Christmas the war is over!

Let all of us, then, rejoice that with this Christmas comes the hope that Good Will Toward Men may become our watchword and our guiding rule.

And in the spirit of Christ's Day, we wish our fellow-man a Merry Christmas!

## Ben McCullough

Lamesa Hwy.

Phone 306



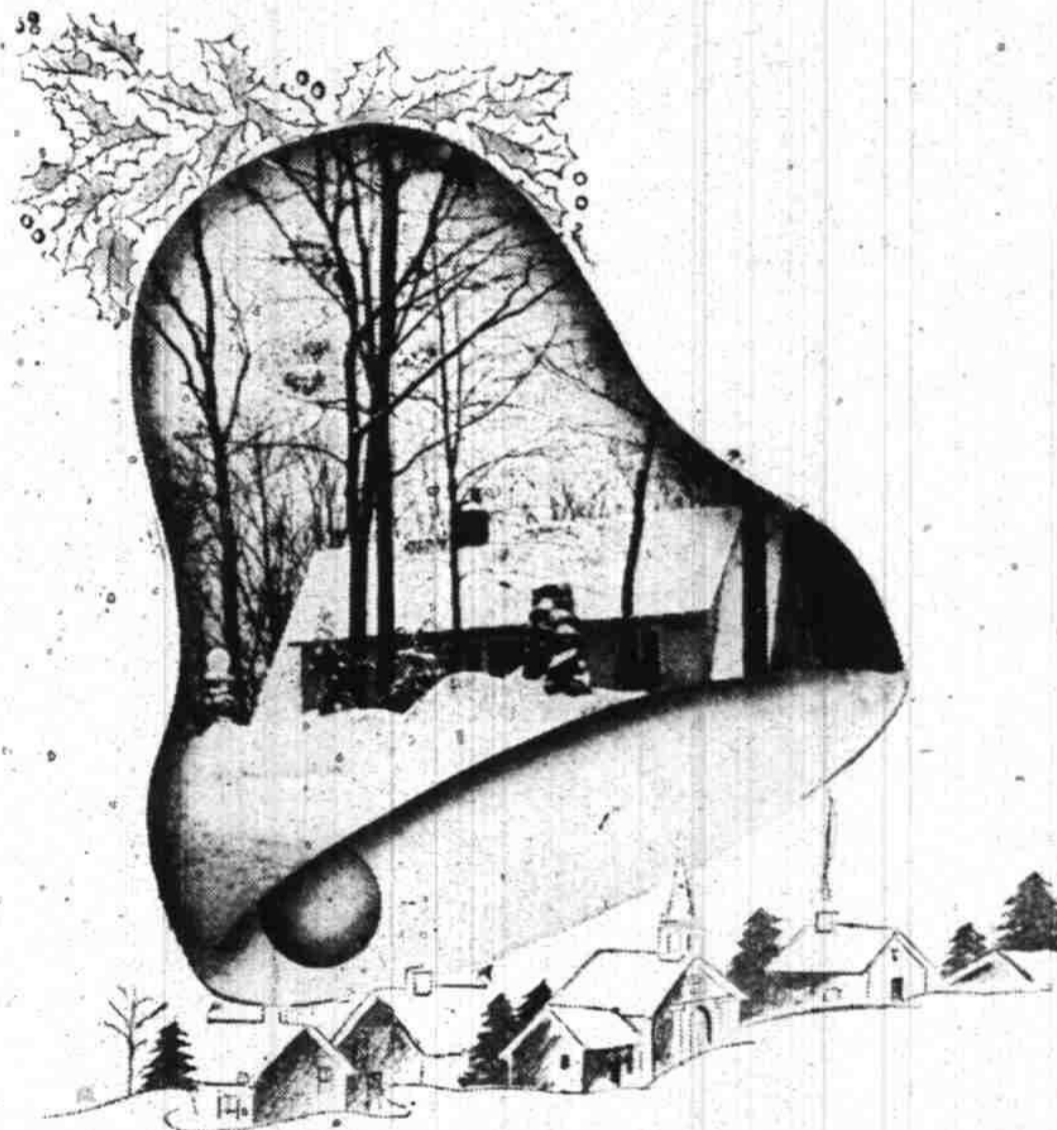
**PIN-UP POSE**—Photos of Patricia Vaniver, New York model, have been sent to thousands of servicemen throughout the world for inclusion in their pin-up collection.

# Merry Christmas!

The fragrance of the evergreen; the holly wreaths bidding welcome in the windows; the mirth and gladness in our hearts; the gay laughter and happy words that fill the air. . . . these are the ingredients of a merry American Christmas. And this is the kind of a Christmas that we want everyone to enjoy. A very merry Christmas to one and all.

