



THESE GIFTS WE BRING

By WILLIS THORNTON



THEY were wise men, St. Matthew tells us in his Gospel, who came to Jerusalem on that first Christmas. They had seen His star in the east, they said, and were come to worship Him.

And the star, which they had seen in the east, went before them until it stood above the place where lay the Child Jesus. Then, recounts St. Matthew, they "fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold and frankincense, and myrrh."

It is a long way from that simple story, told and retold in every tongue and every land in the world for two thousand years, to the hectic rush of the Christmas-time of 1942. The custom of exchanging presents at this season is an amiable one, and is productive of a certain amount of goodwill.

Surely there must be a greater lesson, however, in this story of St. Matthew, which has gripped and held humanity for so many centuries. Surely there are other gifts than the coveted gold, the precious and fragrant resins that the wise men of old laid at the feet of the Master.

It lies in the fact that at this very outset of the Christian era there was an unselfish act of giving; the very advent of Christianity on earth was marked by a desire on the part of

three wise men to give and to serve. Was it not this very spirit that Christianity was to try to bring to a selfish earth? How better usher in a religion one of whose leading ethical tenets is that it is better to give than to receive?

The physical presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh we fairly reproduce today in giving to one another similar material gifts, even though they be but greeting cards and handkerchiefs and toys. But the gifts to the Savior were a symbolism, meant to print indelibly on the soul of man a spirit of giving.

Are there no gifts to be given today that are more than material gifts of man to man and woman to woman? Are there no gifts to be given to God on the birthday of His Son?

Is not a gift of love amid a world of hatred more precious than gold? Is not a gift of kindness sweeter than frankincense, and a cheerful word more healing than myrrh?

There are gifts we can give today, though the purse be lean and the heart be heavy.

As the wise men who came to that first Christmas came not empty-handed, but came prepared to give rather than to get, so we ought to approach this Christmas of today ready to give not only material gifts, which are symbols, but more precious gifts of faith and courage and love.

CHRISTMAS GLADDENS

The Entire Neighborhood

It might be well this Christmas to look back to the time of our pioneer grandfathers when life was hard and rugged, when the discovery of an orange, a red apple or, wonder of wonders, a few sticks of candy in the toe of a sock, were all that one would expect or receive.

If asked to tell about the best Christmas we ever had we are almost certain to pick a Christmas when the whole family was together. It may have been long ago when a stairstep line of children gathered round a gleaming tree. Or it may have been a later year when grown sons and daughters came home from far and near. Perhaps it was just a year when all the old folks gathered at an only son's house. In any case, Christmas time brought out the best in every one and it was a grand thing to have the family together.

This year we have many reasons to be grateful. This Christmas might have been darker than it is. A world that came near crashing still stands and fights. It could have been worse, easily more tragic than it is.

Even in the wrack of a world at war, Christmas is a magnificent occasion. On one day of the year men try to live as they wish they could live always. It is the genius of Christmas to be not an individual festival, but a community and social festival that embraces all people. The evergreen trees in the public square, in the churchyards, and homes, the garlands strung across the streets are for every one to enjoy. The warm colored lights hung in the windows are a friendly greeting. The chimes at midnight beat out the old songs for the whole neighborhood. The carols are sung out of doors or in churches, schools and community halls where people can congregate.

On Christmas Day families celebrate privately at home in

entire neighborhood. Christmas is the time when people live on terms of mutual forgiveness and understanding and with faith in the ultimate ideals of the race. There is hope for a society that does not let Christmas pass unnoticed.

The spirit of Christmas never will be lost. There always will be men and women who cling to hope, faith and the belief in "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

Let us become as little children and enjoy the glitter and tinsels which may come our way, but let us also take deep cognizance of those things which represent the true Christmas spirit—tolerance, kindness, unselfishness and love of our fellow man.

Let us appreciate anew the blessings which we have—health,

All the wickedness and hate, all the designs of ambitious leaders cannot put out the light that was kindled in Bethlehem, or take from the hearts of men the longing for the richer, fuller, more abundant life which the Saviour of men proclaimed. A resurgence of Hope fills even the hearts of our soldier boys who struggle on far-flung battle lines, as they contemplate the deep meaning of the Christmas message and recall happy days when, with loved ones now far removed, they experienced the rich joys which this holy season brought.

The star of Bethlehem beams a message. It is a symbol of faith and good cheer. It promises a constant renewal of belief in ourselves. It says that dauntless hope and courage, hard work and unselfish unison will carry us over all hurdles and vanquish every foe.

As we gather around the Christmas tree, voices softly rise in singing, "Silent Night," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "The First Noel," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and other beautiful Christmas carols, including "God Bless America."

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. Luke 2:2.



"Let us become as little children."

individual groups, but the good cheer and joyousness of Christmas Eve gladdens the

laughter, food, shelter and the right of self-determination!

THE HOLY LAND At Christmastime

If you were keeping Christmas in the Holy Land, instead of here in America, you would have no wealth of fir and laurel, holly and mistletoe available for decorations, says William Clark, botanist, in Boston Globe.

You could use lights, candles and lamps, and you could ring bells and explode fireworks, but there would be no green boughs and red berries in the markets.

Custom and traditions aside, the reason for this is that the Bible lands are not forested like America and Northern Europe. In that arid land, which bakes in the sun from April to November, what trees exist are far too precious to use for decorating—too precious even for fuel. Instead of burning wood as we do in country sections, farmers and shepherds cut the thorny scrub so abundant in Palestine and do their cooking and keep as comfortable as possible with fires of crackling brier twigs.

Dismal Season There
Our holly and fir trees would bring welcome color to Jerusalem and Bethlehem now for this is the dismal season there. The winter season begins with rains in November and continues into early March. Cold winds sweep down from the north, bringing snow and sleet to the hills and rain to the plains. Skies are almost constantly cloudy and everywhere there is mud and dreariness. Poor families—and most families are poor in the Holy Land—crouch indoors over their braziers fed with twigs and count the days until the warmth of March, like our May, carpets every hillside and meadow with a wealth of flowers—iris and crocus such as we cherish in our gardens are wild flowers there.

Of all the many shrubby growths of the Holy Land, the thorns are characteristic and of the many kinds, the one most familiar to us—for we grow it as a house plant—is the Crown of Thorns or Christ Thorn. Several botanical species exist but they are generally similar and take their popular name from the legend that this shrub furnished the thorny crown used in mockery upon Jesus. This thorn, of which *Poterium spinosum* is typical, is rather a lovely plant with its gray spines set off by clusters of pink berries. After the summer heat dries the

spring growth, the country folk gather great bundles of this shrub and store it away for fuel, as the thorns give a quick but very hot fire.

Rose of Jericho

One odd plant, sometimes grown and sold in America under the name of the Resurrection Plant, is the rose of Jericho. This queer plant is gathered by the thousands and sold in markets throughout the Holy Land because, gathered as a dry and dead ball of twigs, it is no sooner moistened than it opens wide, displaying its heart. Not a rose but one of the mustards, it possesses religious significance for all creeds and sects in the Near East because it is regarded as a symbol of the triumph of life over death.

Almost as common a weed as the rose of Jericho, and widely used as a charm in magical practices, is the mandrake, or *Mandragora officinarum*. This plant contains a very powerful narcotic and can be used either as a poison or as an anesthetic. In the old days, before either was known, doctors sometimes doped their patients with extract of mandragora to dull the pain. The Crusaders discovered the plant and brought it to Europe.

Cedars of Lebanon

There are evergreen trees in the Holy Land, although few and far between even on the mountains. Most famous is the Biblical Cedar of Lebanon, which is not a cedar at all as we know it, but rather a pine. This is a truly noble tree, growing upwards of 120 feet, being similar in size and general appearance to our native white pine. These trees have been established in ornamental plantings in America and, while not common, can be grown from New England south although they can do better in the blander climate of the mountains of Virginia and Carolina.

The fig and the olive, trees which are a mite too tender for New England, but which thrive in Florida, Texas and California, have been important trees in the Holy Land since before Christ, for they, along with the date palm, are the chief sources of oil and food in the semi-desert regions.

In the Bible the chestnut is mentioned, as in Genesis, but Europeans there find this tree is really the sycamore and its seedy balls of "fruit" are inedible.

Everywhere in the Bible corn is constantly mentioned, but this is very far from being what we call corn here in the United States. In Palestine, the word "corn" means any cereal plant and is thus used for what we know as barley, millet and wheat.

Melons are very abundant in the Holy Land, being marketed from May right on through to November.

Herbs of various kinds have been

cultivated in Palestine from time immemorial with cummin, often mentioned in Scripture, typical of aromatic seeds used to flavor foods, particularly bread. Cummin is very similar to our native American caraway.

Flax in Biblical times was the common textile plant fibre as cotton was then apparently unknown, although it is now widely grown in the Holy Land. The cotton is the Egyptian variety.

Frankincense and Myrrh

Frankincense, myrrh and nard—these fragrant materials, highly prized in Biblical times, as in the gifts of the Wise Men to Christ—may have been produced in the Holy Land in Biblical times, but evidence shows that they came from Arabia and India and hence were so scarce as to be of great value. These gums and resins are still marketed in the Near East.

A lily to the people of the Near East means any striking flower, but generally in the Holy Land the word now refers to the anemone which paints the plains scarlet in the spring.

In grapes, Palestine has always been famous throughout the Near East for its vineyards, for the soil and climate are superior to the growth of the fruit, particularly of the wine types.

Finally, in the word tares, which we Americans usually use to mean weeds, the people of the Holy Land mean a specific grass, a sort of rye, which infests the wheat fields and is as bad as our Johnson grass to exterminate. We have it here as a weed under the name of darnel, but it is not a serious pest as yet.

The Star of Bethlehem

The theory has been offered that Venus might have been the Star of Bethlehem. It is said that Venus is especially brilliant when seen from the Holy Land.

For centuries astrologers and astronomers have speculated concerning the star the three wise men of the east followed to Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus. It is assumed that the Star of Bethlehem was not an inner vision, but an actual sign in the heavens. The wise men were themselves astrologers, as indicated by the term magi, and they were accustomed to following closely celestial phenomena.

There are many splendid beauties of the heavens to be seen during the Christmas period. Venus, the gorgeous evening star, is now in the southwestern skies for a short period after sunset.

HOLLYWOOD'S Merry Yuletide

By DEE LOWRANCE

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CHRISTMAS starts days before the 25th of December in Hollywood when Hollywood Boulevard suddenly sprouts silvered Christmas trees on every lamp post. On that day the boulevard becomes "Santa Claus Lane." To prove it, a fat Santa of the most authentic type, complete with bells and a snow-covered sleigh, parades jauntily down the street, with film stars beside him.

There's even a private white cloud of snow, a sort of personal blizzard, that surrounds Santa and his star guests. The guests whoop and yell—full of the Christmas spirit.

About mid-December the hysteria gathers force, rolling later into a gigantic snowball of mirth and gaiety. Then all the lesser studio people begin talking of Christmas in hushed tones. "What do you suppose what's-his-name will give us this year?" In their next breaths, of course, they begin to think of Christmas in their own family terms—the sort of holiday thoughts of regular folks.

The lazy ones among the film stars come alive a few days later. Suddenly, they call on secretaries to get out last year's Christmas list, cross off the names that don't count any more, chew pencils, working out new names to add to the list.

Shopping junkets start early, some late.

Gift Habits of Stars

Charity has a big place in Hollywood's Christmas giving. The English group sends food and clothing to Britain. It is revealing to check on the gift habits of the stars. Generally speaking, they are extremely generous. Their hard-earned, but still immense, salaries melt in the month of December.

There are few stars who make their own Christmas presents. But many more than you would imagine have the foresight, and initiative to themselves select the presents they give.

Little Jane Withers is an inveterate gift manufacturer. She winds a mean crochet hook, handles a knitting needle like an expert, loves to create the presents she gives well in advance.

Linda Darnell is another of these. The lovely Linda sketches amusingly. Each year her best friends receive cute Darnell originals, framed for their walls, aimed at their foibles. Carole Landis makes socks for her men friends, knits them on the set.

Stately Greer Garson is a cooking whiz—you wouldn't expect it to look at

her. When she came to this country, she brought an old English recipe for plum pudding. She makes it up into scores of luscious puddings to send to her friends.

Jinx Falkenberg is also kitchen-wise. She makes candied fruits, stuffed dates, salted nuts and packages them for her favorites.

Thoughtful Givers

A list of truly thoughtful present givers should be topped by Claudette Colbert. She never forgets personal tastes. After ten years at Paramount, she still



Priscilla Lane, Hollywood star, follows the old custom of singing carols.

sends gifts to people who worked with her when she was starting her career, even though they may have left the studio. And always she remembers their particular preferences. She begins shopping in September and she does it all herself.

Hedy Lamarr is Colbert's twin in this respect. She keeps a blank notebook with her and when she hears a friend mention some particular wish, she jots it down. The notebook is there for reference before she shops. Ruth Hussey is another early shopper.

Bob Hope works out his list carefully, remembering tastes, then sends Mrs.

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CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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FOR days there has been great expectations and great preparations. Thoughts of another Christmas prevail over any somber thoughts of the war. Gayety is in the air, joy around the corner.

Christmas shopping has jammed the stores with eager buyers. Christmas trees will be loaded and children will marvel at Santa's generosity. Greetings of "Merry Christmas!" will resound throughout land and sea, candles will beam a welcome, bells will ring and carols proclaim the birth of the Saviour—whose creed was:

"Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do even so to them." Faith through the ages has assured the Christian world that the Star of Bethlehem never will be dimmed. It will shine on after war despots lie mouldering in the grave.

This Christmas time will draw us closer to our dear ones, will make us feel more kindly one to another as we face the future and its perils, whatever they may be. God bless our gallant sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts in the country's service. God bless America.



WPB Ask That Holiday Outdoor Lighting Be Omitted

War Production Board asked city officials, civic clubs, Chambers of Commerce, merchants and citizens generally to forego outdoor decorative electric lighting at the Christmas season.

The agency said that such lighting required use of critical materials, electricity and manpower, and was not in line with general conservation programs now in effect. It made the request, the announcement said, partly because of inquiries from local groups for its opinion.

"WPB is not asking that indoor Christmas lighting, whether in the home or in stores, be eliminated," the statement added, "but it believes that outdoor lighting, such as festooned store fronts and decorated streets, must be dispensed with in war time."

Soldiers to Get Merry Yuletide

Soldiers in army camps from coast to coast will take time off from their war training to enjoy a merry Christmas.

A survey showed that the holiday would be observed with all the American traditions and trimmings.

Men who remain at the cantonments

will have religious services, parties, dances, shows, concerts, gifts, personal appearances of Santa Claus and two million and a half pounds of turkey.

Huge trees, burdened with multi-colored lights, have been set up on military reservations. Holly, red and green bunting and pine boughs have been arranged in mess halls, barracks and recreation centers.

The glow of the family fireside will be experienced by thousands of others who obtained Yuletide furloughs.

But those who received no leaves will be entertained at service and U. S. O. clubs, clubs on the grounds and in gymnasiums and country nearby communities.

Guns the Best

"One branch in which American military aviation bows to no one is in fire-power," says Frederick Oechsner, United Press foreign correspondent. "American engineers have concentrated on the .50-caliber machine gun and on the 37 mm. and 20 mm. cannon, both of high velocity. Our leading fighters and bombers are liberally equipped with both."

The American A-201A, Douglas light bombers known as the Havoc, has six or more .50-caliber machine guns. The P-47B, Republic single seater fighter, has six or more .50 caliber machine guns. The P-51, North American fighter, has several canon.

"Foreign planes, however, generally use the .30 caliber machine gun. The German Messerschmitt ME-109 fighter has two .30 caliber machine guns and two 20-mm. cannon, but the cannon are of low velocity. The Japanese Zero fighter has two 20 mm. low velocity cannon and two 7.7 mm. guns.

"American fighter pilots therefore can start shooting sooner with more guns of bigger caliber than their opponents. At the same time our bombers are viciously armed against fighter attack. When Flying Fortresses and Liberators are sent out in clusters they present just about as impregnable a force as modern airpower affords," said Oechsner.

Average \$105.82 Each

The average American had exactly \$105.82 in money in his possession as of October 31, the Treasury announced.

That represented \$3.81 more than he had at the end of September and \$28.13

more than he is supposed to have on October 31, 1941.

All this money does not have to be in your pocket. It can be in the bank, the old sock or buried in the ground. It is all figured out on a basis of the amount of currency—nickels, dimes, quarters dollars, etc.—in circulation. Total currency in circulation at the end of October was \$14,224,298,194.

3,052 Planes Sent to Russia

Vast quantities of supplies, including 3,052 planes, were sent to Russia by the United States and Britain in the twelve-month period ended in early October, and despite enemy attacks on convoys bound for Russia over the northern route the great bulk of these supplies reached their destination, Richard K. Law, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, told England's House of Commons.

Giving out exact figures covering the twelve-month period, Mr. Law listed them as follows: 3,052 planes, 4,048 tanks, 30,031 vehicles and 831,000 tons of miscellaneous shipments, including shells, small arms ammunition, machines, machine tools, foodstuffs, medical supplies and nonferrous metals, consisting of nickel and aluminum.

Dehydrated Foods

Approximately 850,000,000 pounds of dried food products will be turned out by the industry during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1943, and nearly all of it will be taken by the government. Of the total, about 300,000,000 pounds consists of eggs, 400,000,000 of milk, and 150,000,000 of dried fruits and vegetables. Meat production is still small but another 60,000,000 pounds of dried meat is scheduled for next year.

Wartime needs have already given the industry a phenomenal growth, the number of companies in the fruit and vegetable field alone expanding from a dozen or so in 1940 to approximately 125 at present. Some of these are so recent that actual production has not yet been started—about 85 new companies were established in the last six months—but the need for further expansion now seems evident.

800,000 Forces Overseas

Forces of the American Army overseas now total over 800,000 men.

This became known as the Navy made public a Navy Day letter from General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, to Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet, expressing the thanks of soldiers for "the skillful seamanship that has escorted 800,000 of them safely across the submarine-infested waters of the Atlantic and Pacific."

Ersatz Coffee Coming

The ersatz brews of roasted cereal grains that have long been substituted for coffee in Europe soon will make their appearance on American menus, informed government officials said.

They disclosed that the big wholesale coffee dealers, in anticipation of coffee rationing, have been experimenting for months on the preparation of coffee substitutes. These will be offered "immediately."

One of the new breakfast brews designed to switch the coffee drinker onto a different beverage, will be made of a small amount of coffee mixed with large proportions of roasted grain. Barley and rye will be the principal ingredients of the ersatz drinks, they said.

Consumers who have stocked up on coffee will have to count all above one pound which they have on hand on November 28 as part of their ration, the Office of Price Administration announced. Deduction of stamps to cover excessive coffee supplies held by individuals will be made when they apply for War Ration Book No. 2, about the first of next year.

The rationing regulations will provide that each consumer must retain in his ration book for later surrender, a coffee stamp for each pound of coffee he possesses in excess of one pound. When he applies for his ration book No. 2 he will be required to declare the amount of coffee he had on hand at the start of consumer rationing.

Admiral Nimitz Predicts Submarine Warfare Increases

Heavy losses inflicted on the Japanese by Pacific Fleet submarines, preying upon warships and merchant vessels, will increase as America's undersea fleet grows and its personnel gains in experience, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, declared in presenting awards to twenty-five officers and men for heroism.