# West Texas Compress & Warehouse Company

E. H. Henry, Superintendent



## A Joyous CHRISTMAS

Hear the bells peal out their ringing greetings to town and country! The Christmas season is with us; a time to bring joys and receive them. To all our friends we extend the sincerest of good wishes.

**MARGO'S**  
beautiful shoes

204 Main

Phone 458

# Electric Service Will Be Extended During Next Year

Electric service will be extended to many additional farms in Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock and Dawson counties during the next three years. O. B. Bryan, manager of the Cap Rock Electric Co-Operative, Inc., announced as the cooperative this month entered its sixth year of operations. These families getting service for the first time, as well as many now served, he added, will be in the market for all kinds of electrical household appliances and farm equipment.

Relaxation of wartime regulations since the end of the war in Europe has made it possible for the cooperative to proceed with its delayed construction projects, according to Manager Bryan. About 100 consumers have received service on lines completed since V-E day, he said, and approved projects for which REA loan funds have already been allotted will be rushed to completion as rapidly as materials and labor can be obtained.

"In addition to construction now under way or approved," Bryan continued, "we are making surveys for projects which, upon completion, would put almost every rural family in our area within easy reach of our lines. We expect, within the next three years, to extend service to approximately 1,500 consumers who are not now served, if the required funds can be obtained."

The cooperative put its first 172 miles of power lines into operation in Martin, Howard and Midland counties on Dec. 11, 1940. The first lines served only 326 consumers. In five years, the power system has grown to 475 miles of distribution lines serving 1,100 consumers.

"Since our first lines were energized, vast strides have been made in the application of electric power to farming operations," Bryan said.

"During the war years, farmers along our lines have put electricity

to work at a great variety of farm tasks, reducing labor requirements and adding to farm profits. Electric water pumps to provide water for livestock and poultry as well as for household use, milking machines, chick brooders and feed grinders have definitely proved their worth on many of the farms our co-op serves. This has been especially true on the great majority of the 500 farms connected to our lines between 1942 and V-E day, under special War Production Board regulations allowing us to extend service to farmers able to use electrical equipment to save labor or increase production.

"It will probably be some time before manufacturers can turn out enough electrical equipment to meet the pent-up demand on electrified farms throughout the country," Bryan continued. "However, the Cap Rock Electric Co-Operative, Inc., will do everything possible to help its members get the equipment they need, through established dealers in this territory."

as fast as it appears on the market." Bryan anticipates a great demand for water pumps, bathroom installations, new refrigerators, or quick-freeze units, milk coolers, milking machines and feed grinders, as well as for radios, washers, vacuum cleaners and toasters, fans, irons and other small appliances.

The Cap Rock Electric Co-Operative, Inc., has been allotted loans of \$515,000 by the Rural Electrification Administration to finance its lines and other facilities. It has drawn advances of \$484,782.42, leaving a balance of \$30,217.58 of allotted loan funds to finance construction now under way. It has met all its obligations in making contracted interest and principal payments on its REA loans, according to Bryan, and in addition has paid \$5,000 on principal in advance of due dates, as a cushion of credit in preparation for larger loan amortization and maintenance requirements in the future.

# Lumber, Building Materials More Scarce Now Even Than During War

The Yuletide season found dealers in many commodities receiving a few items which were scarce during the war, and a prospect that the days of shortages might pass in the near future, but it was a different story in the lumber and building material business.

Dealers in these "precious" products were just as far from normal operation as ever—maybe even further. Some local firms declared that the present situation is worse than during the war.

All types of lumber are virtually unobtainable, with the exception of some two-inch material. Deal-

ers say that they not only don't have it in stock, but are not able to place orders for it.

New scarcities have also developed recently. One firm said they were able to get a fair supply of sheetrock and nails throughout the war, but now these two articles have joined the lean list.

Brick and other related items come in slowly. One dealer reported that when he receives a shipment of any kind of material the buyers are ready when it arrives and he seldom gets anything new into his stock.

Most building going on in the city now is commercial, with the new bus terminal in the 300 block of Rannels topping the list. Two Arizona men were about ready to begin construction of a Mo-tel west of town, as the bus station neared completion.

A few residential jobs are progressing, but for the most part they are repairs or additions to present construction. Some dealers say they are not able to accumulate enough stock to furnish any one complete job.

Prospects of a renewal of government control of building materials is not expected to alter present supplies soon. However, it is expected to divert most existing supplies into residential projects instead of commercial. Also some see a possibility of renewed black market activity, but there seems to be plenty already under present conditions.

## Blow-Out Not Wasted

INDIANAPOLIS—One Indianapolis dog had a surprise lesson in why good pooches shouldn't chase automobiles. Yapping furiously he had just reached the rear tire of an auto when the tire blew, exploding dust in his face. The dog retreated homeward, his tail between his legs.

## 1880 Wagon On Job

MT. VERNON, Ind.—A 65-year-old handmade wagon is being used behind a corn picker on the C. F. Kleinschmidt farm near here. The wagon was made in 1880 for Kleinschmidt's father. It now has rubber tires and a metal bed, but the chassis is the original one.



**YOUTHFUL KEGLER**—Two-year-old Bobby Bomar tosses ball down the alley to open finals in national match game championship of the fifth annual all-star bowling tournament at Chicago, where his dad, Buddy Bomar, was defending champion.

# A Pack of Yule Fun For the Kiddies

Christmas wouldn't be any fun at all, to the kids, if dad didn't get down under the tree and join them in a good old-fashioned game.

Sure they have fun ripping open their other presents. But you can just play alone with a doll or a toy for so long without being bored. Of course it was different when Junior had his electric trains—dad was always on hand to put him on the right track. But now it's the games that we must depend on as something the whole family can enjoy.

Of course most of the games are really time-worn now. Santa still hasn't recuperated from all the war shortages of chip board, plastic, metal and die cut materials. So, we will have to wait awhile for the bulk of new game inventions.

But dad with a little ingenuity may find some new ways to play those old games. If he happens to be an ex-GI the chances are that he already has some up his sleeve. It won't be too difficult to locate the card game revivals like Rook, Pit and Finch or Crossword Lexicon, the word-building game, because most of these use a minimum of materials. It's the best sellers in the board game class like Camelot and Monopoly for which the demand does not equal the supply.

If you get a variety of games, there will always be one that will



**THE GAME'S THE THING . . .** Small fry show mom.

become a favorite with each member of the family.

Dig is fun even for the small fry who enjoy scrambling for the letters with the sticky-tipped "gold mining" picks.

Teen-agers should be amused by a sophisticated game like bonanza a combination of Michigan and rummy, which has the playing field staked out on a cloth.

There are limited supplies of dart games with steel tips available and toylands have some miniature croquet and bowling games and variations of the ring toss game but on the whole it is difficult to find a game which is very different.

Winter cover crops protect the soil.

We Wish You  
Good Luck  
Good Cheer  
Good Health

**ANDERSON  
MUSIC CO.**

**MERRY Christmas**

And A Happy, Joyous New Year to You All.

This Christmas, we can all be jolly and happy, exuberant and gay—for the gift of peace has been sent us. Many of our boys are home to share in the holiday festivities and thus reunite families once again. Along with our most sincere and heartfelt wishes for a best Christmas ever, we want to thank you for your friendly cooperation and patronage.

**BRADSHAW  
STUDIO**

# Merry Christmas

This Christmas sees the return of so much we have done without . . . the New Year promises even better things to come . . . And so, when we wish a sincere Merry Christmas to all our patient and understanding friends, whom we have been privileged to serve during the difficult times we have witnessed, we do so with the knowledge that in the future we will be able to serve you better than ever before.

**IVA'S JEWELRY**

IVA HUNECUTT

Cor. 3rd & Main Phone 40

Happy Holiday?

"Business As Usual" Means Christmas Just Another Day

Happy Noel will be observed by many a local citizen "in harness," as usual. Such a recess as the holy holiday cannot interrupt the ceaseless vigil of the police, for example. On the contrary, the constabulary must usually devote all its energies toward maintenance of the peace and security of the community. Some of the people who have the time to relax on such occasions have a tendency for seeking violent retreat and at times their enthusiasm must be curbed. Both the city police department and the sheriff's office will have their regular forces on duty on the 25th. Busy, too, will be the city fire department. Carelessness, which

runs rampant when persons relax to drink of their moments of delicious freedom, has a penchant for breeding fire. Invariably, in the past, the department has had to make several runs on that most sanctimonious of all days. Men of the medical profession and their aides will remain near their telephones, too. Illness and accident will prevail, as always. The delectable Christmas meals being proffered to families who like "eating out" on such occasions must be prepared by cooks and served by waiters and waitresses who must holiday at some other time than the 25th. And taxi-cabs must be kept running, even at the expense of operators who would like to relax at such times.