Admiral Nimitz paid particular tribute to his submarine personnel, remarking that "as an old submariner I well understand the hazards, the hardships and the unceasing vigilance necessary to success in submarine warfare."

Scrap Metal Drive a Great Success

All evidence to date indicates that the scrap metal drive has been a great success, says the American Institute of Public Opinion.

A survey completed by the institute discloses that about four out of every five American families have either given their scrap to the war effort or had no scrap to give.

Only about one in five still has scrap to be collected or taken to scrap depots. Of the 21 per cent who say they still have scrap which they could give to the government, more than half have already been in contact with their local committees. Only one in ten of those having scrap to contribute has not yet been called upon by local scrap committees.

Using the WPB estimate of 220 pounds of scrap available per family in the country, the institute estimates that the scrap metal drive succeeded in rounding up upward of 3,000,000 tons from American homes. The WPB estimated there were about 3,800,000 tons available in the homes.

The government says there is still a great deal of scrap uncollected on farms, of the heavy kind, that is badly needed.

Fatal Accidents in the Home

Of the 31,500 fatal accidents in the home last year, 15,750 were caused by falls. Slipping on a small rug on a polished floor, tripping over a rug curled at the edge, stumbling over misplaced furniture, tumbling off a ladder or chair, falling over an object on the stairs, and tripping on a torn stair carpet—all these and other similar accidents may result in injury or death.

Burns and scalds caused 5,800 deaths in the home in 1941. Pots containing scalding water should not be left on the edge of the stove to court disaster, nor should tablecloths upon which pots or cups of hot coffee are resting be so arranged as to be within reach of small children. The 1941 total of fatal accidents of this type represented a reduction of 300 from the previous year.

Accidental poisoning killed 1,550 in the home last year, as compared with 1,650 in 1940. All poisons or other dangerous drugs left in the bathroom, medicine cabinet or elsewhere should be labeled as such and should be provided with distinctive stoppers so that they can be identified even in the dark. And, above all, poisons should be placed well out of reach of little children.

Liquid that boils over is likely to extinguish the gas flame, but gas keeps pouring out of the burner. Poison gas was fatal to 1,150 in 1941, to 1,200 in 1940.

Another source of danger is the improperly installed or connected electrical fixture or appliance in the bathroom, where a wet floor may act as a conductor. Slippery bath tubs or slippery tiling on bathroom floors are a prolific cause of serious accidents.

11,138,178 Women Held Jobs in 1940

Women held jobs in almost every classification of labor in 1940, before the feminine rush into war jobs and as replacements for men called into military service, according to figures released recently by the 1940 Census Bureau.

In a survey of 45,166,083 men and women employed in 451 occupations at the 1940 census, the bureau pointed out that 11,138,178 women were employed.

The figures showed that 861 were then employed in blast furnaces and steel works, 4,477 in sawmills, thirteen as "blasters and powder men." 2,114 employed as funeral directors and embalmers, 1,047 as dentists and 106,590 as bakers, blacksmiths, electricians and machinists. The figures showed that there were then fifty-one women aviators as against 5,828 men and 4,761 actresses against 6,931 actors.

A Fire Marshal's Warning

A warning to use caution in the selection of their Christmas decorations was issued by Fire Marshal Jack Thompson, of Dallas, Texas.

Pointing to the disastrous Boston fire, which snuffed out the lives of nearly 500 persons recently, Thompson has warned that the use of inflammable materials in Christmas tree private and public decorations is extremely hazardous and that only non-inflammable materials should be used.

"A large percentage of the deaths in the Boston fire were caused by the fact that the crowd could not get through the revolving doors of the night club, and also because decorations throughout were of the lightest, driest kind of materials."

Cotton Gifts Urged for Christmas

Buying practical and useful gifts for Christmas gifts will be the theme of the Cotton Christmas campaign sponsored by the Texas Statewide-Cotton Committee, Burrus Jackson, chairman said.

"A shortage exists in cotton articles, but there are more cotton gifts on merchants' shelves than any other line, especially in practical and useful gifts," Jackson emphasized.

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Hope out to do the actual shopping. Mary Martin likes the fun of her own shopping—her favorite gifts for feminine friends are bags of hand-made lingerie.

The real Lady Bountiful in gift-giving are Dorothy Lamour and Sonja Henie. Dorothy Lamour has a regular routine followed every Christmas Eve. She gets presents for everyone she works with and has them, wrapped and ready, in her dressing room. The recipients are expected to drop by her studio dressing room and pick them up.

Generosity Far-Famed

Sonja Henie's generosity is far-famed. She revels in giving. One year she presented her hairdresser with a \$25,000 diamond bracelet, just because the girl admired it! To the boys and girls of the huge skating chorus of a recent picture Sonja gave each a hand-made sweater—in the proper colors and size.

A Gentleman Bountiful is Orson Welles. His friends are showered with presents at Christmas.

Most bachelors are prone to be remiss at Christmas but not Caesar Romero. He has an eye for the newest of feminine conceits, picks all his presents himself and they are ultra smart.

For their wives, several Hollywood husbands have regular routines. Mrs. Don Ameche collects Sheffield silver. She can count on at least one piece each year from Don. Joe Brown loves to give jewels and Mrs. Brown always gets something in that line.

Jack Benny gives checks at Christmastime, except to his family and close friends for whom he shops personally. Madeleine Carroll is erratic. Some years she gives lavishly, some not at all. Tyrone Power likes to give luxury versions of practical objects. Bing Crosby likes to give gag presents to friends. He confines his festivities to his home and boys.

Paulette Goddard looks for novel gifts, buys them by the gross. Rita Hayworth buys gallons of perfume, spreads it widely. Alice Faye adores costume jewelry, gives it to feminine pals. Betty Grable likes to give extravagant gifts, things people wouldn't buy for themselves. Loretta Young gives things to gladden a home-maker heart.

Last year Carole Lombard and Clark Gable sent notes saying they planned to give only to a local children's hospital and hoped their friends would do likewise—most of them did, too. Irene Dunne is closely connected with an orphanage and always takes dinner there with the children on Christmas Day.

Brian Donlevy started a new notion last year that his friends all hope he will continue. He gave New Year's presents only, enclosing notes that read: "I know you had a wonderful Christmas, thought a remembrance at New Year's would be fun!"

Grass Root Reveries

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COON CREEK, where I live, will have an old-fashioned Christmas due to tire and gasoline rationing. Travel in our neck of the woods will be partly via horseback, muleback, burro-back, in wagons, buggies, buckboards, any old contraption with wheels. It's gonna be a lot of fun to see families who own swell automobiles drive up to your house on Christmas day in buggies and wagons. However, it will make Christmas no less merrier. In fact, it will slow us down to where we will have more time for social amenities, more time for getting better acquainted. All these years we have been whizzing by each other at 60 m. p. h. and waving hands; now we will go slow enough to shake hands.

We fuss and fume over gas rationing, but it's the best thing that could have happened to a country gone hog wild on speeding. This is one Christmas in a decade when casualties on the highways will be down to zero. Fewer head end and rear end collisions will make a saner and happier Christmas. I have already built a hitching rack near my front gate. All friends and in-laws need to do is to ride up, or drive up, tie their horses or mules to the hitching rack and holler, "Hello, Joe, here we are!" I'll be right out to greet them with a smile, and a wish for a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Coon Creek is a small community of neighborly, kindly folks who are neither very rich nor very poor. But they are united in the war effort and in buying war bonds and stamps. Furthermore, they are united in having a jolly Christmas. There will be a big community Christmas tree at the school house with gifts on it for every boy and girl. Santa

Claus will remove the gifts from the tree and call out the names of the recipients. The children will look on in wonder and amazement, clap their hands and shout merrily at the most trivial gifts. Groups of singers will sing familiar carols and some groups will sing carols Christmas Eve at homes of neighbors. There will be firecrackers popping, Roman candles swishing, may be a few anvils roaring since the village blacksmith is now back on the job shoeing horses. There will be plenty of eats for everybody—strangers included—such as roasted turkey and cranberry sauce, roasted pig and sweet taters, pumpkin pies, mince pies, fruit cakes, pound cakes, etc. Nobody will go hungry or go around looking lonesome. That's the spirit of Coon Creek and that's the reason we shall have a rip-nortin', merry-go-round, old-fashioned Christmas.

Yes, indeed, there could be worse things than gas rationing and coffee rationing. So let's quit squawking and make it a Merry Christmas. We have a thousand reasons to be thankful. We still have food, clothing, shelter, health and the best country in all the world. We have millions of brave men and women. Our recent victories in the Solomons and in French Africa shows we have not forgotten how to fight and, believe me, we will be in there fighting to a victorious finish. Let's have faith in ourselves and do a little more praying and a little less belly-aching, a little more working and a little less shirking. So far we have used 50 per cent of our power. Let's use the other 50 per cent and astound the world. We can do it.

If the army continues to take more of our doctors, we may have to fall back on sarsaparilla, mullen's tea and slippery elm bark. These old remedies, administered by our grandmothers, got the

job done and are still efficacious, but most of our dear grandmothers who knew how to administer them have passed on to their reward. Many modern grandmothers wouldn't know how to stop an ordinary stomachache in a 10-year-old boy.

Uncle Sam wanted peanuts this year and he got peanuts—500,000,000 bushels in Texas—not counting what was raised in other States. The peanut, once called the goober, was supposed to be fit only for hogs to eat. A few people ate them occasionally when parched, but they were never regarded as a money crop until one day a chemist discovered that the goober contained high grade oil, similar to the kind of oil America had been importing from Europe and Asiatic countries. From then on the goober was called the peanut and its oil extensively used in the manufacture of cooking fats, soaps, varnishes, paints, lubricants, pharmaceuticals, explosives, etc. Uncle Sam uses peanuts mostly in making explosives. I hope the 500,000,000 bushels of peanuts Texas raised this year will kill 500,000 Japs. Japs are not worth killing, but since we must kill them—maybe all of them—I am willing that one bushel of perfectly good peanuts be used to kill each Jap soldier.

Coffee rationing, now on a par with sugar rationing, has housewives guessing and worrying. The papers say there is coffee for everybody if housewives will not lose their heads and start hoarding it. That's true of other food products. Hoarding brings on rationing and rationing brings on headaches. We can get along with less coffee and be no worse off. Our granddaddies and grandmamas in the South had no coffee the last two years of the War Between the States. They used substitutes—made a brew of parched acorns, parched grains and baked potato peelings. We, too, will come to that before this war is over. Yet I hope the substitutes will not be put up in a fancy cellophane-covered container and labeled "coffee."

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS --- from Over the State

TEXAS-RAISED CHICORY

Chicory, used as a blend in coffee, is being produced and shipped by the carload out of Weslaco, (Hidalgo county).

RARE COIN

Mrs. Fritz Schmidt, of Mason (Mason county), has a United States one cent piece of 1854. It is larger than a silver quarter.

CAMP HOOD AREA INCREASED

Camp Hood, near Gatesville, will increase in area by 50,000 acres to a total of 185,000, making it one of the largest army installations in the country.

THIRTEENTH SUBCHASER LAUNCHED

The thirteenth subchaser, built at the Rockport shipyards, was launched November 20. It is 110 feet long in length.

4-H GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Eight Grimes county boys have been awarded gold medals for outstanding accomplishments in 4-H club work, said A. C. Pratt, county agent.

6 SONS IN ARMY

The war is very real to Mrs. Ida Miller, of Corsicana, who has six of her sons, a grandson and a son-in-law now in the armed forces of the United States.

AFTER-WAR BOOMED PREDICTED

Texas will become one of the largest industrial States of the nation in its postwar development, Dean W. H. Woolrich, of the School of Engineering of the University of Texas, said.

ALLOW SALE OF GRADE C MILK

New regulations announced by the State Health Department permit Grade C milk to be sold for home consumption in Texas after it has been pasteurized.

20,000,000 ROSE BUSHES ANNUALLY

Jerry Nasits, prominent local nurseryman of Smith county, says 20,000,000 rose bushes are produced annually around Tyler, about half of the world's yearly supply.

OLD TRAIL DRIVER DIES

Hirman G. Craig, one of the last surviving cowboys who drove cattle from South Texas up the famous Chisholm trail, died in Houston in a local hospital. He was a charter member of the Old Trail Drivers' Association.

OBSERVES 64th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

One of the oldest married couples in Texas, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Russell, observed their 64th wedding anniversary at San Saba. Both are native Texans.

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

Frank O. Richcreek, age 71, dairy farmer near Austin, was electrocuted after falling into a stock tank while running to the scene of a blaze. He was wet from the waist down, firemen said, and stepped on a live wire that had fallen during the blaze.

102-YEAR-OLD CONFEDERATE

David Newton Yeary, of 5122 Reiger street, Dallas, Confederate cavalry captain, was 102 years old in October of this year. He is the only surviving member of the Sterling Price Camp. He was born in Lee county, Va.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES GAIN

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reported total net sales of department stores in its district for the first 10 months showed an 11 per cent increase over the first 10 months of 1941, the city gains being San Antonio 20 per cent, Fort Worth 12, Shreveport 13, Houston 11 and Dallas 4.

CO-EDS HELP FARMERS

Three hundred and sixty-nine students of Texas State College for Women, at Denton, have volunteered their services, and have organized groups to help the farmers gather their crops or perform other necessary farm chores. Farmers furnish the working equipment and transportation.

"MISS AMERICA" SELLS WAR BONDS

Jo-Carroll Dennison, the 18-year-old Tyler girl who won the title of Miss America at Atlantic City this year, returned to her home town recently for the first time since she was proclaimed the nation's most beautiful girl. Miss Dennison greeted her townspeople with a plea to buy war bonds. She sold \$72,000 worth.

"EMPTY YOUR PURSE DRIVE"

The "Empty Your Purse Drive," launched at Corpus Christi by the Alpha Phi Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, got off to a good start as containers, which had been placed in seven downtown stores, were rapidly filled. The drive sought empty lipstick tubes, metal tops of cosmetic jars, compacts and costume jewelry. Sponsored nationally by the War Production Board, the drive needed material usually found in women's hand bags.

OLD SLAVE DIES

Alf Sattiwite, who was brought to Texas from Alabama as a slave by Mrs. Mildred T. Littlefield, of Gonzales, died at the reputed age of 100 years. He was the father of 38 children.

STICKS WITH JOB, LOSES LIFE

Mitchell Church, age 66, could have retired on pension, but he insisted on staying with his oil refinery job at Port Arthur because of labor shortage. Recently he was knocked by a car from a bicycle near the plant and killed.

LEADS IN MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION

Texas leads the nation in magnesium production, a vital metal in aircraft construction. Most of the magnesium produced in Texas is extracted from sea water. Almost as strong as steel, it is lighter than some wood.

PROTEST GASOLINE RATIONING

A protest against gasoline rationing of four gallons a week as unfair to West Texas, an area of light population density and long hauls, was made by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in a telegram to Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

SEVEN BROTHERS WORK IN WAR PLANT

Seven brothers work in the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation plant near Fort Worth. They are the Mueir brothers, all born on a farm in Collin county, where their parents still live. "Mother had 14 children and when we all get together for a family reunion it's really something," said Dave Mueir.

NEGRO BUYS 5 WAR BONDS

"Chas. Lee, a negro Victory leader in East Caney community, (Hopkins county), purchased five \$18.75 bonds and plans to purchase three more bonds. Other negroes have been purchasing bonds, too," said H. W. Grays, negro county agent.

POEM BRINGS LETTER AND MARRIAGE

Miss Martell Smalley, of Dallas, wrote a poem entitled, "It's Nice to Get a Letter." The poem, published in a leading Texas daily newspaper, was read by Pvt. H. M. McGee, of Fort Bliss, El Paso. He wrote Miss Smalley, complimenting the poem, and after a few weeks of correspondence they met and were married in El Paso.

HUSBAND AND WIFE JOIN ARMY

Owen Hollis Eagan and Mattie Mabel Eagan stood before Maj. Bert H. Davis at the army recruiting station in Dallas and took oaths of service. Eagan became a radio technician in the Army Air Force and his wife is a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

UNCLE SAM HIS BENEFICIARY

Douglas Pond, age 21, joined the Marine Corps at Houston and, having no known living relatives, named his Uncle Sam as beneficiary. He said his assets amounted to \$40 which he had saved and was going to use immediately to buy war bonds.

RAPACIOUS COYOTE

C. R. Landon, district agent for the U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service, at San Antonio, reported that a coyote captured in Bastrop county recently was estimated to have killed 500 turkeys and 450 mutton sheep valued at \$3,800.

PURPLE HEART MEDAL 24 YEARS LATE

Twenty-four years after he was wounded in the Argonne forest of France, John R. Steele, Houston accountant, has received a purple heart decoration from the War Department. Steele was wounded during the Rainbow Division's offensive on November 2, 1918. Inscribed on the medal was the citation: "For wounds received in action and for extraordinary heroism on the firing line, November 2, 1918."

SENDS RABBIT FEET TO SOLDIERS

Shamrock Texan: "A. R. Hugg is not only helping in the letter writing campaign to soldiers that is under way in Shamrock, (Wheeler county), but is going other correspondents one better. He is sending each of his friends in the service a rabbit's foot for good luck."

VALLEY CITRUS SHIPMENTS

Valley citrus shipments for the 1942-43 season through November 16 totaled 5,539 cars, compared with 4,984 at the same date last season, according to figures compiled by the Federal-State Market News Service.

ARMCHAIR GARDENER

C. L. Veriegge, 72-year-old retired blacksmith of Hillsboro, (Hill county), is an armchair Victory gardener who actually works at the job. Crippled, and forced to garden from his chair, he has cleared a large plot of bermuda grass and raised three crops of vegetables as a contribution to the war effort.

MISTAKEN FOR TURKEY, FATHER SLAIN BY SON

Mistaken for a turkey as he sat in a tree, hunting deer 13 miles east of Bandera, (Bandera county), O. E. Niemeyer, age 41, was shot and instantly killed by his son, Lawrence, age 16. A verdict of accidental death was returned by a justice of the peace. Sheriff W. H. Burns, of Bandera, who investigated, said the father had climbed the tree shortly after dawn and was waiting for deer when the fatal shot was fired.



Deck the Hall

(An old Welsh carol)

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
'Tis the season to be jolly.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Troll the ancient yuletide carol.

See the blazing log before us,
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Follow me in merry measure,
While I tell of Christmas treasure.

Swiftly the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses.
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather.

SUSPENDS WEEKLY TO ENTER ARMED SERVICE

The Whitney, (Hill county), Messenger, published by L. B. Mayes, has announced that the 60-year-old Texas weekly would suspend publication until Hitler is annihilated. Mayes is entering the armed service to help with the annihilation. Mrs. Mayes is entering some other phase of war work.

22-YEAR-OLD WOMAN CONSTABLE

Miss Addie Louise Dickerson, a comely brunette, has ended her first year as constable of Kilgore, a tough East Texas oil field town. The 22-year-old constable was chosen to fill the unexpired term of her father, and then won an election to a full term. Most of her arrests have been made on such charges as drunkenness, disturbing the peace and fighting.