Employees of the various utilities companies can't stray too far for they, too, might be beckoned in event their respective services get fouled up. Telephone operators will be able to distinguish but little difference in the day and at times may be even busier. There is bound to be a filling station or two open for the convenience of individuals who like to motor about town at that time. Milkmen work then, too. So do ambulance drivers and morticians. Death takes no holiday. Functioning as usual will be Big Spring's five motion picture houses, all of which must be staffed by operators, ticket takers, ushers, etc. The mail must go through, too. Postal clerks cannot shorten their hours for such an occasion. Public carriers dare not slacken their assignments, even briefly. Traffic in and out of Big Spring will be routed as per schedule. The Christmas business for both railroads and bus lines is expected to be heavier than ordinary. For those persons, and for many others, "the day" will only be a theoretical something.



BING ENTERTAINS—Prior to a Sister Kenny Foundation fund appeal, Bing Crosby (left) croons for Wayne Nagorf and Sandra Levy, who recovered from polio after treatment by the Kenny method. Lucy Lewandowska (right) is one of the few Kenny technicians.

2,000 North Woodsmen Prepare For Annual Snowshoe Pageant

LEWISTON, Me. (UP)—Some 2,000 French-Canadian and Franco-Americans today were preparing for one of the most spectacular events of the Northeast's winter season—the annual convention of the International Snowshoe Union. The 2,000 enthusiasts and an estimated 30,000 spectators will participate in the convention scheduled to be held here Feb. 1, 2 and 3. When Joe Peite comes out of the Canadian and Maine woods for the annual convention, he intends to display his prowess on snowshoes, but he also uses the meeting as an excuse for his major social event of the year. Convention activities include a great deal of social entertaining, gigantic parades and spectacles of all kinds—rivaling the New Orleans Mardi Gras in pageantry and color. The snowshoers all dress in club colors, in woolen uniforms that are complete from tasseled stockings caps down to stockings similar to those worn by baseball players. Wide, bright sashes must be worn around the waist. Snowshoe to Mass On the Sunday of each convention the snowshoers march on their snowshoes to a solemn high mass in their honor. In other parades, each of the 53 clubs of the Canadian union and 37 clubs of the American union enter drum and bugle corps in spirited competition. Snowshoeing as a sport is a bit grueling test of endurance. The last time the 18 1/2-mile marathon was run at Sherbrooke, Que., in 1935 every contestant except the winner went immediately to a hospital. He was admitted the following day. The next year, the marathon distance was cut to 10 miles. A standout entry for this year's marathon is Gerard Cote, four-time winner of the snowshoe marathon and three-time winner of the annual Boston AA marathon. Cote, who represents the Frontenac club of Quebec, holds the 10-mile course record of one hour, three minutes and 46 seconds. Form Doesn't Count Even with his record, Cote isn't a certain winner of the race. Two years ago at Sherbrooke, he was defeated by Lloyd Evans of Montreal, another standout of the BAA marathon. Running on snowshoes is no cinch, but the way some of the boys do it is a sight to behold. Heads up, chest out, the snowshoe champions exhibit a form that would make a champion IC-4A miler blush with shame. And some of the experts really travel on snowshoes. The 100-yard dash record is held by Jacques Marchildon of Montreal, who won the 1941 race at Quebec in 13 2/10 seconds. The mile record is held by E. Coizdajka of Manchester, N. H., in six minutes 10 4/10 seconds. Soil feeds our nation—conserve it.



May this Christmas bring you the health and happiness of friendship, family felicity and bright firesides.

May your joys be added... Your sorrows subtracted... Your wealth multiplied...

BLISS Liquor Store

807 Runnels Phone 30

Communities Set Up Health Councils

NEW YORK—A "Health Council" for every town and city in America is recommended in a report issued recently by the National Council and financed by the Rockefeller Foundation. The report, entitled "Voluntary Health Agencies," is the first appraisal ever made of the nation's 20,000 private health agencies, which cost the American citizen more than \$50,000,000 annually and enlist the aid of over 300,000 board members and hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers. In the 29 states visited much excellent work was surveyed, but much overlapping was found, leading to the recommendation that every community, no matter how small, establish a health council to co-ordinate the work of the several health agencies. Organizations fighting tuberculosis, mental illness, cancer, etc., put so much effort into their particular campaign that other health needs were neglected, the study reported. The study also uncovered "an amazing inequality" in the amounts raised by various health organizations, with those fighting the most serious ailments for the most part in the "have not" classification as far as funds for research and therapy were concerned. The report, therefore, suggests pooling of the separate competitive money-raising appeals into a single National Health Fund, using a technique similar to the National War Fund. Most business men take an annual inventory of their business, farmers should take an annual inventory of soil fertility.



KAY OPENS KETTLE DRIVE — Kay Kyser dons a Salvation Army uniform at Los Angeles to help Lassie Joy Parkhouse (right) open organization's annual Yule kettle drive.

Sleuth Gets Job

BUTLER, Pa. (UP)—Sleuthing begins at home for County Detective Harry Cooper. While Cooper was in sentence court, someone walked off with his topcoat, which was hanging outside the door.

Pussy Likes Vitamins

INDIANAPOLIS. (UP) — An Indianapolis drugstore has a cat with new-fangled notions. Instead of sticking to mice and milk, the cat's favorite food is Vitamin B complex pills. Whenever her owner wants to call her, he shakes a bottle of vitamins and Susie comes running.

According to geological researches, the islands of Bermuda are the peaks of a submarine mountain range.



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Merry Christmas The Lorraine Shop

# Christmas Story of Madonna and Child Has Inspired Artists For Centuries



The Italian Carlo Crivelli (1430-1493) painted photographically, with much attention to detail.



An unknown Flemish painter, in the school of Quentin Massys (1466-1530), produced this.



The Spaniard Bartolome Esteban Murillo, most romantic of this group, lived from 1618 to 1682.



Fred Nagler, contemporary of New York, has done this and similar paintings on religious themes.

## Merry Christmas



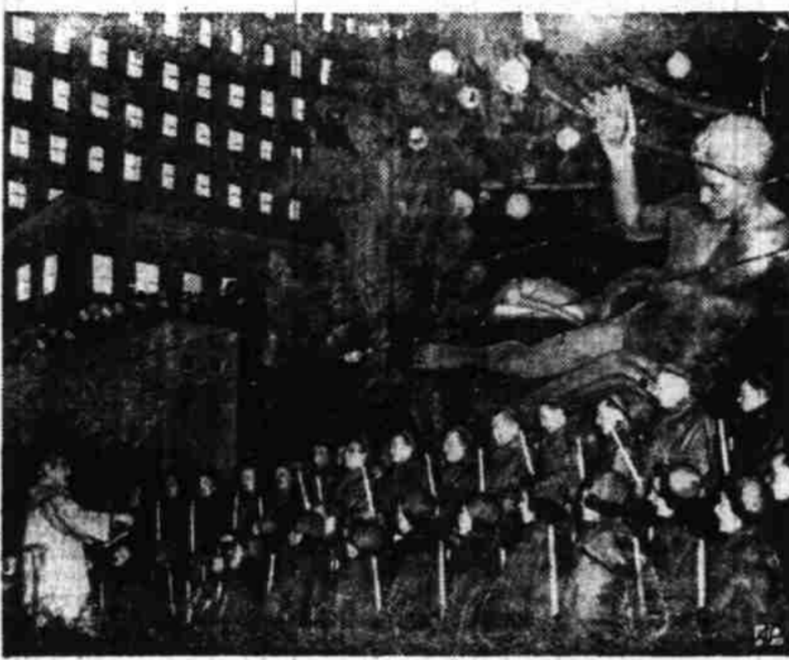
It's a pleasure for us to wish for you a most wonderful Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness for you and yours.

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## Touch Of Christmas Brought To New York By Rockefeller Choir.



NEW YORK—At Christmas, as at no other time of the year, bustling Rockefeller Center strives to fulfill the boast that it is an overgrown but neighborly village surrounded by Manhattan. Just as they ring through countless small American town squares, carols echo up from the cement valley between the Center's towering grey office buildings. The 150 red and blue-robed Rockefeller Center Choristers sing, and thousands—late shoppers, tourists, servicemen and weary workers fleeing homeward from their desks—stop quietly to listen. This year, as in the past six, they will give two after-work-

## Santa Fills Mexican Shoes In Windows

Mexican children put shoes in the window instead of hanging up stockings and find them filled with gifts in the morning. The main Christmas meal in Mexico may feature hot tamales.

## Still Vigorous At 84

PALISADE, Colo. — You can't keep a good man down. Just ask 84-year-old T. F. Tackett of Lytton, Ia., who spent a few weeks in the mountains pitching in on the peach harvest and roaming the rugged Rockies in search of deer.

movie-goers at the sunken ice skating rink. Millions will hear them on a nation-wide broadcast. Even in a city of oddities, the Choristers are unique. They are stenographers and office boys and physicians and executives, all handicapped from the 30,000 who work in the Center's 14 buildings. They rehearse scrupulously each week of the year, although their performances, except for special occasions such as V-E Day or the visits of dignitaries, come only on Easter, Flag Day and Christmas. When a member ceases to work in the Center, he must resign from the chorus. Energetic John R. Jones, former collaborator in Cornell University's state music program and USO musical advisor, is the director.