MEXICAN-AMERICANS EXCHANGE COURTESIES

As a return courtesy to Mexican military and civilian defense organizations which participated in the Armistice Day parade at Brownsville, several hundred Americans, including the military, crossed the border to Matamoros and took part in a parade there in commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of the Mexican revolution. This is the first time such an exchange of military and semi-military events has ever taken place below the border.

PRICE-FIXING NOT NEW

W. B. Harrell, counselor for the OPA at Austin, says that price-fixing was used as far back as the year 1200 in England, when the price of bread was fixed.

NIMITZ PICTURE IN MUSEUM

An autographed picture of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, of Fredericksburg, Texas, has been placed in a collection of patriotic items in Texas memorial museum on the University of Texas campus.

SOPHOMORES DO THEIR BIT

Sophomore co-eds in the University of Texas will do their bit in the war effort by writing letters and preparing scrap books of jokes, puzzles and cartoons to be sent to soldiers in the hospitals at Camp Swift.

REDUCES TO GET IN ARMY

S. D. Flowers, Dallas fireman, was rejected by the recruiting officer because he weighed 236 pounds. But Flowers, determined to join the armed forces, reduced his weight to 194 pounds and is now an aviation cadet. "I got rid of 40 pounds," Flowers said, "by eating less and exercising more."

19 GRANDCHILDREN IN ARMED FORCES

Mrs. Emma Costlow, of LaRue, (Henderson county), is justly proud of her contribution to the war effort. She has 19 grandchildren serving in the armed forces. Nearly every branch of the service is represented in the group.

TYPICAL TEXAS HOME

A typical Texas home in 1940 was a frame detached house with 2 to 5 rooms built sometime since 1910, according to statistics reported by the Census Bureau.

Of the State's 1,904,884 dwelling units, the bureau found that 1,437,513 were one-family detached homes, while only 6,119 were large-size apartments for 20 or more families. The detached homes accounted for practically 80 per cent of all dwellings in the State. Wood was the principal building material, 1,422,282 homes being wood. Of the other types of construction only 38,435 were of stucco, 82,962 of brick and 43,638 of other materials.

WOMEN TRAINED AS FIREMEN

Jacksonville Journal: "Setting the pace in East Texas for civilian defense training and to meet possible war-time emergencies, the Jacksonville (Cherokee county), fire department will begin training an auxiliary department to be composed entirely of women of the city in a short time."

610,575,000 POUNDS OF SCRAP SHIPPED

Official War Production Board figures reveal that Texas has actually shipped by rail 610,575,000 pounds of scrap iron in five months with much more scrap in stockpiles ready to be shipped. This is a per capita State average of 101.76 pounds.

OLD SABER GOES TO WAR AGAIN

Denison's scrap metal heap received one of its historic contributions when W. Y. Parrott donated the cavalry saber used by his father, Josiah Parrott, in America's war with Mexico. "It served Texas once," Mr. Parrott said, "and I thought it only right that the metal be used again in the present war."

SHIP NAMED BIG FOOT WALLACE

The Maritime Commission has announced approval of the name Big Foot Wallace for a Liberty ship whose launching will be sponsored by school children of Texas. The Texas pupils suggested the name. W. A. A. Wallace, better known as Big Foot because of the immense size of his feet, was a renowned Texas frontiersman and Indian and Mexican fighter.

MESQUITE BEANS, COFFEE SUBSTITUTE

Eastern coffee roasting firms have been telegraphing and writing West Texas chambers of commerce as to where they might purchase mesquite beans which, they said, were being considered as a substitute for coffee.

BREAKS RIFLE SCORE RECORD

Houston Post: "Pvt. Houston Parish, of Tyler, broke the record for rifle shooting in the officers training school at Aberdeen, Md. His score was 190 out of a possible 200. An odd thing about the top-notch record is that Parish never owned a gun or handled one to any extent before entering the army."

A. & M. MASCOT GETS INTO MOVIES

Reveille, black and white canine mascot of A. & M. College, has been assigned a role in the movies. The movie makers who chose Texas A. & M. campus for their new military epic, had never heard of Reveille until they gave her a screen test. She will go to Hollywood as a star performer.

REGAINS SIGHT AFTER YEARS OF BLINDNESS

Mitchell P. Harrison, 86-year-old Bowie county pioneer, regained his eyesight by an operation after 10 years of blindness. He was pleased with everything he had so far seen, he said, except women wearing slacks and smoking.

PREACHER RESIGNS TO JOIN ARMY

Rev. Marce Perdue, resigning as pastor of the Palestine Baptist Church, announced his intention of joining the armed forces. "This is a preacher's war just as much as anybody else's war," he said. "If we lose the war, the preachers will be in a pretty pickle."

SCRAP SALVAGED FROM OLD BRAZOS RIVER DAM

Thousands of pounds of scrap metal in the lock and dam in the Brazos river near Old Washington will be salvaged for the war effort. The lock and dam was built by the Federal government about 30 years ago, and was later abandoned.

DEBT PAID AFTER 31 YEARS

A. L. Lockey, who was in the grocery business in Muenster, (Cooke county), years ago recently received a registered letter in the mail for \$65 with a letter from a woman who said she moved from Muenster 31 years ago, owed Mr. Lackey a grocery bill at the time she moved and she hoped the \$65 would pay the bill with interest. "Her bill was \$25," said Lackey.

SOLDIER APPRECIATES KIT BAG GIFT

Staff Sergeant James Henderson, a West Texan, with a bomb squadron somewhere in the Pacific, wrote the following letter to Jones county Red Cross women:

"It seems that the gift bag brought me closer to home than I have been since the beginning of the war. How could America lose this war with such evidence of your work and that of other war relief organizations."

DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Pittsburg Gazette: "Old timers in East Texas are beginning to see the need for the return of the country doctor, because of a war-time shortage of doctors. Thirty years ago there was a country doctor in every community in East Texas. They traveled by buggy or horseback, and their devotion to duty through all kinds of weather is an epic in the pioneer life of this region. Many of them died from exposure suffered in making cross-country calls in the dead of night through sub-freezing weather."

GIRLS RIDING RANGE

Ralph Cooper, editor of the Coastal Cattleman, who has been visiting some of the Texas ranches says: "The girls are already beginning to ride the cattle ranges and it isn't too much to say they may save the cattle industry of Texas. The cowboys are going to war, and to defense industries for better pay. One ranch is selling out, lock, stock and barrel, because it cannot get help, and the labor situation is becoming serious. Women riders may be able to save the day."

By Boughner

MAC



A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Bright Idea

Little Boy: "Mother! Mother! give me a nickel for a poor man who is out in front crying."
 Mother: "Surely. Poor man, what is he crying about?"
 Little Boy: "He's crying: 'Fresh peanuts, 5 cents a bag!'"

New Use for Directory

Man (waiting impatiently outside a public telephone booth): "I wonder if you'd mind letting me put in a call?"
 Woman (casually): "Not at all, I was just looking through the telephone book trying to find a good name for my new baby."

Couldn't Fool Him

He had spent the evening imbibing too freely and was trying to fit his key into the lock. After a time a head looked out of the window above.
 "Go away, you fool," cried the man upstairs; "you're trying to get into the wrong house."
 "Fool yourself!" shouted the man below, indignantly. "You're looking out of the wrong window."

His First Jump

A newly inducted parachutist received terse orders from his commanding officer before his first jump.
 "Remember," he was told, "pull the first rip-cord after you count to ten. If the parachute doesn't open, pull the second cord. When you land a jeep will be waiting to bring you back to camp. That's all."
 The soldier jumped. He counted to ten very slowly, and pulled the cord. Nothing happened. He pulled the second cord. Nothing happened.
 "Geewiz!" he exclaimed. "I bet the jeep won't be there, either."

Modern Problem

Visitor (in defense plant): "Look at that youngster, the one with the cropped hair, the cigaret and overalls on. It's hard to tell whether it's a boy or girl."
 War Worker (in defense plant): "She's a girl and she's my daughter."
 Visitor: "My dear, sir, do forgive me. I would never have been so outspoken if I

had known you were her father."

War Worker: "I'm not her father, I'm her mother."

Right From Wrong

Teacher: "And I suppose you learned right from wrong at your mother's knee?"
 Johnny: "No, across my mother's knee."

Proud Father

"Your wife just gave birth to an 8-pound girl baby this morning," read the telegram to the new father.
 Attached to the message was a sticker reading: "When you want a boy, call Western Union."

Partnership With the Lord

Uncle Shadrack Jones bought himself a badly run-down farm in the poorest part of Virginia. For three years he slaved almost hopelessly, working incredibly long hours, and at last had his reward—a farm that produced the necessities of life.

Then, one Sunday, the visiting parson called on Uncle Shadrack. "That's a right smart patch of yams," said the clergyman, impressed by the old man's fine garden. "Looks like you and the Lord sure is in partnership on them."

Uncle Shadrack pointed to his wheat field. "Looks more'n ever you and the Lord is partners," the preacher said.

And so they walked through all the reclaimed fields, Shadrack pointing out how he had transformed the barren land into fertile acres, the preacher reiterating that Shadrack and the Lord were partners in the good work. Finally, as the preacher was climbing into his buggy, the old farmer spoke up.

"Reverend, I agree with all you say about me and the Lord being in partnership. I agree with every word. But, Reverend, I jest wish you could see this place when the Lord was runnin' it by Hissself!"

Classified Ad

FOUND—Lady's purse left in my car while parked. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. If she will explain to my wife how the purse got there I will pay for the ad myself. Phone 6630-W.

BUNKER HILL

Bunker Hill monument is closed for the duration. Tens of thousands of Americans have struggled up the 295 stone steps in the ninety-nine years since the shaft was dedicated. There Colonel Prescott gave the command: "Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes," and there Dr. Joseph Warren fell in the last fusillade of the first real battle for American freedom. Lafayette laid the cornerstone of the smoky-gray, stolid, Quincy-granite obelisk fifty years to the day after the battle. Daniel Webster delivered one oration then, and another at the dedication eighteen years later. He admitted that the monument was no beauty. He said: "It is a plain shaft but it looks, it speaks, it acts to the full comprehension of every American mind and the awakening of glowing enthusiasm in every American heart." So it does today. But its four sightseeing windows at the top afford views of the Charlestown Navy Yard and many war-production plants. So it is closed to visitors.

U. S. CHURCHES

According to latest figures, there are 241,410 churches in the United States. These have a total of 64,159,248 members, of which 21,322,688 are Roman Catholics; 4,081,242 Jewish; 3,796,645 negro Baptist; 7,385,638 Methodist Episcopal; 4,595,602 Southern Baptist; 1,942,322 Protestant Episcopal; 3,796,645 Northern Baptist.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise from the east to Jerusalem. St. Matthew 2:1.



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HOW SYNTHETIC RUBBER IS MADE

How does it happen that rubber can be made from such diverse materials as petroleum and alcohol? The answer is that butadiene, the compound which is transformed into rubber, can be obtained from petroleum or from alcohol.

This butadiene is a hydrocarbon. Petroleum and alcohol are also hydrocarbons. To get the butadiene it is enough to juggle the atoms of hydrogen and carbon in whatever combination they may be found. Let this butadiene stand and it turns into rubber by a process called

polymerization, a tough word which means that molecules arrange themselves into chains and thus become rubber. Since industrial chemists cannot afford to lose time they hasten polymerization by catalysis, a process that hastens chemical reaction.

BIG SHARK FISHING INDUSTRY

Shark fishing off the South Florida East Coast has been catapulted from a more or less despised calling to a vital defense industry. The reason is the urgent demand for shark liver oil, which is particularly rich in vitamin A and D. Shark liver oil is largely replacing Norwegian cod liver oil, now impossible to import.

Salerno, on Manatee Creek, up St. Lucie river, is the center of the revived and now flourishing shark industry. The sharks are caught on mile-long chain trot-lines, baited with chunks of coarse fish every 25 feet, set on the edge of the Gulf stream bottom and left overnight. The ends of the line are anchored and marked with buoys.

Hauled to the surface the next morning by winches, the sharks are clubbed, brought to port and flayed. The livers are boiled for the oil, which is barreled and shipped to Northern extracting plants. A shark's liver produces anywhere from two to 25 gallons of oil.

Every housewife needs an occasional screw or bolt, or nail. Salvage these from packing boxes, burned buildings, old boards, sort and save them in a nail box in the kitchen.

What! could ye not watch with me one hour? Mat. 26:40.

A tire manufacturer has developed a "tire girdle," which fits snugly around the inner tube, affording enough protection to allow the use of an old tire. The "girdle" is made of cotton cord.

WANTED

Men and women with 2 years college training in mathematics, physics, civil engineering or geology.
 —AND—
 Men with training or experience in radio, television or electronics
 WRITE
NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL CO.
 1005 Tower Petroleum Building,
 DALLAS, TEXAS.

Wooden soled shoes, designed to conserve war essential leather, are now being produced by a Midwest State shoe manufacturer. Hard maple and sugar pine are the woods used.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:14.

Travel is so safe since the boss has been using CUTTER PELMENAL
 If not available locally order direct from CUTTER Laboratories - Berkeley, Calif.
 SAN ANTONIO AND FORT WORTH

INDOOR Holiday Decorations

By HENRY B. AUL

Fresh greens, fashioned into ropes, garlands and wreaths, woven into shapes symbolic of the holiday season furnish a basic material for indoor decorations. Shiny tree ornaments, candles and miniature toys, colored berries and gay ribbons will contribute brilliant high lights to the work. If the ever-green materials are sprayed or dipped with a latex preparation now available, dropping of needles or drying out of foliage and the loss of fresh green color will be reduced considerably.

Candles exude the Christmas spirit as nothing else does and their soft, persistent light somehow dispels any lurking gloom.

The indoor appearance of the electric candle in the window is enhanced with a base arrangement of mixed greens, berries and cones held together with a small ribbon bow. Holly, mistletoe, oak leaves or pine sprigs are good materials to use here. The outdoor appearance of the lighted candle will be given an out-of-

the-ordinary effect if a green, blue or golden cellophane star is placed against the inside of the pane directly in front of the candle flame. It is not difficult to imagine the striking effect created with all windows in the front of the house treated thus. The larger pyramidal-shaped groups of candles might have three or more stars in graduated sizes ranged across the windows above them. A large central star could be flanked with smaller ones.

Other candles used singly or in groups play a large part in the Christmas scene. Against a dark-background try all-white candles with dark pine branches arranged around their base. The green branches might be made to sparkle with pure white popcorn or tiny silver tree ornaments.

Besides these materials, tiny toy horns, silver bells and other ornaments are used with red ribbons in bows and rosettes to give the green a festive look. Archways, doorways, mantels and windows lend themselves to festoons of colorful green roping.



THERE SHE GOES! A 24-year-old veteran of the "silk" is making the first jump test of a new nylon 'chute. Watch as she pulls the rip-cord—



IT OPENS! It holds! It's okay! And so is Adeline Gray as she floats earthward to the approval and applause of Army and Navy observers.



A PERFECT LANDING—and now for a Camel. And when Adeline Gray says: "Camels suit me to a 'T,'" she's talking a language any smoker can understand (see right).

Watch ADELINE GRAY try Uncle Sam's new nylon 'chute in its first "Live Test"

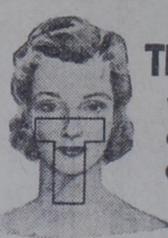


That's the proving ground of a parachute—just as the "T-Zone" is the proving ground of your cigarette (see below)

YOU can test them in laboratories and wind tunnels... You can toss them out with weighted dummies... But the final test of a parachute is the "live test"—when you step out in mid-air in an actual jump.

And it's like that with cigarettes, too. The final test of any brand is when you light it and smoke it. Adeline Gray, a steady Camel smoker, can tell you: "Camels are milder all ways." Many a man at the front could tell you the same—Camels are the favorite pack there, too. But only your own "T-Zone" can tell you the cigarette that suits you best.

TASTE AND THROAT THAT'S MY TEST OF A CIGARETTE. AND THE BRAND FOR ME IS CAMEL. THEY'RE GRAND!



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Texas Farm News Reports

Texas farmers pocketed \$545,000,000 cash income for the first nine months of 1942 compared with \$341,000,000 during the corresponding period of 1941, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

"Texas turkey growers should select breeders for 1943 before all of their better birds have been sold. It is only by selecting breeders now that we can maintain the improvement which has been so pronounced during the past five or six years," said George P. McCarthy, poultryman for the A. & M. College Extension Service.

Jack Booth, age 15, Harris county 4-H club boy this year grew 15 acres of truck crops as his part in winning the war. Jack's record has been submitted for competition in the National 4-H club boys' garden contest. His father is employed in Houston and Jack worked the truck crop himself, at the same time feeding out 25 head of hogs for his father, says C. W. Jackson, county agricultural agent.

Texas farm families who have geese may find plucking their birds will add a few extra dollars to the farm income, says Myrtle Murray, specialist in home industries for the A. & M. College Extension Service. She adds that there are numerous war uses of feathers which have increased the price to growers. Down is used in making flying suits for aviators and in sleeping bags which protect soldiers in 40 degrees below zero temperatures.

Jaunice and Bonice West, 11-year-old twins of the Temple Spring 4-H club of Jasper county, make peanut butter for their school lunches. Recently they were invited to tell fellow club members their method of making it.

When informed that his 4-H club gilt was Walker county's champion and that he would receive a registered Jersey calf as a prize, Otis Robinson, first year member of the San Jacinto 4-H club, made this reply to County Agricultural Agent G. H. Richards: "This is the first time in my life that I have owned anything of value. I am proud of both animals and happy that I am a 4-H boy. I promise that I will do my best to make good with my projects."

Many Grayson county farm women are working in the fields 14 hours a day to meet the farm labor shortage. They are also buying war bonds and stamps to the limit of their incomes.

Turkey buyers have warned turkey growers that only prime, mature and well-developed birds must be brought to market. The government will be a big buyer of the nation's turkey crop this year, but is in the market for only prime birds, it was explained. Hence growers are urged to fatten their birds as rapidly as possible.



Soon to grace the Christmas tables of America, this turkey and his kin is already on the way to points where our troops are stationed. Men in service will have plenty of turkey for Christmas meals. This year's crop of domestic turkeys is estimated at 33,786,000, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Fall is sauerkraut-making time, according to Mrs. Elsie Gilkerson, home demonstration agent for Nolan county. "Kraut is rich in vitamin C, and aids in preventing scurvy," Mrs. Gilkerson says. "It may be made from fall turnips or from lettuce, as well as from cabbage."

Hale county 4-H club boys have 65 of the best type of calves on feed, and more are to be bought soon, says Ollie F. Limer, assistant county agricultural agent. The boys vision a profitable year with plentiful pasturage and home grown feeds. Sixteen of the boys have a total of 350 lambs in feed lots.

Twice as much flax is being planted by Refugio county farmers this year as never before, County Agent L. A. Weiss, Jr., said. He estimated that around 3,000 acres of flax was being cultivated in the county, most of it of the Golden Viking and Rio varieties.

A small fortune has been harvested on the D. D. Bowman farm a mile north of Plainview, (Hale county). Bowman recently marketed 1,200 pounds of white Spanish onion seed for around \$4,000 from two and a half acres.

An extra two dollars per ton is in store for growers of oil peanuts who deliver their peanuts in sacks instead of in bulk. No extra payments will be made for bagged quota peanuts, according to B. F. Vance, chairman, Texas USDA war board.

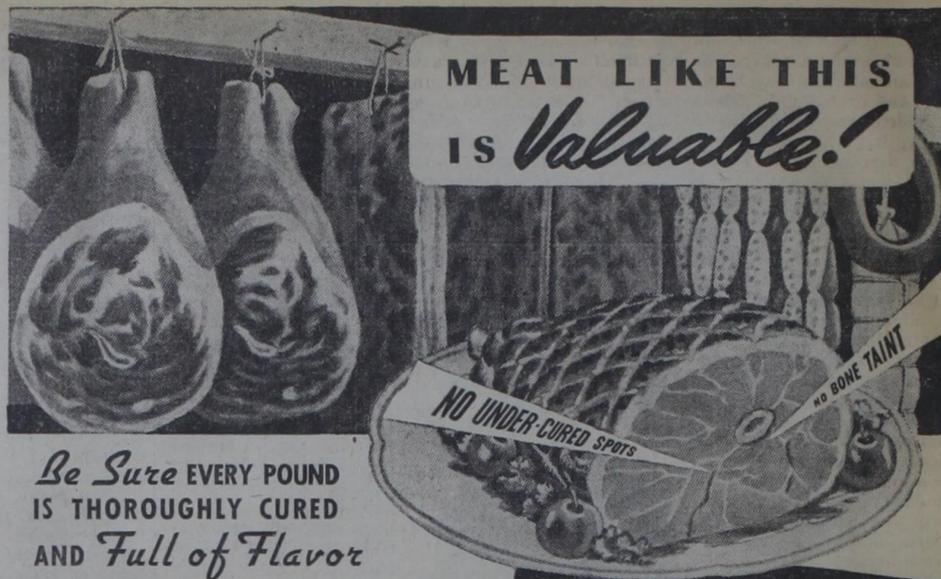
Evelyn Taylor didn't pause in her war effort when her brother, Roger, was reported missing after the fall of Corregidor last May. A member of the Bald Prairie 4-H club of Robertson county, she helped her mother can 400 quarts of food for the family, collected more than 500 pounds of scrap iron and turned in 95 pounds of rubber. She bought war stamps from their sale.

Twenty-five to 50 per cent increase in corn yield is consistent, according to H. C. Lueck, of the Oscar, community, (Bell county), when corn follows peas planted on oats stubble land.

Clifton Record: "J. D. Alexander, retired college football coach now farming four miles west of Clifton, (Bosque county), thinks a production record may have been established by one of his registered Hampshire sows. In October of last year the sow farrowed 17 pigs, raised them all, repeated the feat in April and the other day brought 18 more, of which 16 lived, a total of 55 pigs in a year."

Growers in the Rio Grande Valley have been asked by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard to shift production from the so-called luxury vegetables and the most popular salad constituents to production of more essential food vegetables, such as carrots, onions, spinach, lima and snap beans, and similar crops.

The David Ramsey farm, near San Marcos, (Hays county), raised 500 Baby Beef turkeys this year. "Lots of folks don't know the difference between a Baby Beef turkey and the ordinary variety. Well, the difference becomes apparent when one is baked. There's about twice as much white meat as on the ordinary turkey. They have a breast almost as big, in proportion, as that of a quail. Expert buyers are wanting the broad-breasted type turkey," Ramsey said.



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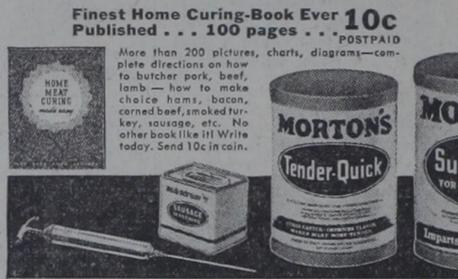
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North Texas pecan growers blamed the heavy rains of last spring for the almost complete failure of the pecan crop this year. The April rains did not permit the blooms to pollinize, W. R. Yeary, Federal supervisor, said.

Maintaining an average of 200 pounds per day over a month of cotton picking, Jack Harvey, 17-year-old boy in the J. H. Harvey family, of Grayson county, hit a high point in one day's work recently when he put 233 pounds into his cotton sack.

By planting a vegetable garden near the school Berclair boy and girl club members exemplified the help Goliad county 4-H club members are giving in producing Food for Victory. Each member of the Berclair club is responsible for one plot in the garden, around which the boys built a fence. When the vegetables, including Chinese cabbage, chew-chew, carrots, lettuce and onions mature, girl club members will give a demonstration on the preparation of tasty salads at a community 4-H club day. Margaret L. Cole, county home demonstration agent, says that "the fine work and co-operation in the Berclair club is due largely to the co-operation of the sponsors."

Approximately \$6,000 or more will be earned by the members of the Pampa high school agriculture classes this year, Hood Willis, teacher of agriculture, announced. An average of two projects per boy will go to make up this total. One project is the raising of 18 sows and 112 piglets consisting of Hampshire, Duroc Jersey, Spotted Poland China, and Chester White breeds.

Denton county 4-H boys, after instruction in fire prevention by County Agricultural Agent G. E. Warren, prepared a plan under which each house will be inspected for fire hazard by a neighbor. After each boy inspects his own home and corrects fire dangers, a neighbor is asked to check his work to see whether he can find anything the boy overlooked.

Whitesboro News: "Grown by B. D. Shook, three miles west of Whitesboro, (Grayson county), a tomato vine which had more than 300 tomatoes on it when it was brought to town, has been on display. The vine is about eight feet tall and with many branches. It is of the improved Porter variety and produces a delicious small pink tomato. Most of its production is in the fall and it is reported capable of producing up until the most bitter part of the winter."

The draft board interrupted his year's projects, but before joining the fighting forces in October Leslie Haas, Lavaca county 4-H club boy, reported some big achievements to County Agricultural Agent G. C. King. His demonstrations, counting from the first of the year, comprised 13 calves, 33 hogs and 303 laying hens. The pigs were increased by nine litters, and the poultry by a brood of 352 in February and 340 in May. He netted \$291.57 from sale of the calves, and \$600.65 from sale of the pigs. He had 49 hogs, valued at \$675.75, remaining. After paying expenses Haas had a profit of \$460.64 from the sale of eggs, fryers and culled hens. The family ate about \$50 worth of eggs and chickens. "From this report," says County Agent King, "it can be seen that Leslie did a good year's work and produced much to aid his government in this trying time."

After forty years of experimenting and field tests in various parts of the South, International Harvester Company announces it is ready to manufacture a successful cotton-picking machine, if the government so desires, said Fowler McCormick, president of the firm.

Washington county 4-H club girls have invested \$3,816.40 in war bonds and stamps. According to Myrna Holman, county home demonstration agent, this is an average of \$39.75 for those owning the securities, or an average of \$24.77 for each club girl in the county.

A flock of 1,300 turkeys have been raised by Mr. and Mrs. Finney Beville, of Yantis, (Hopkins county). These successful turkey raisers followed a careful and scientific program of feeding and care for the blooded Baby Beef strain which they started with 30 hens and three toms as breeding stock last November. When the turkeys are three and one-half months old, the average weight is 13½ to 14½ pounds.

The Palestine Kiwanis Club recently bought five registered Duroc gilts and placed them with selected Anderson county 4-H club boys on an exchange basis. The club also established a fund of \$25 for premiums to be offered the boys in a plan to be determined later. According to Assistant County Agricultural Agent Tom Stokes, the boys receiving the pigs will return to the sponsor the best gilt from the first litter, with papers, at nine weeks of age. If the pig dies, the boy is to replace it or pay the club the purchase price of \$10.

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THE MISTLETOE

The mistletoe was an object of veneration among our pagan ancestors in very early times, and probably as it was the golden branch referred to by Virgil, in his description of the descent to the lower regions, it may be assumed to have been used in the religious ceremonies of the Greeks and Romans. It was held sacred by the Druids and Celtic nations, who attributed to it valuable medicinal qualities. The Gothic nations also attached extraordinary qualities to it. The Druids celebrated a grand festival on the annual cutting of the mistletoe. As late as the seventeenth century, peculiar efficacy was attached to it, and a piece hung round the neck was considered a safeguard against witches. In modern times it has a tendency to lead us toward witches of a more attractive nature; for, as is well known, if you can by favor or cunning induce a fair one to come under the mistletoe you are entitled to kiss her.

SANTA'S REINDEER

Santa's reindeer, according to an old legendary tale, happened like this. Many years ago the Lord decided to reward good children by having gifts taken to them once a year and asked Saint Nicholas to take over the task.

The gifts were to be carried in a sleigh drawn by any animal Santa chose. After pondering the question for three days an angel suggested to Saint Nick that he let a child choose the animal, so Santa and a child went to the Lord's animal kingdom.

The lion roared, the elephant swung his trunk, and the tiger growled. All of the animals seemed displeased, except the reindeer who looked lovingly at the child. And that's how reindeer came to draw Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve.

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A SHRINKING WORLD

Everyone knows the world has shrunk in terms of travel, transportation and communications. But the last stages had come so swiftly that laymen—and many so-called authorities who should have known better—were caught unawares. We did not realize how far we had advanced and what the modern world was like.

World spaces began to diminish at an increasingly rapid pace. Then, in the latter years of the nineteenth century, a new cycle began, and the size of the world was reduced in spectacular fashion. Radio, the automobile, the streamlined train, and the airplane were the great space reducers of this new age.

The modern era of technical progress may be divided into three periods. The first period, that of the fast stagecoach and the sailing vessel, lasted from about the time of William the Conqueror to the latter part of the eighteenth century. In the middle period, which covered the next hundred years or so, the major developments were the steamship and the locomotive.

Jules Verne's hero set an imaginary world record in 1872 when he travelled "Around the World in Eighty Days." This breathless exploit was supposedly accomplished in about one-thirteenth the time required by Magellan's expedition to sail around the world in 1522, Magellan spent almost three years, or 1,083 days, on his globe-girdling voyage.

In 1929 a German airship went around the world in 20 days and 4 hours, one-fourth of the time taken by Verne's hero. In 1938 Howard Hughes flew a 14,824-mile course around the world in less than 92 hours, one-fifth the German's time.

This year, a bomber, flying at 330 miles per hour, can make the trip in about 45 flying hours. Thus, Magellan's world was 518 times larger than the world of today, Jules Verne's world was 38 times larger, and even the world of Howard Hughes in 1938 was twice as large.

How long is a mile? To a man on foot it is the distance he will cover in about twenty minutes. In an airplane, moving at 180 miles an hour, it is the distance covered in twenty seconds. The walking mile is sixty times as long as the airplane mile.

The world changes its aspect as well as its shape as the miles per hour increase and the horizons are extended from on high. Man in his role of Superman seems unreal and impossible until it is realized that his modern achievements are entirely real. Flight is the most meaningful symbol of the world today, whether of its desirable futures or of its terrifying, destructive present.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, come into my heart and mind, I pray Thee, and fill me with Thine infinite wisdom, love and power! For as Thou knowest, I have great need of Thee, and my strength is in the promise of Him who spoke, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And therefore I pray, walk by my side, O Lord, from the moment I rise in the morning until I sleep again at night. Guide me and help me always. Help me to help others and to live righteously. In Jesus name I ask it, humbly, amen.



Our Boys and Girls

AUNT MARY, Editor, 1809 Ashland, Fort Worth, Texas.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

DEAR FRIENDS:

Wish it were possible for me to write and mail a personal letter to each one of the 1400 members of the Friendly Hobby Club. However, this is my Christmas greeting card:

May all your happy dreams come true,
May all your skies be ever blue—
With finest friends in all the land,
And joys as countless as the sand.
This and more I wish to say
Shall be your lot on Christmas Day.

We are going to have a real old-fashioned jolly Christmas. No doubt about it. We have it coming to us. All through the year we have worked hard, studied hard and for one day, or one week, we shall take off and celebrate the birth of our blessed Saviour, who so loved little children that He said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Yes, we shall think of Jesus on Christmas Day—how kind He was to everybody and how He befriended the poor and lonely. We must do likewise—must pick out poor, lonely persons and befriend them, speak kindly to them. That's the Christmas spirit and I want the 1400 members of the Friendly Hobby Club to keep in mind that to be happy through Christmas they must make others happy, be charitable and mindful of the poor, the needy and the lonely.

Wherefore, Aunt Mary wishes you the gayest, the MERRIEST CHRISTMAS and the HAPPIEST NEW YEAR.
With all my love,
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

AUNT LUCY COMES TO VISIT

It was Christmas morning and the household of the Peter Brown family was visibly agitated. Mother Brown was in the kitchen, wiping the beads of perspiration from her face as she placed the steaming turkey in the oven after the tenth basting.

"Whew," she sighed, "I hope that will finish that bird. It is certainly tender and should be mighty juicy." She was speaking to Peter Brown, her husband, who had just come in with a huge armload of wood.

Small drops of water began to fall from his old corduroy cap as the heat melted the snow flakes that had gathered on it.

Mrs. Brown pulled back the curtain from the window over the sink as she worriedly said: "If this snow keeps up they'll have a disagreeable trip back from town. Wish I hadn't let the twins go with John. They'll be sick, sure."

"Oh, mother," Peter drawled, "there you go worrying again. Looks to me that you would let the kids grow up some day. Why, they took along enough blankets to smother them."

"I know its kind of silly of me," the plump good-natured woman admitted, "but somehow I can't help it. I guess a mother never thinks her children are quite grown up. I don't know which is hardest—the growing pains of children or the growing pains of mothers."

Peter Brown placed his strong arm about his wife's shoulders and patted her cheek affectionately. "You just worry all you want, ma. I believe we really like it."

Just then a loud shout outside the kitchen door told of the arrival of Aunt Lucy. Before mother and father could reach the door, it was thrown wide open by Jerry and Jean, the twins, who shouted excitedly: "She's here! she's here!"

"Now, boys, quiet down and help Aunt Lucy out," father admonished. "It isn't very nice to leave her there alone."

Jerry and Jean were 12 years old while their older brother, John, was 21. The sister they all wished they still had would have been 18 this Christmas. She lived but two years.

At the suggestion of their father, the twins rushed back to help Aunt Lucy out of the old-fashioned sleigh.

"Merry Christmas!" shouted Aunt Lucy, who was Peter's only sister, and Peter was proud of her.

Mother Brown followed the twins and her husband out to welcome the "guest," as she threw her ample apron over her head to ward off the falling snow.

"I haven't had such fun since I was a kid, Peter," Lucy exclaimed, as her brother put his arms around her and kissed her. "Where did you ever get the idea of sending this sleigh and team after me?"

"It was necessity, Lucy," Peter said. "We have gas ration, you know. We found the sleigh runners in that storage room over at the old home-place. That seat is from the body of a second-hand car we found at an auto graveyard. John and I had a bit of doing to make it strong, but she's sturdy enough and

the kids sure have had a big kick out of the crudely-made contraption."

After hugs and kisses all around, Aunt Lucy was escorted into the big family room, warmly heated by a log-burning fireplace. Her annual Christmas visit was always an event to be long remembered and talked about. This visit was no exception.

Lucy Brown (always called "Aunt Lucy") had never married and her lovely gray ensemble with fox collar pulled close to her throat, together with a slender figure, belied her 50 years.

She was private secretary to a big business man in a distant city and except for her infrequent letters Christmas was the only time of year she visited her brother's family. The twins adored her and sometimes at night a thrill came over them when they lay awake in bed and whispered some of the romantic things they had heard about their aunt. A favorite story was of Aunt Lucy as a young woman during World War I when she went overseas to nurse

the wounded on many battle fronts. They loved to picture in their young minds the scene they had heard described so often by their father—of how his sister had come upon the man she had promised to marry among the many wounded on a battlefield in France; how the wounded man lay for hours unconscious, and finally opened his eyes as Lucy bent over him, administering to his wounds; and later how he died in her arms in an army hospital. To Jerry and Jean this was a great drama—somewhat like the one they had seen on the screen at the Liberty Theater.

To Lucy it was something else. It was a wound that never healed. She chided herself for being a sentimental old fool. Yet in her heart she knew that her love for the dead soldier of World War I remained through the years.

Dinner was on the table and six very hungry persons were soon devouring turkey, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings. Mother Brown reproved Jean who had tried to talk with his mouth full of food. Father Brown smiled indulgently. Aunt Lucy just patted Jean's shoulder and remarked: "I don't mind in the least. Why, I was almost a boy once myself." At which they all laughed heartily.

After the chores were finished and they all sat around the big log-fire in the living room they quieted down. Each one was thinking of the happy reunion on this glad Christmas Day.

It was John who broke the silence. "Well, I know we are thinking of the same things. We are glad we have had this grand day together. We are wondering, too, what next year will be like. That is, I am wondering what it will be like. Shall we all be here together, just like this? I hope so."

Quietly Mrs. Brown wiped a tear from her eye. "Lucy," she spoke softly, "we haven't told you before, but now that the time of our being together is short, we must tell you."

"Tell me what?" asked Lucy.

"John is leaving for the service tomorrow," blurted out Father Brown.

"John leaving for the service?" Aunt Lucy's voice trembled. "Why, John's a farmer. He is vital to war production. He should stay right here."

"You don't understand, Aunt Lucy," John explained. "I know I am doing a big part here. But I want to do more. I want to go to the front and help settle this thing as it should have been settled long ago. I want to learn to fly a plane. I've been studying nights for a long time. This year's crop is in and by spring the twins will be large enough to do a man's work, that is, almost."

"You bet we can," chimed in Jerry. "Why, I can lift a hundred pounds easy."

Lucy Brown silently picked up her coat in the hall, pulled it around her shoulders and, asking to be excused, walked out into the night.

The snow-storm was over, the moon shone brightly and the stars twinkled out of a clear sky. Lucy crossed the yard and took the path-way leading to the barn. Here she climbed a ladder to the hay loft and cautiously made her way to a door. Pulling aside a latch, she opened the door and, with tears in her eyes, gazed out on a familiar scene. There stood her brother's home and the stately oak trees in the background. It was here she had come as a young girl when hurt in spirit. It was here she had erected in her mind a chapel where she could talk to God.

Now, looking heavenward, she prayed: "Not this time, God, not this time; please spare John's life. He is so young, much too young to die. So was my soldier lover, but he was taken from me. I make no complaint. I find no fault. Thy will be done, oh Lord, not mine." For a long time she stood gazing at the (Continued top next column)



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stars. One was brighter than the rest and she imagined it held the image of her lost soldier lover to whom she had remained true throughout the years.

Quietly she closed the loft door, went down the ladder and returned to her brother's house. In her heart she believed her prayer would be answered.

DRIED FOOD BOOM

With one or two cargo carriers sunk every day, with tin so scarce, the business of dehydrating vegetables, fruits and eggs is booming.

The reason for all this activity is plain. Most food contains much water. Eggs and meat are three-fourths water. Some vegetables are 90 per cent water. Get rid of this water and we obviously reduce bulk and thus save shipping space and reduce the number of warships required for conveying.

Eleven pounds of vegetables become one pound by drying. Three dozen shell eggs make one pound of dried eggs. About four pounds of raw lean meat can be reduced to one pound. A cargo of dehydrated fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk and meat contains as much nutriment as several cargoes of raw ones.