## Dobbin Gets Brace

TWIN FALLS, Ida.—A valuable mare owned by the C. R. Nelsons is doing fine, thank you, even if she looks a little silly with steel plates attached to her jaws.

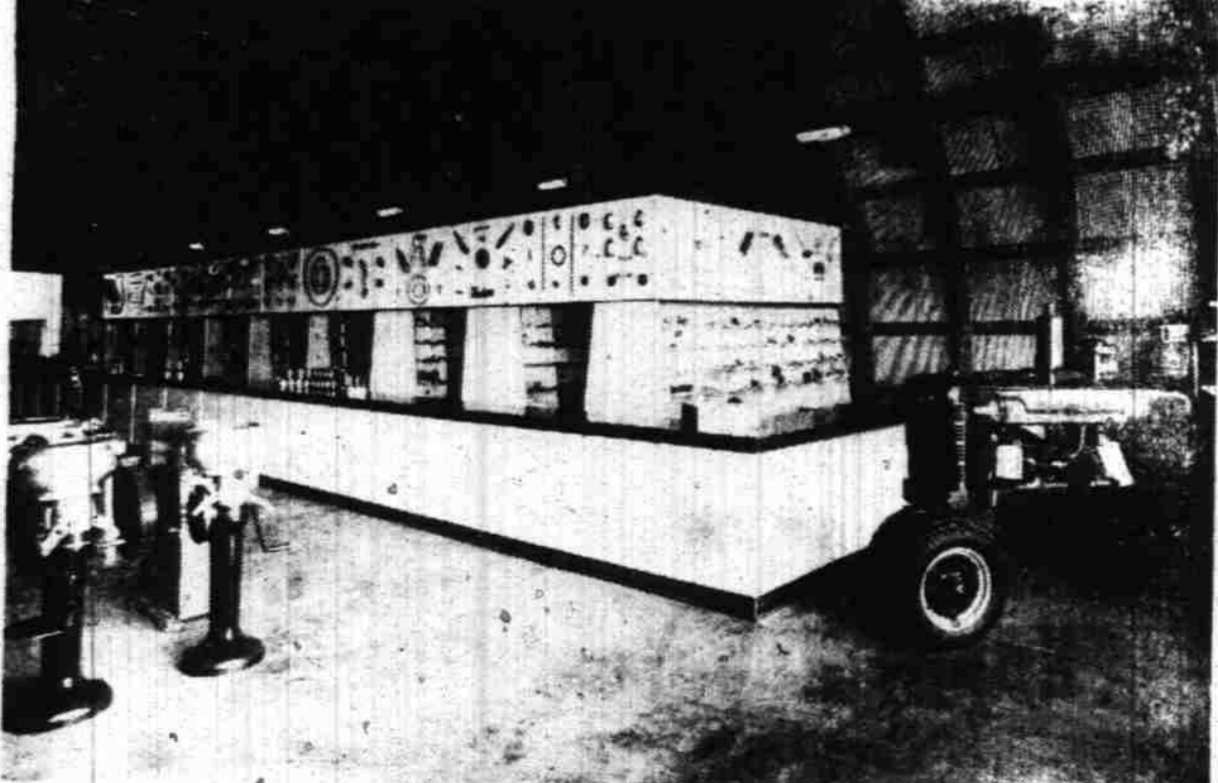
The horse broke both bones in her lower jaw and is being treated with penicillin as a prophylactic measure against infection.

China was once a strong nation until her best soil washed away. The city and the land should be congenial partners.



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# Howard County Contributions To Breadbasket Praiseworthy

Howard County fell into step and made a showing in contributions to the nation's bread-basket during 1944 which all residents may reflect upon with pride. This information is available in a single sentence, — "More beef and poultry marketed in Howard County this year than ever before" — in County Agent Durward Lewter's annual report.

Contributions in these two categories were not all the progress the county made during the year, however. The same report shows that dairying was normal, with much new interest, and hogs, about normal for the year, but with breeding stock better than ever before.

County farmers are just completing a year which saw them feeding out more of their own stock on home-grown feed than ever before, many of them for the first time.

Under the leadership of County Agent Lewter and with the help of farmers and business men, post-war planning surveys were made. A migratory farm-labor camp was created, which cared for 2,845 workers during the year.

The 4-H club boys came in for their part, too, with livestock projects and cotton, grain sorghum and poultry contests. A

total of 226 demonstrations with 136 boys participating were completed. One boy won a trip to Mexico, and a livestock judging team won a silver cup. Another boy won \$75 to buy a beef steer calf, 16 boys attended major livestock shows over the state, several boys won achievement awards during the year, and the grass judging team won first place in district camp.

Lewter's work summary for the year shows one of the keys to the county's achievement. It lists 154 days devoted to adult work, 152 days to 4-H clubs, 281 days in the field, 25 days in the office, 1303 visits to farm homes on 318 different farms, 6,060 office calls, 4,663 telephone calls, preparation of 217 news releases, 427 meetings with 25,053 attending and organization of the county 4-H club system.

Chief aim of agricultural work in the county during the year was to see that America and others who might be dependent upon her as a result of the war had plenty to eat, despite the problems of labor and worn out machinery. Lewter found that personal contact was the best method of teaching farmers and stockmen the latest developments available through the Extension Service provided

contests, and motion pictures were also utilized. Interest was stimulated among the business men. Several 4-H club boys spoke at meetings of various service clubs, and the result was a heavy demand for bulletins and other information regarding the subjects discussed.

## Manitoba Sets Farm Power As No. 1 Project

WINNIPEG (UP)—Manitoba has launched an ambitious long-term electrification project destined to raise the standard of living in rural communities and increase the productivity of its farms—already at their highest mark in history. Farm electrification has the No. 1 priority on the Manitoba program. The provincial power commission plans to construct 4,000 miles of transmission lines annually for the next eight or nine years.

**Includes 53,000 Farms**  
This tremendous undertaking will furnish power to 200 villages and 53,000 farms. Construction will have to equal 30 miles a day to meet the program.

It is estimated that rural citizens will spend \$3,000,000 annually on wiring and appliances during the project's construction years.

Manitoba's project reflects the rural wealth which has been amassed during the war. The average gross return per acre per farm in the province now equals \$3,200, compared with \$1,246 before the war.

**Farm Mortgages Down**  
Farm mortgages now are only a third of what they were in 1937. During 1943 and 1944, seven rural Land Title offices reported that 6,361 mortgages had been discharged and only 2,471 new ones were registered.

Gross agricultural production in 1938 was \$88,563,000. The 1945 estimate is \$215,277,000. During this time the trend has been away from Manitoba's old staple — wheat — while the farmers are raising more hogs, wool, sugar beets, vegetable oil crops and turning to dairy products.

### Rat Control Mobile

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—The city health department has forgotten about the Pied Piper of Hamelin, and is using scientific methods instead.

Seeking to rid the city of rats and wipe out typhus, the city has organized a three-man rat-control crew with a mobile workshop and equipment. The crew, depending a great deal on DDT, is cleaning out all spots suspected of being breeding grounds for rats.

Are you doing your part to leave the soil more fertile for generations to come, than it was at your beginning?

Soil conservation is important to every man, woman and child.



AP Newsfeatures SERIOUS ART IN CHRISTMAS CARDS... Many of this year's greeting cards will justify the exclamation—"It's pretty enough to frame!" Shown above are selections from the collections of the Metropolitan Museum, the National Serigraph Society, the American Artists Group—and a new idea in cards, which promises a gift of real roses, for planting, to follow next spring.



GI GIFT—Screen Actress Jane Harker gets herself wrapped up as a Christmas present representing what many a GI will prefer next to getting home for the holidays.

## Apathy Called Biggest Spur To US Slums

CHICAGO (UP)—Widespread indifference toward housing problems is America's greatest spur to slums, according to Eri Hulbert, Federal Housing Authority expert. Hulbert, a senior project service adviser in the FHA, characterizes the existence of slums a product of a "Rip Van Winkle attitude in the field of public housing." Only

a national, co-ordinated housing program put into operation immediately can correct the existing conditions and provide low-rent housing facilities, he said. In a recent appearance at the University of Chicago, Hulbert attacked claims that slum-dwellers create the slums.

"The day-by-day living activities of residents of public housing projects is proof enough of the care most give their homes and their communities," he said. "They care for lawns, attack the problem of garbage disposal, paint dwelling units, plant gardens, find each other jobs, organize recreation pro-

grams and health campaigns. They so improve their standards of living that observers find it difficult to believe they and their children are the same as those who originally moved in." Hulbert called for increased research by government, private enterprise, foundations and educational institutions and co-ordinated public-private efforts to procure decent housing. Technological and economic "revolution" also are long overdue in the design, building, marketing and financing aspects of the housing industry, Hulbert charged.

**HOLIDAY Greetings**

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### Flip Coin For Seats

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Two streetcar passengers found a new solution to the old Alphonse and Gaston sylvie. "After you, my dear Alphonse," and "No, after you, Gaston." Each politely insisted that the other take a vacant seat. Finally they flipped a coin for the space and the winner sat down.