Foods deprived of water are classified as "dried," "sun-dried," "evaporated" and "dehydrated." The first term implies the removal of water by any means; the second implies removal without artificial heat. In both evaporation and dehydration artificial heat is necessary. Evaporation depends on natural draft; dehydration on forced circulation of artificial heat.—Science Digest.

And all flesh shall be the salvation of God. Luke 2:49.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM, PA.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, will celebrate its 201st anniversary this Christmas. It was founded by Moravian settlers in 1741 who huddled in a rude cabin on Conocacy creek and sang Christmas carols, which inspired them and their leader, Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, to name the community after the little town of the Holy Land.

Bethlehem holds much of tourist interest in any season. It boasts the oldest drug store, first fire engine and oldest girls' boarding school in the United States. Generals Washington, Pulaski and Lafayette were entertained at Bethlehem. Wounded Revolutionary soldiers were nursed back to health there in a building which is part of the Moravian College for Women.

BUT ONE FAITH

Americans have built their way of life on a foundation of democracy. In the town meeting, in the caucus, in the council, in the Congress, each has his say. Discussion is in our blood, the free exchange of views. The forum is an American institution, the free forum. The free press is a firm tradition, exemplified by almost 13,000 newspapers in this land. The pulpit is a free pulpit, and though we have many creeds we have but one faith. Differences we may have but no dictator. A nation strong in time of peace is sure to be even stronger in time of war.

And saying, Repent yet for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Matthew 3:2.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

EVEN though there may be vacant chairs at the dinner table this Christmas, let us make the occasion one to be long remembered.

Most menus will show little effects of the war. Due to bountiful nature, we still have an abundance of food. Let us conserve this food and use it wisely. With all the information supplied Mrs. Housewife by government agencies, America is far from drastic rationing. There is less sugar and less coffee, but enough to go around if used discreetly. It is making the most of what we have that determines success as a housekeeper.

If we will look about us we can find things right in our woodlands and yards to decorate the Christmas table. Many leaves are still lovely in color. Then there are the wild vines with bright red berries and mistletoe with its glossy white berries. All of these can be arranged to make lovely decorations. In one home I saw Johnson grass that had been dipped in silver paint and other



wild grasses dipped in bright blues, greens and reds which, when combined, gave a lovely effect for a tall center piece.

Of course, if we use real candles we must be careful of fire hazards—more now than ever before, because it is an aid to the enemy when fire gets beyond our control.

Food itself is the best decoration and can be made to appeal to the sense of eye, taste and smell. An artistic arranging of food is of vital importance. Serving each food article in a dish of proper size lends attractiveness to any table. Serving a small quantity in a big dish or a big quantity in a small dish detracts from the food thus served.

Preserving the color of food in cooking is most desirable. What is more beautiful than a golden brown turkey, red cranberry sauce and green gelatine salads? Here we have the traditional colors of Christmas which have a festive as well as a decorative appearance.

THE HOME FRONT

LAST year with no war on our home front, there were killed in America 102,500 persons through preventable accidents. It's a ghastly record. Here are some timely tips that will help you do your part in preventing such accidents, all of which is an aid to the enemy:

One of the "enemy agents" doing much damage in this country is called "carbon monoxide gas." This deadly gas kills silently and without warning. Its best striking place is in a closed garage with the auto motor running, or in the auto itself when windows are tight while driving. There is another favorite place and that is in the home where unsafe heating methods are used, such as portable heaters not in good operating condition, and where there is little or no ventilation. Monoxide gas is invisible, tasteless and deadly.

Millions of housewives throughout the country are performing a war-time kitchen job that may be unfamiliar to them—they are saving cooking fats to help make munitions. Handling hot fat can result in serious burns, the National Safety Council warns. Keep the flame under the frying pan low, use a long-handled fork, and use the cover of the pan as a shield when you remove it. And above all, the Council advises, be sure containers are perfectly dry. Any drops of water in the frying pan will cause the hot fat to spatter over unprotected hands and arms with painful consequences.

Your country needs you. Be careful. Be ready. Fight this enemy agent doing so much damage in our country. Each accident is a laugh for Hitler.

FASHIONS AT WAR

THE length of our clothes has been regulated to conserve materials, workmen, and therefore fashions even have gone to war.

There are fine lovely things in the shops despite a world at war. Of course, there are not nearly so many different models to choose from and the number of colors and sizes are limited. A little wise shopping is necessary before we may find the articles necessary to our wardrobe.

This year's styles are most flattering. We find wide ranges in colors and styles. For the figure that is slender, the strictly tailored suit in dark colors is most serviceable. The college girl, of course, will want one of the brightly colored ensembles that sport a large top coat. It is

necessary to look for good workmanship and fast colors. Then we must give our clothes better care than ever before; they have to last longer, you know.

The watch-word of American womanhood can be, "better dressed, chin up and SAVE."

Highlights among younger girl dresses are the peasant skirts with blouse or sweater, gay little suspender dresses of wool crepe or corduroy, with braid of embroidery in peasant design. With them are usually blouses with the design carried out in the trimming, or they may wear a contrasting sweater.

The peasant theme is repeated in other frocks, of broadcloth, pique or other cottons.

HOLIDAY GOODIES

WITH the amount of sugar rationed, we must use our wits to provide the little folks with enough sweets for a Merry Christmas. It is right of childhood to cherish happy home memories. It is the memories of past happy home days that will inspire our sons at the front to fight harder and endure fatigue longer.

Here are some suggestions that will provide good things to eat and at the same time conserve sugar:

Prune Spice Sugarless Cake

2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 cup light corn syrup
2 eggs, unbeaten
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and spices and sift together three times.

Cream shortening with lemon rind; add syrup gradually, beating well after each addition. Add one quarter of flour and beat until smooth and well blended. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. For best results beat cake very well at each stage of mixing. Add vanilla. Bake in 2 greased 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375° F.) 30 minutes, or until done. Spread prune filling between layers and whipped cream, flavored with vanilla, on top of cake.

Prune Filling: Place 3 1/2 tea-spoons cornstarch in top of double boiler. Add 1 cup of

prune juice gradually, then add a dash of salt, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, 1 teaspoon grated orange rind, and 3/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind. Mix thoroughly. Cook over direct heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Add 2 tablespoons corn syrup and 1 cup chopped prunes and mix well. Then cook over boiling water 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cool. Add 1/3 cup chopped nut meats, if desired.

Popcorn Balls

Take one pint extracted honey. Put into an iron frying pan and boil until very thick; then stir in freshly popped corn, and, when cold, mold into balls. These will delight anyone.

French Candies

In an enameled-ware sauce pan melt one part of gelatine in one part of water, stirring well. When arrived at the state of a soft paste, add 4 parts of honey, previously warmed, stirring lively. Take from the fire; add the desired flavor and color, mixing carefully, and pour into a shallow lightly greased dish. Let it dry for a few days. Very delicious!

Cream Pie

4 tablespoons sugar
4 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups milk
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1/2 cup corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 8-inch baking pastry shell.
Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt in top part of double boiler. Add milk gradually, blending well. Cook over direct heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Blend slightly-beaten egg yolks with syrup and add to hot mixture, beating vigorously. Cook, covered, over hot water for 15 minutes. Cool, add vanilla, and pour into bak- (Continued top next column)

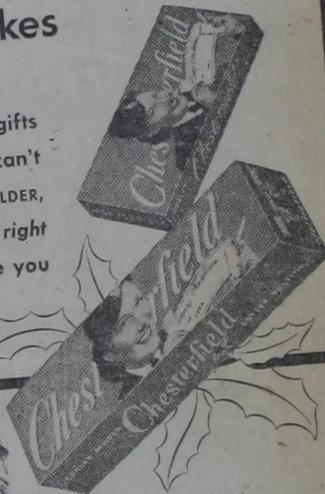


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ed pastry shell. Top with meringue and bake in a slow oven (325 degrees F.) for 20 minutes.

CUT FLOWERS AN IDEAL GIFT

Cut flowers delivered on Christmas Day are an ideal gift, especially to the lady of the house. Such an expression of appreciation for her efforts in making the holiday a joyous one for her family will do much to give her tired spirits a lift. Florists make it a rule to celebrate Christmas on the day after so that their services may be available to you for these bits of last-minute thoughtfulness.

MISS LIBERTY

Ever since the Statue of Liberty was erected on Bedloe's Island, in New York City's harbor, its lights has been growing steadily brighter. At first her 40-foot right arm held aloft a torch that owed its not-so-bright light to lamps, which had to be lighted by hand. Later thirteen 1,000-watt incandescent bulbs took the place of the hand-lighted lamps.

But on the first of January, 1941, this 50-year-old and 152-foot tall statue started welcoming travelers while they still are twenty miles at sea with the brightest lights of her career. These lights will shine from her torch, which is 300 feet above sea level, lighting the New York harbor as never before.

Already the tallest statue in the world, Miss Liberty will also be the brightest with her new 3,000-watt mercury vapor lights.

Alone but not lonely on her 12-acre island home, Miss Liberty may get more attention this Christmas because of her new lights, but hardly more visitors. Already some 300,000 people visit her every year, making the trip from Lower Manhattan to Bedloe's Island by ferry. Many take the elevator to the pedestal, then climb the 161 steps to its head. Some climb the 54 rungs in the ladder of the

statue's upraised arm. And all are impressed by the fact that forty persons could stand on Miss Liberty's head, which is ten feet thick; that the length of one finger is eight feet; that the statue's mouth measures three feet across and the nose four feet in length.

The oft-used phrases, "A gift of the French people," only hints at the twelve long years of doubts and delays and collections and criticisms that preceded the statue's erection in 1886. Some said the statue would topple over in a gale, others objected to the direction in which it faced. Grover Cleveland, then Governor of New York, vetoed an appropriation of \$50,000 for the pedestal. Even after the pieces of the statue were packed into their 214 crates and shipped from Paris to New York a year elapsed before work started on its erection.

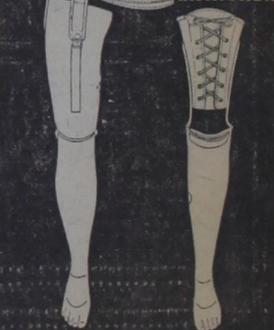
The French people had subscribed \$700,000 for the statue. The American people subscribed \$300,000 for the pedestal. But these subscriptions came slowly. A tier of granite would be laid on the pedestal one month and because of lagging subscriptions, nothing would be done the next. Statuettes, photographs and pamphlets were sold to raise money. A bill to appropriate \$100,000 for

the job was introduced into Congress, but the Committee on Appropriations neglected to include the item in its final budget.

Today the Statue of Liberty as a national symbol has greater significance than ever before. It typifies what we and our Allies are fighting for. May its bright lights never grow dim.

Salt added to the bath gives the skin a delightful tingle and stimulates the entire body. Or, if preferred, it may be used as a rub.

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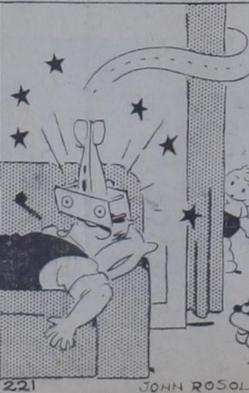
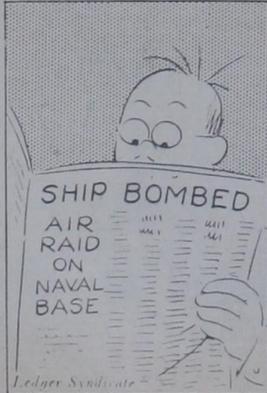


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May we take advantage of this occasion to express the Compliments of the Season to you, our valued friends and customers. We are grateful for all past favors and desirous of the privilege of being of further service to you during the New Year.

A Merry Christmas to all!

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Bond Sales for Year Will Exceed Quota

The grand total of war stamp and bond sales in Parmer county will exceed the quota for the entire year by at least \$15,000, in the opinion of G. D. Anderson, chairman of the War Bond committee, who made this prediction today.

He went on to say that only during November did Parmer county purchases fall below the monthly quota, and that was by only a few hundred dollars.

Sales during the month of December have been exceedingly good, Anderson reports, stating that more than half the quota of \$15,200 was sold during the first eight days of the month. He predicted that December sales would top the sales for any month this year, estimating that at least \$20,000 in bonds and stamps would be placed before the end of the month.

Santa Fe Trackage Is Pushing Ahead

Work on the double tracking of the Santa Fe lines between here and Clovis is making progress despite shortage of manpower, it was revealed this week.

Stringing of ties for the entire new line was completed the latter part of the week, as the Santa Fe company advertised for at least 40 extra gang laborers to be used on the job.

Laying of steel is expected to get underway at an early date, railroad officials predicted.

In addition to the double track between Farwell and Clovis, an additional siding switch is being built at this time, calculated to speed up traffic here, where the Slaton division branches off the main line.

A lot of folks think we are good because we pretend to be shocked at the sins of others.

NEW MANAGER

Homer Harper of Panhandle, Texas, has been named as manager of the local yard of the Panhandle Lumber company of Texico, it was announced here today. Mr. Harper and family will move here from Panhandle, where he has been connected with the same firm for some time.

Gordon McCuan, who has been employed as bookkeeper of the local yard, will be retained "at least for a while", it was stated.

Travelers Crowd Trains And Buses

All trains and buses operating through here were this week reporting overflow crowds of customers, with the climax in travel expected to be reached Thursday night and Friday.

Although tickets to civilians for "non-essential" trips have not been frozen, despite persistent rumors to this effect, the Santa Fe Railroad system is urging that trips via its lines be postponed until after Jan. 12, in order that boys in the armed forces and those making necessary trips may use the railroad during the holidays.

"Service men first" is likewise the motto of the bus companies, and the majority of scheduled runs are carrying two and three sections to accommodate the rush of Christmas travelers.

People residing away from the points they would like to be for Christmas are facing the possibility of standing and waiting, transportation officials say, and ask that all unnecessary trips be cancelled.

Mrs. Webb Gober is planning to spend Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. Clara Sachs, of the Rhea community.

10c Meter Charge for Firemen's Fund

Death Claims Leading Business Man

Programs Tonight at Two Local Churches

The only public Christmas programs scheduled in Texico-Farwell will be held tonight (Wednesday) in the Methodist and Baptist Church auditoriums.

Rev. W. C. Wright, Baptist pastor, states that a general Christmas program, featuring carols and playlets by various branches of the Sunday School, will be presented at his church.

The White Christmas gift packages will be brought for the orphan's home at Portales, and in addition a special offering will be taken for the Lottie Moon missionary fund.

Featuring the junior and senior combined choir with Mrs. A. D. Smith as narrator, a special Christmas program in reading and songs will be presented at the Methodist church, with the Nativity scene as background for activities.

No White Christmas offerings will be made this year, instead packages are to be laid at the manger for the Waco Orphan's Home, Rev. Paul H. Tripp states.

Both programs are scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock, CWT.

Local People Give To Clovis USO Fund

Texico-Farwell people contributed a total of \$58.10 to the special "Christmas stocking fund" being raised by the USO center in Clovis, at the regular meeting of the local Men's Club on Thursday night of last week.

The money was raised following an explanation of the plans for entertaining the soldier lads in Clovis at a huge Christmas party to be staged at the armory there. Mrs. Helen Tracy, director of the USO center, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the club, which had been designated as ladies night. About 80 were in attendance.

Mrs. Tracy made no appeal for aid but merely explained the Christmas party, and the offering was a spontaneous reaction on the part of those present.

Mrs. Tracy explained the workings of the USO, told what it was doing for the boys in the services and culminated her talk by paying a high tribute to the American Red Cross. "It was this organization," she related, "that took charge of our mother and our small children as we were trying to make our way to America from Turkey at the close of World War I."

Mrs. Tracy, an Armenian by birth, said, "you don't realize how thankful you should be that you are citizens of the grand and glorious United States". Then she went on to tell how in Turkey many times their food was stolen from the table "by the Turks" after dinner had been prepared. "We never dared leave our homes unlocked nor cloths hanging on the line," she concluded.

TWO MORE REGISTER

Only two more 18-year-old lads have registered with the local board during the past week, it was revealed today by Mrs. Bessie Lee Henne-man, clerk of the board. Those registering this week are Duke Madison Baker and Charles Fred Holland.

Registration of the last group of 18-year-olds will begin on Saturday of this week. All boys who have attained their 18th birthday since Sept. 1, 1942, will be required to register.

Boys attaining the age of 18 after Dec. 31, 1942, will be required to register on their birthdays, it has been announced.

All registrations will be handled at the office of the local board in Farwell.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL BE CLOSED

Practically all business houses in the Twin Cities will observe Christmas with closed doors to the public, save local drug stores, it was indicated today.

Schools were dismissed Friday for the week. Offices in the courthouse also will be closed the 25th, as will the draft office and the local AAA office will shut up shop at noon Thursday.

Wheat Prospects Up With Rain This Week

Parmer County's large wheat acreage was given additional encouragement this week by a slow-falling rain that continued for several hours.

The rain began here Sunday at noon and continued until early Monday morning. Measurements taken here showed that only a half inch of moisture fell but it was all retained. Reports from Friona say the precipitation there was much heavier than reported here, with some estimates being as high as an inch and a half.

While the rain put further delays in the harvesting operations of row crops, it was very beneficial to the wheat fields. Agricultural authorities are claiming that at present the county has more livestock on wheat pasturage than ever before and the moisture is needed to keep the fields growing for grazing.

Many carloads of cattle have been moved into this county from other sections during the past two months it is claimed, to be placed on the abundant grazing to be found in the Parmer county wheat fields.

Dairy Improvement Plan Draws Interest

Already more than 100 farmers of Parmer County have shown definite interest in the promotion of a dairy improvement plan for the county. Garlon A. Harper, agent, reported today.

Questionnaires were sent out recently to determine whether or not farmers were interested in the idea of promoting the importation of high producing females into county herds the agent said.

"With a strong demand being made for increase in production of dairy products—and a corresponding good market—this is an opportunity for farmers to make their dairy herds really pay," Harper continued.

Earl L. Fine, supervisor of the local FSA office, has announced that his agency will be in position to make any of the necessary loans to persons desiring them in order to cooperate in the herd improvement project.

Funeral services for one of this city's outstanding citizens were held at the Baptist Church Saturday afternoon, when Rev. W. C. Wright, local Baptist pastor, conducted the last rites for Carl McGuire, age 50 years.

Under the direction of the Steed Mortuary, burial was made in the Clovis cemetery following the services.

An overflowing crowd of bereaved friends gathered at the church to pay its respects to a man who had won and maintained a place in their affections through the years by his kindly spirit and cheerful attitude. Banked about the bier were floral offerings that bespoke the affection in which he was held by the people of this community.

McGuire, with his family of a wife and three daughters, came to Texico-Farwell 13 years ago from Eldorado, Okla. For the past 10 years he had held the position of manager of the local yard of the Panhandle Lumber company.

His passing followed a week's confinement at a Clovis hospital, where little hope was ever held for his recovery after he was stricken. He passed away quietly shortly after noon on December 18.

Ten of his closest associates, men who had been intimately associated with him through the years, acted as pall bearers at the burial services. They were Melvin Snider, W. T. North Jr., John Aldridge, G. D. Anderson, Claude Rose, Aubrey Brock, Ford Welch, Bill Sherley, Earl Booth and Reagan Looney.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Maxine Coffey, Clovis; Mrs. D'Esta Anderson, Three Rivers, Texas; Miss Adabud McGuire, Texico.