### Danes Smash China

A Danish custom is the breaking of china and crockery on New Year's Day against the doors of friends' houses. The family who has the largest pile of smashed crockery before its door is the best-loved. For this custom, Danes hoard all their broken crockery throughout the year, points out Walter J. Letts, of World Travels, a travel agency.

### NO CONTEST

INDIANAPOLIS—An Army arts and crafts contest announcement received at Billings general hospital here suggests Army forehandedness. "It is advisable that all prize winners be announced the day before the contest starts," the announcement said.

We Wish You a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**HOMELESS IN BERLIN**—Eleven of 16 members of three families who live in this bunk-tied room in Berlin wait for a pot of soup to cook on the stove. All are homeless.

## Quiz Boys Outsmart Quiz Girls -- Maybe

**AP Newsfeatures**  
**CHICAGO**—Are supersmart boys smarter than supersmart girls?  
The Quiz Kids, who do a neat job of answering questions on the radio, won't answer that one individually, but their answer collectively is yes. The reply is reduced to the exact science of mathematics, but it still leaves room for freestyle argument.  
During the past five years 78 boys and 75 girls have appeared on the show. That's rather close—but the boys have made a total of 944 appearances in contrast to 403 for the girls.  
**Good Rookies**  
The little women, however, made the best showing as rookies. Only 25 of the 75 girls went down swinging mentally on their first try to the microphone, while 33 of the 78

boys failed to hit enough of the high hard ones to stay on the team.  
But eight boys have made 20 or more appearances while only five girls fared that well. Moreover, these five lads have averaged 93 appearances each, while the five lassies have averaged 40. And four boys have made more appearances than the girl with the greatest number of encores.  
Bright youngsters ranging from five to fifteen years in age usually are nominated for places on the program by teachers, parents or other friends. The aspirants receive and fill out questionnaires. The most seemingly candidates among them are given auditions based on knowledge, plus personality and voice quality.  
**Five Each Week**  
The survivors get into the broad-

cast contests. Five participate each week, and the three with the highest scores are entitled to return the next week.  
The supervising staff, in furnishing the statistics, also furnishes fuel for a continuing controversy as follows:  
1. "These figures would suggest that within this highly selected group the boys are smarter than girls" but...  
2. "Any statement that boys are smarter than girls made as a result of Quiz Kids would be meaningless for the (juvenile) population as a whole" and anyway...  
3. "Intelligence is a matter of native ability and cannot be accurately measured by an information test."  
So you better ring the recess bell, professor, all the kids are getting that quizical look.  
**DDT** the new death dealing insecticide, will be mixed into paints, varnishes, soap flakes, furniture and floor oils, fabric-treating preparations, crop and livestock sprays.



Laugh and make merry. We wish all good things to one and all.

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## Christmas For Males Bare Along The Clothes Line

Christmas-time proffered no dress as suits, suits of underwear, hats and shoes could not be had. Stock in several of the apparel have long since been depleted, and the merchants see no relief from the drought before March.

Demobilization had much to do with the acute shortages. Soldiers and sailors departing their respective services have been converging on clothing stores for several months.

The merchants have not been able to replenish their stocks because the pleas for addition have largely been ignored by manufacturers who, in turn, claim they cannot get the cloth with which to manufacture the goods.

The situation has changed tremendously since the last Yule season while the haberdashers were able to retain most of the commodities in stock.

Persons still on the prowl for goods this week probably found an ample supply of ties and socks. Both items carried a considerable stiffer tariff than in 1944, as do men's ordinary handkerchiefs, price of which was pressurized.

The suits available have gone up but very little, local clothiers say—something like seven to ten percent.

Shoes have long been rationed to all merchants but the quotas were recently raised 15 percent. The increase didn't improve the general outlook, however, because supplies attain only about a third of pre-war stocks.

Luggage was nothing but a memory—no leather, the manufacturers claimed.

Sports clothing when it was sold, could not be replaced. And it sold easily, despite the fact that prices have skyrocketed since the OPA relaxed restrictions.

Belts, sweaters, toilet articles were all critical items. Persons obtaining robes asked for them as long as eight months ago.

Under French law, 14th century butchers could deal in one type of meat only and could sell it only under natural light; sales by candle light or lamp light were taboo.

The cheese known in America as "Swiss" is known in Switzerland as Emmentaler cheese from the valley in which it originated in the 15th century.

To wish you a Merry CHRISTMAS

At this season of the year our minds turn toward Christmas and all that it means. Christmas should be a time of joy and we hope that yours provides a full portion of happiness this holiday season. To one and all—we wish... a Merry Christmas."

**Merrill Creighton**  
Consignee for  
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Big Spring, Texas



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