Renewals Pour In During Past Week

Although The Tribune has been forced by continually rising prices to forego the usual Christmas special subscription offer this year, renewals have been pouring in during the past week.

Subscribers seem to realize that cut rates are probably out for the duration and are following their usual custom of renewing at Christmas time at the regular rate of \$1.50 per year.

Another gratifying thing to the publisher is the fact that many new subscribers are being placed on the list at this season.

Previously, the announcement has been made that delinquent subscribers will be dropped from the list after the first of the year. If your subscription has expired, we would appreciate your renewal at an early date.

SELLS LOCKER PLANT

Paul Roberts has sold his zero locker plant to the Piggly-Wiggly of Clovis, and the plant was dismantled and is being moved to Clovis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts recently closed out their grocery and meat business in Texico, with the expectation that he was soon to be called to the services.

Effective on the December bills, all water users in Texico-Farwell who are patrons of the Texico-Farwell Waterworks will be assessed an additional 10 cents per month in addition to the regular meter readings.

This announcement was made today by G. D. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Waterworks company, who explained that this had been the decision of the board in dealing with the problem of maintaining the operating expense account of the Texico Fire Department.

The fire department has been without an operating expense account for many months and it has therefore been necessary for the volunteer firemen to resort to their own resourcefulness in meeting the operating cost of the department.

Council Votes Assessment

The Texico Town Council, a few weeks back, voted to place a meter assessment of ten cents per meter on all water users in Texico, on the condition that Farwell users were to be likewise assessed. Action to include the Farwell consumers has been delayed pending legal investigations, it was stated.

Anderson estimated that the assessment would mean that the fire department would hereafter receive around \$20 per month as a result of these small collections. The assessment will be paid with the regular water bill and will be itemized on each water user's statement. Money collected from the meter assessment will be kept in a separate fund and turned over to the fire department to be used in buying gasoline, oil, soda, acid and other incidentals necessary in the operation of the department's equipment.

Project Is Equitable
It is agreed that this means of maintaining the department is the most equitable that could be worked out in view of the fact that every resident in Texico-Farwell is directly benefitted by the services of the department.

Anderson pointed out that as a result of the fire department's efforts during the past few years in reducing the fire loss in Farwell, a reduction of 25% in fire insurance rates was put in effect some months ago.

The Texico Fire Department has one of the best equipments to be found in any town its size in the entire country. Because of lack of operating expenses the effectiveness of the department was being threatened and this move on the part of the waterworks directors and the Texico Council is very commendable.

Lt. A. C. Potts Is Killed In Action
Lt. A. C. Potts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Potts of Hereford, was killed in action last week "somewhere in the Pacific War theater", according to a message received by his parents.

Details as to the manner in which Lt. Potts, of the United States Marines, lost his life were not revealed in the brief message from the War Department.

The Potts family formerly lived in Texico, where Mr. Potts, Sr., was section foreman of the Santa Fe, and Lt. Potts was well known in this area.

Gasoline Coupons Reported Stolen

Current Coffee Stamp Expires January 3rd

Coffee drinkers were reminded today that the current coffee ration stamp will become invalid January 3. "Until then it is good for one pound of the staple.

Ration officials pointed out that persons having excess coffee on hand will have to report such the first of the year when applying for new ration books. As in the case of sugar, excess amounts will bring about the removal of stamps from the ration books.

Tribune Job Printing Is Best

"In case you haven't put the necessary endorsement on each and every one of your gasoline stamps for identification purposes, you'd better get it done fast," Chairman John Armstrong of the Parmer County Ration Board warned today.

He went on to explain that already a number of books had been reported stolen, chiefly from operators who carried the ration books in compartments of cars—and on which endorsements had not been made.

Armstrong further advised that motorists carry ration books on their persons as much as possible, so there would be no occasion for them to be stolen.

Filling station operators were also

urged to check each coupon they accept carefully, comparing the license number listed on the front of the ration book with that carried on the plates of the car.

On A, B, and C books each stamp should bear on the back the license number of the car for which it was issued and the state licensed. If this is shown on each stamp, there is little likelihood that the thief will be able to use the stamps, providing filling station operators are alert.

On R (non-highway) stamps the endorsement should include the name and address of the operator. On T books, the license number and state of license is required, in case of fleet operation, the certificate number should also be listed.

Somethin's Cookin'—Japs' Goose, Mebbe



Like a coach engaged in skull practice with his team before a big game, Col. Merritt A. Edson (seated at desk) goes over the plan of campaign with his officers as he prepares for another move against the Japs on Guadalcanal. Staff officer in foreground is following planned moves on the map. Japs may be facing their own "Bataan" on this tropic isle.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a truck, a doctor set, some house shoes and anything else you want to give me. I have a little sister 15 months old. She wants a doll, buggy and some blocks. Please don't forget all the soldier boys. Also don't forget my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker. Love,
Jimmie Don Moss

Hello Santa:

I want a monkey. I want a black board. I want a Johnnie Walker "she" walker. I want a doll, a doll house and a doll buggy. Love,
Nita Nell Paul

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you bring me a typewriter, blackboard, doll, doll buggy, honey-bear and chocolates?
Eva Ann Paul

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 3 years old. I have tried to be a good girl. For Christmas I want a doll, buggy and a set of dishes, nuts and candy. Please don't forget any little children. Your friend,
Gloria Ann Johnson

P. S., Please don't forget our Grandpa and Grandma Johnson of Fresno, Calif.

Dear Santa:

I have been a very good little boy. I am five years old. I want a truck, a framing set, a drum and tractor. I have a little brother who has never seen you. He wants a rubber doll. He is 6 months old. Please don't forget Sherry, Sharon and Karen Williams of Lynwood, Calif. Your friend,
Jerry Johnson

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good boy this year. I am seven years old and in the second grade. Try to bring me that "Field kit" for Army doctors and nurses in the Ward catalogue. I also want some clothes, just any kind would do. Would you please bring me a bow and arrow?
I have a little sister, one year old. She is real pretty and a very good girl. She wants a little doll and some tinkler toys.

I also have a little brother. He is two years old. He has real curly hair and has been a very good boy. He wants a little car and also a shovel. Goodbye, Santa. Loving always,
Norman, Lamar, Bonnie Edwards
P. S. Don't forget, fill my stocking with candy, nuts, fruits and toys.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are three sisters anxiously awaiting your arrival. Sharon and I want dolls with real hair and doll cradles also irons and ironing and a housecoat and house slippers. Karen wants a doll and tricycle. Please remember all the other boys and girls.
Your friends,
Sherry, Sharon, and Karen Williams

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a Betsy-Wetsy doll, a blackboard and a set of dishes. Bring my little brother, Bob, a little horse and a set of blocks. Our mother and daddy think we have been good. Bring our things to Opal Williams' house, because she has us a big Christmas tree. Love,
Delorse Jean Lowe
P. S. Don't forget Jackie Lynn.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Betsy-Wetsy doll and some candy and some nuts. Your friend,
Betty Sue Kirklain

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Betsy-Wetsy doll and some candy and nuts. Your friend,
Nancy Ruth Kirklain

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a great big doll, a doll buggy. Also a lot of doll clothes. Thank you, your friend,
Annie Kirklain

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train, also an airplane and some little cars. Please don't forget my little sisters. Your friend,
Lonnie Kirklain

Dear Santa:

I want some dishes. Also a little table, doll, and rocking chair. Your friend,
Alice Kirklain

OKLAHOMA LANE

Miss Opal Foster of Sundown, arrived Monday to spend Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster.

A pre-Christmas dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Christian Sunday with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle Christian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Christian and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Hubbell and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hubbell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hubbell and daughters. Little Judy Carolyn Roach received medical attention in Clovis, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Hughes and children and Misses Alma and Alpha Lee were Clovis shoppers Monday.

Ross Woolard of Sherman, Tex., departed Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents. He has been employed on the C. E. Foster farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Hubbell and Mrs. Ernest Foster and sons were Clovis shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ginnings and Mrs. H. H. Henson Jr. were Clovis shoppers Monday.

PLEASANT HILL

Pvt. Lee Donahey came in last week from Washington, bringing his bride along to spend a few days with relatives.

The teachers have gone to spend the vacation with relatives.

Mrs. Minnie Curtis spent last week in Clovis.

Mrs. Vanderpool is still in an Amarillo hospital.

Mrs. B. F. Bell spent several days last week with Mrs. Melugin, who wasn't so well.

Marie Buchanan has been quite ill but is improving.

Dixie Carol Bell, of Clovis, spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jarrell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kays are expecting their daughter-in-law this week. She will be enroute to California.

The ladies organized a Bible study which will meet each Wednesday in different homes. It is called the Ladies Community Bible Study. Everyone is welcome.

Health Notes

by Texas Department of Health

AUSTIN — During the winter months hunting rabbits is a popular sport and wild rabbit makes a very fine food, but according to the State Health Department, extreme care should be used in the handling of wild rabbits to prevent a possible infection with tularemia.

"Those little cottontail rabbits are not always as harmless as they look," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, "for some of them are infected with tularemia. This serious disease which is also known as rabbit fever usually is acquired by human beings through contact with infected rabbits or through contact with the infected insect that spreads it from animal to animal."

Dr. Cox cautioned that hunters should shoot only the frisky rabbits that run away. A rabbit without the energy to scamper away from the hunter is likely to be a sick one that can transmit tularemia to those who handle him.

"It is necessary to handle uncooked rabbit meat cautiously," Dr. Cox said. "The use of rubber gloves will protect your hands since the germs may enter the body through any cut or scratch, however small, if the rabbit is handled without gloves."

"As a further safeguard rabbit meat should be cooked very thoroughly so as to destroy any disease producing germs that may be present. This means that it should be cooked at a boiling temperature for at least 20 minutes before cooking it to your individual taste."

When you rush through your work too fast, you may get through in time to do it all over again.

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A Christmas Carol by Douglas Whitney

THIS, friends, is a Christmas story though stories of kindness shouldn't only bob up with Kris Kringle. Our tale is concerned with Robert Parker.

If you don't remember him, ask some of the older folks. Parker was once one of the leading character actors of the legitimate stage. For years he tramped the hinterlands in support of the great names.

The week before Christmas always found Parker in New York at the center table of the Leopards club, the noted actors' organization.



This was his day.

The room was always well filled the week before Christmas. It is a tradition in show business that the weeks preceding Christmas and Easter are the worst in the theater.

Born of extremely poor parents, Parker had never forgotten the miseries of poverty. Each year it had been his custom to arrange a variety show, using the talent of the Leopards club. The money realized went toward the purchase of food baskets which were distributed every Christmas day from the lobby of the clubhouse.

When there was snow, instead of the carriage he would use a sleigh and, like Santa, set out on his annual round. It took a great deal of money, but as a result, Bob was beloved by everyone.

Bob grew older, and his stage engagements became fewer.

One day, at a club meeting Bob stood up and addressed the members: "Gentlemen, I'm getting old. It's time for me to put away my grease paint and costumes, and retire. Before doing so I want to extract a promise from the general membership. I ask that you gentlemen continue to run the annual Christmas basket benefit for the poor. I cannot assume the task any longer. Will you do this for me?"

Actors are a sentimental and generous lot. They promised Bob that the tradition would be faithfully maintained, and honored him further by voting him a life member. And so, retiring from the scene, his visits to the club became infrequent. The baskets were forgotten.

A year ago, Bob came back to the club a little before Christmas. He looked much older, his shoulders bent and his shock of white hair noticeably thinned.

"Gentlemen," he said on rising, "this is probably the last time I shall address this group. I am an old man now. There is one favor I wish to ask of you. As many of you may recall, the distribution of Christmas baskets was my hobby and sole interest outside the theater."

His voice breaking, he continued: "I wish to request you to give once more your time and talents for a benefit, the proceeds to go toward the basket fund."

Moved by the appeal of their old master, the Leopards gathered all their resources and achieved an unusually successful response. Every prominent actor and actress within a day's traveling distance appeared. The theater was jammed to capacity. A large sum of money was realized.

To Bob's supreme delight it was a white Christmas. Since he was too old and feeble to sit again on the driver's seat and guide two prancing horses, the club arranged for the needy to come for their baskets. All day Bob attended to the distribution.

He took the subway home. His smile remained despite his weariness.

An hour later he was seated at a small table in a plainly furnished room. A tiny white-haired lady sat opposite him. "Robert, will you carve, please?" she requested with marked deference.

"With pleasure, Mrs. Parker. White meat?"

"Yes, if you please, Robert."

"This is a wonderful occasion," he said. "Were you embarrassed, dear? I hated to do it, Mary. When you came to the head of the line and I handed you the basket, I was afraid that some of the boys would recognize you as my wife."

He seemed a trifle perplexed. "Strange I should have felt uncomfortable about it," he mused. "Surely two as poor as we deserve a Christmas basket, don't you think?"

TIRE BOARD REPORT

The following tires, tubes and retreads were authorized by the Parmer County ration board, Dec. 16: K. C. Lovett, one pickup tire. V. Scott Johnson, one passenger tire two tubes. W. P. Shelley one grade 3 passenger tire. W. B. Stark, one passenger tire, one tube. H. H. Weis, one grade 3 passenger tire.

Glenn R. Dunn: one pickup tire. Mrs. L. C. Moore Sr., one grade 3 passenger tire. Carl Bender, one pickup tire. F. O. Griffith two recap pickup tires.

R. Christian, two recap passenger tires. Edd Eason, one pickup tire, one tube. Carl Zoch one truck tire, one tube. John H. Hayhurst two grade 3 passenger tires.

C. H. Horner, one pickup tire. C. E. Hawn, two grade 3 passenger tires. Marion Doshier, one recap passenger tire. L. C. Woltmon, one truck tire, one tube.

J. T. Eubanks, two grade 3 passenger tires one tube. C. V. Potts, one truck tire. E. M. Deaton, one recap truck tire. Mattie Shults two recap passenger tires.

A. H. Hadley, two recap passenger tires. J. H. Brand, one recap passenger tire. Arlie Green, one recap passenger tire.

J. F. Bright, two recap passenger tires. Paul M. Koeltzow, two recap truck tires. Edward Spring, two grade 3 passenger tires.

Melvin Sachs, two grade 2 passenger tires. Robert Schueler, one pickup tire. Leroy Berggren, one pickup tire. James B. Collier one truck tire. B. B. Harding, two grade 2 passenger tires, one tube. E. R. Lawhon one grade 3 passenger tire.

Billie Sudderth, two truck tires. C. C. Matthews, one grade 3 passenger tire, one tube. Frank P. Wilson, one trailer tire. R. B. Summers, one pickup tire. Oklahoma Lane School, one truck tire, one tube.

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TRAIN FOR WAR PLANTS

War production plants almost everywhere in the United States are demanding men and women qualified for machine shop operations. It is not necessary to have previous skill to train for these jobs and such training offered by the vocational education department of the Clovis high school is something to take advantage of, officials say.

Training is free to both men and women who are 18 years of age and over, who are willing to complete courses and accept jobs after completion. At present there are several vacancies for men and women in the machine tool operation course.

The school at 8th & Pile, Clovis, is open to visitors between the hours of 8 a. m. and 11 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday. Those interested in courses may come and determine what they would like to take.

Persons interested in registering or desire further information may call 878-M or call at 720 Pile, and ask for Alice Maddox, or contact Carl A. Miller, local director, training for war production workers.

TIPS ON TURKEY

COLLEGE STATION — With Christmas here, Hazel Phipps, food preparation specialist of the A. & M. College Extension Service urges homemakers to brush up a little on

their cookery methods. The modern way to cook turkey is with moderate heat most of the time, for this reduces shrinkage and leaves the meat juicy, the specialist says.

The traditional way for preparing the turkey is to roast it and that is correct if the bird is tender. Roast turkey looks and tastes good. It is also a good idea to have dressing, for that helps stretch the turkey flavor and is a favorite of many people.

For roasting, select a well-fattened young bird with a plump breast, Miss Phipps advises. Allow from three-fourths to one pound dressed weight for each person to be served. Roast the bird on a rack in a shallow pan and do not add water or cover the pan. Start roasting with the back up and breast down keeping the oven temperature moderate to slow.

If the bird is small or medium-sized, baste it every half hour, she suggests. Or if the bird is quite large basting it every hour will be large enough. When the meat is tender in the thickest parts and the juice does not show a red tinge the roasting is completed.

There are 34 million turkeys on the market this year so each family should be able to obtain one for Christmas dinner.

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CLOVIS, N. M.

Attention, Water Users

Patrons of the Texico-Farwell Waterworks are advised that effective at once, a meter assessment is being added to the monthly water bills.

This slight assessment, which amounts to only 10 cents per month, is being made as a means of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Texico Volunteer Fire Department, which has rendered such a valuable service to the Twin Cities for all these many years.

This meter charge will be made on all water bills, both in Texico and Farwell, and will be payable at the time of paying for water services.

The assessment will be made on the monthly water bills for the month of December, which are payable on or before Jan. 10, 1943.

The money accumulated from this assessment will be kept separate from the Waterworks account and will be handled exclusively for the use of the Fire Department

Texico-Farwell Waterworks, Inc.

Modern Toys Foster Spirit Of Fair Play

Christmas gifts designed to promote greater use of the imagination among children in the five to eight-year-old group have been planned by toymakers throughout the nation.

Encouraging the spirit of independence and fostering group creative play, the new type toys teach the youngsters to think for themselves.

During the five to eight-year-old period when children are making the



transition from babyhood to reality. School days begin for them. The wise, thoughtful parent selects toys for them which stimulate group

play. Dull, to those children, are the toys that obviously teach a lesson. But interesting are the toys that teach a lesson under the guise of fun and not in the classroom. Mathematics can be fun if the youngster applies it to counting change for customers in his make-believe store at home.

After being in the classroom all day, children want to release all the nervous energy within them. Toys such as tricycles, small scooters and junior bikes are helpful for the guidance of all such young exuberance.

Christmas Cards Are Personalized Through Pictures

Photographic Christmas greeting cards have been gaining in popularity during the past few years.

The possibilities are widespread as far as the kind or type you would wish to send. There can be group pictures, individual pictures, humorous ones, big and small types.

Even the greeting itself can be included with the picture of the person or persons through the use of a large printed card. Humor is injected into the cards by having a Santa Claus drawn on a large background, with a hole left in the spot where the face should be. Any young member of the family need but put his head in through the hole for the finished effect.

If you are not a good photographer, or have doubts as to whether you could take such a suitable picture, you should know at least three or four persons who are willing to take the picture for you.

Tribune Job Printing Is Best

Disillusioned Santa Reveals Everything In Last Appearance

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—"I'm tired now. In fact, every year around this time I'm very tired." That is what Santa Claus (a professional one though, for the real one doesn't ever get tired) had to say recently as he was taking off his red and white suit, preparatory to going home.

As he pulled off his white whiskers wearily, he continued: "Besides, this business of being a jolly old fellow is highly seasonal work. Just a couple of weeks' work in Decem-



ber, then something over 11 months' vacation. It is a good thing I am an electrician. I'd possibly starve to death." (The kids should have heard such heresy!)

A few seconds followed while he put on his dark green knit tie before he continued his slightly weary talk: "It was all right at first and the pay was good—\$4 for a party appearance or a club or a lodge. Or \$2 for a private home call. But I guess I can't take it anymore. Anyhow, the kids won't miss me. (Imagine that, the kids not missing Santa Claus!)

Comes next year there will be one ex-Santa who isn't filling stockings, and putting presents under trees, or telling pop to take it easy with son's electric train. That retired Santa will be just sitting in his own home—not, definitely not, at the North Pole—listening to the Christmas carols on the radio, and wiggling his toes. For his shoes will be off.

Christmas Stories Revealed by History

Fortunately, the "idea" in the minds of some to tell the truth to the kiddies—that there isn't a Santa Claus—isn't catching on as well as they hoped.

Everybody—and this includes the kids—enjoys a good story, especially around the Christmas season.

Down through the years have come many beautiful stories, jammed with the kindness of the best in humanity. It is from such stories that many of our Christmas customs have come. For the observance of such customs the United States is indebted to many lands. Palestine, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, Germany, England and Holland all have done their bit to contribute to our added enjoyment of Christmas customs and traditions. To the Holy Land, more than any other, all civilization is indebted for the matchless history of the Christ child.

One writer who has investigated the observance of the birth of the Christ Child has noticed one curious fact. That is, Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church. Irenaeus and Tertullian, early church fathers, omitted it from the list of feasts. According to what Origen noticed in the Bible, only sinners, not saints, celebrated their birthday.

It was in the year 200 A. D. that evidence of the feast of Christmas was first noted. This was in Egypt. And it wasn't until years afterwards that December 25 was decided upon as being the date for the celebration of Christ's birthday. During that time Christmas was celebrated on various days, one of the dates being as late as May 20. Eight hundred years after the first feast of Christmas, church authorities used the term Christes Maessi, from which comes the English word Christmas. This was in 1038.

Ancient Yule Customs Still Live in England

Many ancient customs prevail in England at Christmas, according to present day records. One custom that goes back to Saxon times is still observed at Okehampton, Devon. Here a "market" is held the Sunday after Christmas at which a man may speak to or kiss any girl who takes his fancy. Mistletoe definitely is not necessary.

In the village of Cam on the day after Christmas the poor are again remembered. For, according to the will of Margaret Trotman, one of Cam's former citizens, any parishioner is entitled to the gift of a loaf of bread. Also, the first 50 widows who apply are given money.

Chinese Copy Custom
Chinese children start Christmas day by folding their hands on arising and wishing each other a good day before opening a single gift. The Chinese have adopted American Christmas customs.

Here Is a Festive Hard Sauce to Go With Yule Pudding

Even the tasty hard sauce now comes to the table in a gala dress. For instance here are these holiday hard sauce pinwheels to serve with your favorite steamed pudding.

Hard Sauce Pinwheels

¼ cup butter.
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind
½ tablespoon cream
2 teaspoons orange juice
½ teaspoon grated orange rind
Orange food coloring

Cream butter until soft and gradually beat in sugar. Divide mixture in half and add cream and grated lemon rind to one portion and the orange juice and rind to the other portion. Add food coloring to orange flavored portion to tint a delicate orange. Spread lemon flavored portion on a cold damp cloth and spread orange mixture over it. Roll as for jelly roll and place in refrigerator. When hard, cut in slices and serve with steamed puddings or mince pie.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

For a great number of people, a house not decorated with Christmas greens would be dull indeed. One expert has pointed out, though, that there need be no fear that there ever will be a shortage of the greens peculiar to the various sections of this nation if proper care is taken in collecting the greenery.

But as it is today, wanton destruction in the collection of the Yuletide decorations, so thoughtfully placed for our use by Mother Nature, has brought about a danger that we might not have some of the greens we are so accustomed to.

There is a danger that the American holly, in southern Atlantic coast states, and the laurel plants of the mountainous country of the East, will both face extermination unless some organized method of harvesting is brought about.

Three other Christmas decorative plants that are rapidly disappearing because of new, and increased demand, are the winterberry, the

ground pine, and the bittersweet.

To a large extent these plants can be saved if the nation turns to the use of evergreen boughs, such as cedar, pine, hemlock and spruce. For a touch of color, artificial red berries could well be used.

The story of our over commercialization is always connected with the background of the dissipation of our native plant life without regard to future stock. Some form of protective law has to be put into effect to protect the quickly disappearing greenery. Restriction or prohibition in certain areas seems to be the coming necessity to save them.

With a typical American wartime spirit, the people of the nation have started to manufacture many of their own Christmas toys.

For instance, in those shops where bits of wood are left from repair work, such lumber remnants can be used for the building of toys. Smoothly sawed off pieces make fine building blocks.

Spools and wooden cigar boxes come in for use as toys, too. The boxes can be made into trains, and spools can be used as wheels for them. Spools can even be strung together for beads, or lined up for imitation trains to be drawn along the floor by the baby.

"PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

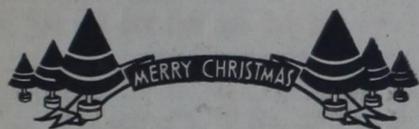
May this Christmas Message of Peace and Cheer Bring You Lasting Happiness Throughout the Year



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AT CHRISTMASTIME AND THE NEW YEAR.

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Thank God We Are Americans

SEASON'S BEST WISHES

This year, more than ever before, we are truly appreciative of the fact that we are Americans. It gives us a better understanding of the Christmas season and its significance. It gives us a better understanding of our friends, their problems and their happiness.

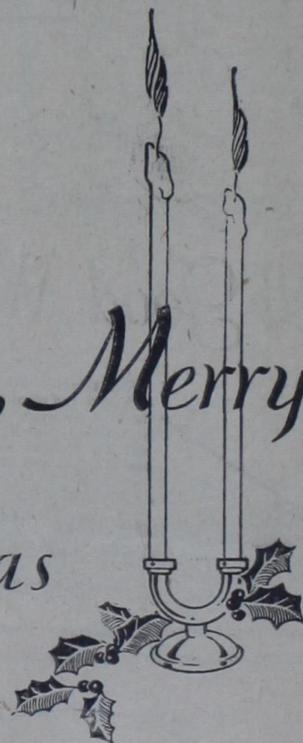
We are glad we are a part of this glorious country and have a share in its great privileges. We are grateful that it is our lot to be Americans!



Gaines & Elliott Hdw. Company

BOVINA, TEXAS

A Merry, Merry Christmas



If it were at all possible, we would see each of you personally, clasp your hand in a friendly sort of way, and say, "Merry Christmas!" At the same time, we would express our sincere thanks for all past favors, and invite your continued patronage on the basis of our genuine interest in your welfare and our desire to be of every service possible to you during the coming year.

We are sorry we cannot see each of you individually—and we want to convey, through this message, our heartfelt appreciation of your friendships and to wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season.



Farwell and Lariat Gins

E. M. DEATON, Mgr.

We welcome the chance to extend our best wishes to each of you on this, the happiest occasion of the year—CHRISTMAS.

It is our hope that the New Year will be filled with an abundance of good things for you and yours as a reward for your loyalty and consideration.



Holiday Greetings

Aldridge Insurance Agency

M. O. ALDRIDGE, Mgr.



MA SAWYER sewed the final stitch in the Christmas turkey while she kept her ear "peeled" for the postman's step. Still, she actually dreaded his coming lest he bring another card of loving regrets like the one received yesterday from their son Fred. Even four grown boys did not dispel the possibility of a lonely Christmas for Ma and Pa.

She answered the double ring, and forced a smile as she waved Ben's card at Pa. "He can't make it, neither. None of them ever yet mailed a card unless they wasn't coming."

When she came out, Pa asked mildly, "You ain't gittin' a cold, are you, Ma?"

"Cold? Nonsense, Pa. Jest the Christmas onions, I s'pose." "Oh, Jim will make it easy, seeing his children is almost grown. And Billy most died of disappointment 'cause he couldn't come home last year. But folks can't travel with a new baby and three other young ones. This year it'll be much better for him."

When Ma left her tree decorations to throw a log in the stove, the crimson glow might have shown Pa the lines of fearful doubt on her round face. But he had just wasted another match on his pipe. "Suppose neither Jim nor Billy can come?" ran through Ma's tortured mind.

At quarter to four, she wished the letter carrier a merry Christmas and hurried back, her hands filled with cards. This was the last mail. If neither son had written, it would mean both boys would arrive about six, laden with mysterious bundles.

Then Ma spied Jim's bold writing in its usual purple ink. There was a special message for his parents and a five-dollar bill.

"The spruce trimmings look fine, Pa," she said. "I won't think of the mess when it dries, for Billy does set such store by Christmas. And coming on Sunday this year, it will give them an extra day to stay." A peal of the bell interrupted her. "It's Billy, got off a little



"Overlooked this before, Mrs. Sawyer."

early," she called as she hurried to the door.

The postman beamed, because he didn't know that Ma's expectant smile was not for him. "Overlooked this before, Mrs. Sawyer."

Silently Ma passed the card to Pa after her own swift perusal. The simplest greeting in Billy's careless scrawl, "Sorry we can't make it."

"Well, I s'pose everything is for the best, Pa. What with all I've cooked, it wouldn't do any harm to invite poor Miss Coombs over."

Pa packed his pipe slowly. "You sure hanker after work, Ma," he sighed.

"We might as well cut into the ham and cake. That'll be enough."

"You ain't eating before six?"

"Might's well. I'm starved," she lied. Four boys and all alone for Christmas! Not one of them able to come home. A short, clipped ring of the bell. Fred's present, perhaps Billy's, too.

"Express package," sang a man's voice. But the thought of a square brown box held no thrills for Ma. It was her brown square-shouldered son she wanted as she opened the door.

Three children stamped the snow from their feet, and before Ma reached the kitchen Billy's wife had deposited the woolly clad baby on Pa's lap. And then Ma found herself folded within Billy's spacious overcoat with its smell of tobacco and crisp fresh air.

"Ha-ha! Expressman, huh?" roared Billy, relinquishing Ma with a kiss. "Didn't expect us so early, did you? Didn't hope for such good luck when we wrote. You got our card?"

"Oh, sure, but—Pa, what did you read on Billy's card?"

"What'd I read? Why, jest something about having shopping to do. But you read it, Ma."

"Yes, yes, of course I read it, Billy. I—"

"Ma!" He caught her hand. "Say, you're not catching cold, are you? Good grief, Ma, you're not crying?" His arms were about her again.

"Crying? Nonsense, you silly boy. But onions is onions even at Christmas," said Ma.

From the
EMPLOYEES
of the
Southwestern Public
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Season's Greetings



... May health, good cheer, happiness
be yours this Christmas and through the
New Year!

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KEEP COWS COMFORTABLE

COLLEGE STATION—A comfortable cow puts more milk in the bucket!

A shelter shed deep enough to keep cows dry in cold, rainy weather is the best means of providing comfort, says E. R. Eudaly, dairyman for the A. & M. College Extension Service.

Good dairy cows need to rest, but they won't lie down in mud unless they are exhausted. Exhaustion lowers milk production about as much as wet and cold do. On that account the floor or earth under the shed should be higher than the ground outside and slope outward so that rain which blows in from the open

side will run back into the gutter at the outer edge. To assure dryness the floor should be of sand, gravel or shell. Keep the gutter open.

Eudaly says that it is a good rule to make the depth of the shed twice its height at the front. The length should be regulated by the number of cows and whether they have horns. Dehorned animals need 30 square feet of floor space each, but those with horns should be allowed 45 square feet. Dairy cows require somewhat warmer shelter than fattening steers. They have no protecting fat, their coats are scantier and their hides usually are thinner than those of steers.

"It is not possible to get maxi-

mum milk production unless cows are sheltered from cold," Eudaly explains. "It is not necessary to build anything expensive—a shed which will keep the cows dry and warm will do. But it will not do much good to give the cows shelter and no roughage to eat. Cows were made to eat roughage—meaning silage and hay—and best production cannot be had without it. Texas is short of milk. It is highly important to keep the cows on the job this winter."

In Oakland, Calif., 200 women were sworn in to serve as policemen in case of emergency. If nothing else, they'll arrest attention.

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.

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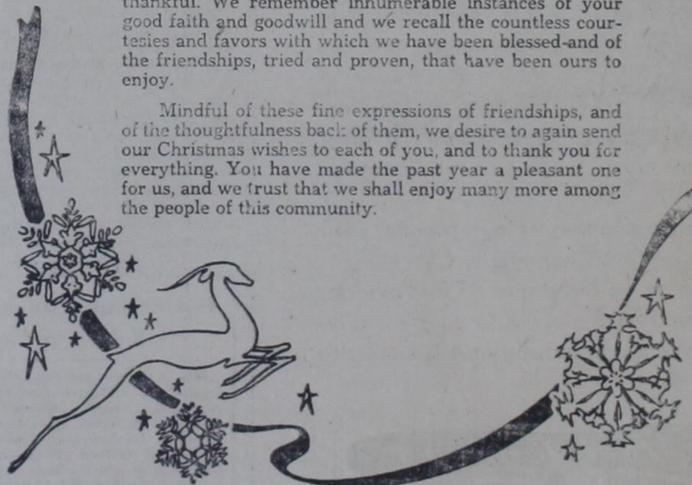
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FARWELL, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed—and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.



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SEASON'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO YOU . . . AND

WE **DO** MEAN **YOU**

At this period we feel that our sincere good wishes should be extended to our friends and customers. We earnestly hope that your Christmas Season will be filled with good cheer and pleasantness.

Ollie's Garage

FARWELL, TEXAS



SO I SAYS
"MERRY
CHRISTMAS"

Jack Holt

"THE CLOTHIER"
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

For the Soldier



Are you wondering what to send to your friends and members of your family who are serving with the armed forces? A lot depends on where they are stationed. But there are some things all service men want, and here they are:

- House slippers
- Wrist watches
- Handkerchiefs
- Pocket knives
- Scrap books
- Tan shoe polish
- Nail files
- Soap
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Sewing kits
- Clothes brushes
- Metal polish
- Fountain pens
- Postage stamps
- Lighters

Dear Santa: Bring Present, or Else . . .

Among the thousands of letters addressed to Santa which never get to North Pole, one—showing faith in Santa's kindness—was mailed by a youngster in Brooklyn.

The young one's name was Mike. He definitely didn't want Santa Claus to miss him. From his associations with the neighborhood gang, Mike thought he knew how to get results.

He sat down and with pen and ink wrote a letter to the white-bearded old fellow. After listing the toys he wanted, he added: "You better bring all this stuff or I'll beat you to a wood pulp."

Intimidation is not so good. But do you think Mike got what he wanted?

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TO: The unknown heirs of Rose Mulholland, their heirs or legal representatives: GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiffs petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 25th day of January, A. D. 1943, at or before 10 o'clock A. M.

before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County, at the Court House in Farwell, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of December, 1942. The file number of said suit being No. 1242.

The names of the parties in said suit are Agnes Hart Pickart, joined pro-forma by her husband, L. R. Pickart, Jessie Hart Keating, joined pro-forma by her husband, Wm. C. Keating, Mrs. Bessie Hart Glenn, joined pro-forma by her husband, W. D. Glenn, C. V. Hart and Peter M. Hart as Plaintiffs, and George W. Hart, Leonard Hart, Charles E. Hart, James Hart, Louis Leroy Hart, Mary J. Hart, Helen A. Hart, John E. Hart, Veronica Sherman, joined pro-forma by her husband, Ralph B. Sherman, Vincent J. Hart, L. F. Zeller, and the unknown heirs of Rose Mulholland, their heirs or legal representatives, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiffs allege by way of first amended original petition that they and the defendants, excepting defendant L. F. Zeller, are the owners of 293.17 acres of land in Parmer County, Texas, being the E 1/2 of Section 2, Block B, Syndicate Subdivision, League 500, as the heirs of Peter Hart and Mary Fay Hart, and that said land is incapable of partition and that a receiver is necessary to care for said land and sell same and that G. D. Anderson is a suitable person to serve as receiver. Plaintiffs pray for the court to determine such heirship and the interests of each heir and that such receiver shall be appointed as provided by law and authorized to sell said land, and that the proceeds of such sale and rentals collected be divided by the court among said heirs, plaintiffs alleging the respective interests which they say each of said heirs owns in said land. Plaintiffs further

Everywhere,
Everywhere,
CHRISTMAS
TONIGHT

A World of
Good Wishes
for Christmas
and the
New Year

VANITY
FAIR

HAZEL ANGLIN
Farwell, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friends and Customers
of This Firm

Happy
New Year

And a thousand thanks
for your patronage.

Goldsmith Produce

FARWELL, TEXAS

A
HOLIDAY THOUGHT

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendly associations in the past. It reminds us of the splendid patronage that has been ours to enjoy and the confidence shown in our organization manifest most forcibly by the continuance of your goodwill.

We sincerely trust that we may continue to enjoy the same amicable associations throughout the years to come.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!



City Cafe

FARWELL, TEXAS.

CHRISTMAS Wish
May the real joys of Christmas be yours

Texico Postoffice

Lucy O. Brown, Postmaster

Bonnie Fields, Asst.

ask that interlocutory judgments heretofore rendered against George W. Hart and L. F. Zeller be made permanent. Issued this 8th day of December, 1942. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1942. (SEAL) D. K. ROBERTS, Clerk, District Court, Parmer County, Texas.

YULETIDE
GREETINGS

A beautiful sentiment that has continued through the centuries, the spirit of Christmas.

In the true spirit of the occasion we extend Season's Greetings to our friends and neighbors.

Kyker's Barber Shop

FARWELL, TEXAS

NO FANCY WORDS
FOR US

Let others figure out fancy words and phrases to express their Christmas sentiment. For us it is sufficient to say: "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL GOOD WISHES" to all our friends in this Community.

Karl's Auto Clinic

PHONE 3941

FARWELL, TEXAS

Not in the sense of custom only, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations in the past, we extend to you—

OUR
BEST WISHES

and may the Happiness and Good Cheer of the Holiday season be with you, all through the year.

The Texas Company

S. E. MORRIS, Consignee
FARWELL, TEXAS



SOMETIMES it takes the spirit of Christmas to break the shell that disguises our real selves . . . so we take this opportunity to send this message as a friendly handshake and to express appreciation of your kindly consideration of our firm.

If your Christmas is as happy as we wish for you, you will be happy indeed. You will have everything you desire, and a lot more to help make others happy. It is our hope that you will enjoy success, good health, and more happiness.

Kimbrow Drug

BOVINA, TEXAS

Community Christmas Tree



This striking night photograph typifies the true Christmas spirit as hundreds of small lights glisten from the community Yule tree. The glistening, ice-coated pavement gives an added touch of beauty to a setting familiar throughout America.

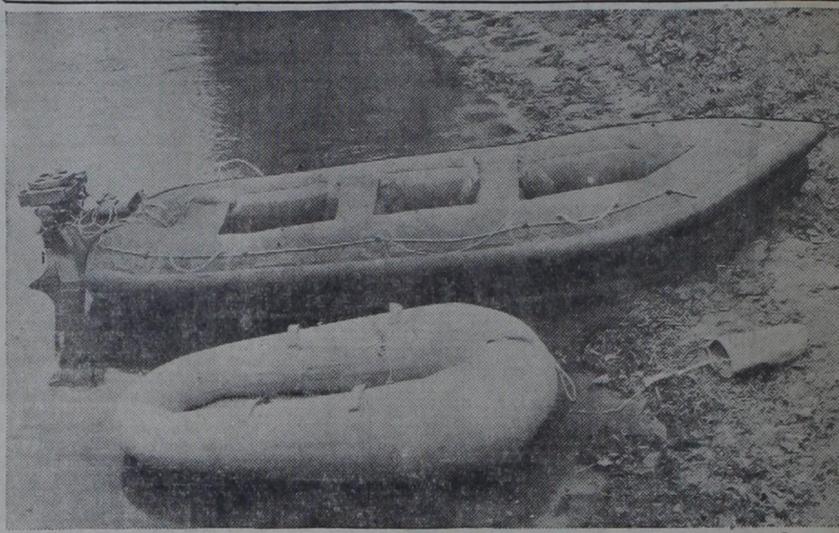
Santa's Helpers



These two youngsters, like thousands of others, are doing their part in helping the Red Cross be Santa both here and abroad.

More new processes in the manufacture of gasoline have been developed during the past decade than in any other similar period in the history of the petroleum industry.

RUBBER BOATS FOR FIGHTING YANKEES



Two of the many types of boats that are being turned out by the rubber industry for use of the military forces are shown above. Products of The General Tire & Rubber Company, the small boat in the foreground is a parachute boat, used by pilots shot down over the water. The boat is attached to the pilot's chute and is inflated after he has dropped into the water. The other is a landing boat used by the Navy. In similar boats the Marines invaded the Solomon Islands.

Spirit of Christmas, 1942



Christmas day, 1942, will see more soldiers than at any time in the history of our country pay homage to Him who died to bring peace on earth. Thousands of American soldiers stationed in the world's outposts of freedom will attend services on Christmas morning. Special services have been arranged in training camps in all parts of the country. This officer, with his wife and young son, kneels before a replica of the manger in the chapel at Fort Myer, Va.

Once A Year..



HERE COMES AT LEAST one time during the year when we pause to consider the past events and courtesies for which we are thankful.

To us, that time is Christmas. And those things for which we give thanks are the many opportunities we have had to serve the fine people of this area.

These associations have meant a warmer and friendlier season—they have made possible a most successful year and we trust that these fine associations will be influential in making possible the continued increase of friends and the further growth of our business.

In our own way, let us say, "Thank you" and wish you a sincere Greeting. May the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours and may the New Year bring you ever so much happiness and prosperity.

The Security State Bank

Farwell

Texas



of This Organization

We of this organization welcome the opportunity the Holiday Season provides to tell you how much your business friendship has meant to us. With folk everywhere remembering their friends, our Christmas wouldn't be complete without a friendly word to you at this time.

So, while saying "Thank You," we also want to convey our best wishes to you and yours for a bountiful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with Health, Happiness and prosperity.

Parmer County Extension Service

ELSIE CUNNINGHAM,
County Home Demonstrator

GARLON HARPER,
County Agent

OH, SANTA!
Christmas Stockings
Once Feminine Trick

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas to American boys and girls without a visit from St. Nick.

According to history, St. Nicholas in real life was the Archbishop of Myra and lived during the Fourth century. In the Middle Ages, he makes his first traditional appearance in the legends of the Northland.

One legend concerns St. Nicholas eve, which originally was celebrated on the sixth of December. Young ladies, it seems, would hang up their



stockings in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with dowries. After a time, St. Nick and the stocking-

hanging custom was incorporated into the celebration of Christmas.

Another legend says that on Christmas eve the spirit of St. Nicholas rode across the land on a great white horse followed by the hosts of innocents slain in Bethlehem by the order of Herod. Children of the Northland filled their wooden shoes with oats for the Saint's horse and set them outside of the door; in the morning, providing the children had been good, the oats were gone and the shoes were filled with nuts and apples.

Eventually, the boys and younger children, the wives and husbands, and even the grandparents, decided the girls were getting too much the best of things; so, they all joined the International Society of Stocking-hangers.

Our ancestors brought St. Nick to America, where he has grown round and fat and jovial, traded his great white horse for eight magic reindeer, and his pack bulged bigger and bigger.

This year Santa's pack may be minus a few luxury products and mechanical gadgets, but that doesn't matter as long as there are mamma dolls, sleds and drums and picture books; toys for the children.

10% OF INCOME
IS OUR QUOTA
IN WAR BONDS



May the joys of the Christmas occasion remain with our customers and friends throughout the New Year.

Our thanks, too, for your patronage and kind courtesies in the past.

Summer's Dairy
FARWELL, TEXAS.



To you, whom we serve every day, we send a Christmas Greeting. **MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU JOY . . . AND PEACE . . . AND THE NEW YEAR HAPPINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE**

Floyd Francis
Foreman, Sikes Motor Co.

GREETINGS

of the Season
from . . .

With keen appreciation of your good will and patronage and all good wishes for a **CHEERY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**



SHAMROCK SERVICE STATION
JOE LINDSEY, Mgr.

ONCE AGAIN

May the spirit of kindness that is within us all today, remain throughout every day of the New Year.

We thank you for your friendly patronage and loyalty and extend best wishes of the Season.



CORDIAL GREETINGS

New State Auto Co.

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Christmas in the FIVE and TEN
by HELEN EDWARDS

MARY'S feet throbbed. Her knees wanted to buckle beneath the weight of her slim young body.

"Fifteen minutes more!" She saw Mr. Adams, the cross-looking floorwalker, frowning in her direction and she hastened to tidy her counter. Clerking in the five and ten, she decided, wasn't such a bad job—except during the Christmas rush.

A shabbily dressed old woman stood across the aisle looking wistfully at a display of curly-haired dolls on Mary's counter. The faded blue eyes were making an effort to read the price tag.

"May I help you, madam?" Mary asked. The woman looked up guiltily, then her fingers fumbled nervously at her shabby black purse.

"I—ah—I—no, I don't guess so." The woman turned and almost ran from the store. At the door, however, she turned and slowly retraced her steps to the counter. "How much for that yellow-haired doll, miss?"

"Twenty-nine cents. Shall I wrap it in our gift pack? That will be ten cents extra."

"N—no, I'll come back later. Not tonight, please."

As Mary nodded her head the woman's shoulders seemed to sag lower, and she trudged slowly toward the door.

Mary's thoughts kept returning to the wizened old lady as her tired feet dragged through a long Wednesday and a longer Thursday. As she left the store Thursday night she was almost happy, reflecting that there would be but one more day of the Christmas rush.

A timid hand clutched at her arm. Mary recognized her near-customer of the preceding week, and smiled encouragingly.



"N—no, I'll come back later."

"That doll, miss—" she seemed momentarily at a loss for words—"it—is it sold yet?"

"No, we have a few left. Do you want me to save one for you?"

"If you could?"

Mary nodded and the woman hurried away.

Mary selected an especially nice doll the next morning and laid it carefully beneath the counter. Then she watched, between spurts of last minute shoppers, for the timid old lady. At noon the doll still rested beneath the counter. At six it was still unclaimed. When Mary sold her last remaining doll a few moments before nine, she reached for the hidden one.

"I'll give her a few minutes more," she decided. "If I put it out it will go almost as soon as anyone sees it."

At last she appeared, breathless as if from running. She gazed along the counter and stark despair was written in every line of her face.

"Am I too late? Are they sold?"

"No, I saved one for you, madam."

"How much did you say it would cost?" The old woman was fumbling in her purse while Mary wrapped the doll. "Twenty-five cents, wasn't it? I think I have that much."

Shaking fingers reached into the shabby purse and fumbled into every crease and corner of its flat interior. Two dimes and a penny appeared, and then two more coppers. The woman's face turned white, and the fingers continued to search frantically. Finally they reappeared clutching two additional copper coins.

"But," Mary began, "it costs—" a picture of some tiny waif waiting for just such a doll flashed through Mary's mind. Mary turned to the woman and held it out to her.

As she did so she saw Mr. Adams bearing down upon her, his most ferocious frown upon his face. Now she was in for it! Maybe she would be fired. And for four cents! Well, it had been worth it.

"Will you say 'Merry Christmas' to the little one for me?" she whispered.

A muffled cough at her side told her that Mr. Adams had arrived.

"I saw what you did, Mary, and—"

"But, Mr. Adams, I intended to repay the company from my own purse."

"I know—I know. I'd have done it myself if you hadn't. Merry Christmas, Mary."

Plenty of Trees



It doesn't take long to grow a suitable size Christmas tree from a seedling. That is one of the reasons why there isn't much possibility that the nation's supply of Christmas trees will reach a point of depletion.

Many farmers, having some acres of soil not suitable for regular farming turn the ground over to producing evergreens for Christmas use. Many have thus undertaken the establishment of Christmas tree plantations where harvesting is conducted on a sustained yield basis.

Most of the balsams, spruce, hemlocks, pines, cedars and firs used for this purpose are the product of northern swamp lands.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 19, 1942, were 22,364 compared with 22,061 for the same week in 1941. Cars received from connections totaled 11,643 compared with 9,931 for the same week in 1941. Total cars moved

were 34,007 compared with 31,992 for the same week in 1941. Santa Fe handled a total of 32,684 cars in the preceding week of this year.

People who look back these days may not turn into a pillar of salt but they may turn into a telephone pole.

REALLY BIG NEWS THIS YEAR

Newspaper costs are going up and bargains in commodities and other things are scarce, but the people of the PANHANDLE-PLAINS REGION will again be given the opportunity of reading their favorite paper, the AMARILLO DAILY NEWS, at a BARGAIN OFFER PRICE.

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AMARILLO DAILY NEWS
AMARILLO, TEXAS

Christmas Greetings



To our old customers—our old friends of years standing and—to our newer customers who in the course of coming years we hope will become old customers and old friends—to all whose friendship and good-will have helped to keep the wheels turning and to make our Christmas more thoroughly enjoyable, we say thank you—thank you sincerely and heartily. We wish you a real Merry Christmas.

MANDELL'S

"The Store of Quality"
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Please Put Off Your Holiday Rail Trip until after January 12th

Please do not make a trip by rail, unless it is urgently necessary, between now and January 12th.

The Santa Fe, in cooperation with other western railroads and the Office of Defense Transportation, makes this direct appeal to the general traveling public, for these reasons:

Christmas Furloughs

Between December 12 and January 12, hundreds of thousands of our men in service will have holiday leaves.

We all want them to be able to travel without delay on these brief and precious furloughs.

In this same period the railroads must transport a million men of the armed forces moving

on duty; handle the heavy seasonal flow of students; and care for the ever-growing number of persons who must make trips by rail on urgent government business or private emergency.

Not Enough Cars for All

If, on top of all this, civilian America "travels as usual" during the Christmas-New Year holidays, there just will not be enough passenger coaches and sleeping cars to go around.

So, if you possibly can, postpone your trip at least until after January 12—and thus do your share to ensure seats or berths for our men in service on their all-too-brief Christmas-New Year furloughs.

• More than ever, in these difficult times, please turn freely to your local Santa Fe agent for friendly help on travel and shipping problems.





No shortage of Flowers...

War activities will make your gift problem harder than ever to solve this year, but you may be assured of one thing . . . there will be flowers galore! Every kind, size and shape, each more beautiful than the next . . . so give generously . . . give flowers for Christmas!

PROMPT DELIVERY MODERATE RATES

Clovis Floral Co.

Phone 120—Clovis, N. M.

The local government of Texas is carried on through 7,796 local units of which 254 counties are the basis subdivisions.

The Texas State Capitol Building is among the four largest Capitol Buildings in the United States including the Capitol at Washington.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

How real is the gift of friendship, and how priceless is good-will. At this time of good cheer, when all cares and disappointments give way to good fellowship, may the joys and pleasures of this festive season be yours in full measure, and may the New Year abound with success and happiness.

May Brothers

"Clovis Leading Jewelers"
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO



CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

It is the goodwill created by this joyous Christmastime that inspires us to send you a word of Cheer. May the spirit of the Yuletide season spread throughout the coming year and make this community a better place in which to live.

The Season's Best Wishes to each of you.

C. R. Anthony Co.
FARWELL, TEXAS.



CORPORAL McNew laid his whiskers on the window sill. It wasn't, he thought, military duty to play the role of Santa Claus at the garrison Christmas party. He couldn't, however, disobey his commanding officer. Nor did he want to after hearing about that vacancy for a corporal at the recruiting office in Kansas City. McNew had been born there, Marianne lived there now and only yesterday he'd heard that Marianne had been seen with a fireman.

The colonel, though, had made his role more difficult. "Er—" he'd drummed on the table with his fingers, "—I want you especially to convince my son. Make him believe that Santa Claus is really magic. My son is—er—fascinated by anything in the electrical line. He's been—er—quite disturbing. I've told him that Santa only gives presents to good boys. If you can encourage his belief, it'd help the regiment and—me."

He'd have to be a perfect Santa Claus, McNew thought. Sonny was very skeptical.

"Hello," Peeping in the window he saw the object of his worries,



Tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers.

accompanied by the regimental mascot—Henry, the goat. McNew slipped into a closet. Too late, he remembered his whiskers. The goat, as the regiment had learned, had an appetite. McNew's fears were confirmed when he emerged from the closet. The whiskers were gone, and he heard Sonny giggling, "I bet Santa Claus ain't magic enough to grow more whiskers. I bet he ain't magic at all. Dad doesn't know everything. Say, Henry, I wonder if Santa Claus can see in the dark. I know how to turn off the switch—"

McNew sighed. Soldiers were supposed to be ingenious. McNew remembered some cotton fields nearby.

The band played a traditional Christmas carol. Corporal McNew stood beside a gaily decorated tree and began to distribute gifts to the children of the regiment. He called out Sonny's name. Then the lights went out.

He took a step backwards as tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers. Fireflies must have made their homes on the abandoned cotton he had plucked. McNew stepped on a package, stumbled and grabbed the tree for support. He caught a branch. Out of the darkness, he heard Sonny's voice: "Yes, Santa, here I am."

"Here—" McNew tried to hand the boy the package containing the electric train. A firefly rested on his whiskers. "Here, Santa Claus carries his own lights, you know." "Is it magic?" asked Sonny. "And you grew more whiskers—"

McNew stumbled again, reached for support. The branch cracked and broke. Falling, he caught Sonny's hand. "Here!"

The lights went on. Sonny fled down the steps and McNew saw that the colonel was comforting a weeping boy. A corporal who'd given the colonel's son a switch for a Christmas gift would never be recommended for a recruiting job in his home town.

The annual event at last over, McNew painfully removed the cotton from his chin. His suffering was in vain.

The colonel wanted to see him. McNew hurried. His chin was sore and red, but he managed a salute. "Yes, sir."

"Did you ever act the part of Santa Claus before?"

"No, sir." McNew suppressed a sigh.

"Um—maybe that explains the fireflies and the switch." There was a curious note in the colonel's voice. McNew struggled to explain, but the colonel interrupted: "I hear you want that recruiting job in Kansas City. Under the circumstances, I've decided to recommend you. Sonny wants to visit his grandmother there and you can take care of him on the journey. His grandmother thinks that Sonny is a good boy. I expect you to—er—continue to be resourceful."

"Yes, sir." But McNew sighed. He wondered if snow could be used to advantage by a resourceful soldier in charge of an equally ingenious boy.

FARMERS TOLD TO PLAN FOR BIGGER OUTPUT

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt Thursday asked farmers to meet with government and farm organization representatives throughout the nation on Jan. 12, explaining "we must further mobilize our resources for the production of food."

The White House issued a proclamation in which the President designated Jan. 12 as Farm Mobilization Day, an occasion which he said would be "a symbol of the might and productivity of our nation and a symbol of our unalterable determination to put to full use our agricultural resources, as well as our other resources in the achievement of complete victory."

The President asked that farmers, wherever possible, gather on mobilization day with agriculture department representatives, extension service agents, vocational teachers, state officials, farm organizations and other concerned groups to discuss means of insuring for the year 1943 the maximum production of vital foods upon every farm in this country.

Food he said, is no less a weapon than tanks, guns and planes.

Mr. Roosevelt said farmers could be proud of three record-smashing years of production. He added that, although they have produced much this year, "the nation will require even more of them during the year that is now before us."

Buy War Bonds
Every Pay Day
* * *
Let's Double
Our Quota



SINCERE CHRISTMAS WISHES

As we approach another Christmastime, we wish to send a word of GREETING to each of you. To which we add our pledge of continued unceasing efforts to increase our friendships during every day of the New Year.



GREETING

FORD PRODUCE COMPANY

Elton Malone, Mgr.
Farwell, Texas.

Holiday Greetings



As we come to the close of another year, it is our sincere hope that the friendliness that has marked our associations in the past will continue and grow stronger as the years go by.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sikes Motor Company
FARWELL, TEXAS.

No Shortage OF Electric Current

IN VIEW OF THE FACT that there is no shortage of electricity in this area, and that we have always prepared for tomorrow's needs today, we feel that we should inform our customers that by using all the electricity they need they are in no way being unpatriotic.

Electric energy, ac, unlike other services or commodities, cannot be stored for future use, but must either be used or lost at the time of production.

In some cases we have been unable to connect new customers due to the lack of copper conductor and not the lack of electric energy.

Grateful for the privilege of having served you in the past and looking forward to 1943.

Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company



The Entire Personnel of This Firm Joins in Extending the

Season's Greetings

- RODNEY FORD
- CARL McCULLY
- CLAUDE DYER
- H. G. ISBELL
- TIMY DYCUS
- JOHNNY HANCOCK
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ROBERT'S
Seed Company

How Happy Pierre Paid For His Special Yule Gift

Many touching, and very human stories about Christmas and the Christ Child are being told and read at this time of the year.

One of them, related recently by a movie producer in Hollywood who stated he heard it at a little French church in his West coast town, fits in very well with the spirit of Christmas.

According to the story repeated, a member of a sectarian order was erecting a little vignette of the Nativity scene. A short time after the scene was erected, the tiny figure of the Christ Child was missing.

The loss was reported immediately to the rector of the parish who came hurrying to the scene of what looked like a theft. On the way back, feeling very sad because of the loss, he was almost struck by a boy in a little red wagon, rushing down the street. The rector knew the happy little boy very well. He was Pierre, the local Baker's son.

Just as he was about to speak to him he suddenly noticed the missing figure in the boy's wagon.

"It was you, Pierre," he cried, "who stole the Christ Child."

Pierre, silent, said nothing and hung his head.

After being scolded and asked why he took the figure, the tot began to stammer: "I wanted a red wagon, this wagon, for Christmas. I prayed for it in His name, telling



Him that if I did get it I would give him a ride in it. For it is His birthday, you know."

The kind rector, tears in his eyes, had not words of reproof, but kindness for thoughtful little Pierre.

"I'm sorry, son, that I didn't understand. You are quite right. It is His birthday. You have given Him more than any Magi ever gave to Him on the day of his birth, many, many years ago.

The SPIRIT OF SANTA CLAUS



THERE will be many shadows clouding our Christmas Day this year; but—Christmas is important! It comes at the close of the old year binding up the wounds of bitterness, making fast the moorings of friendship, renewing the promise of peace and good will, invoking the magic of memories.

Christmas is the children's feast; has the Master not said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do also unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our bundles, and our prayers.

In America, the children must not lose their faith in Santa Claus. The best explanation regarding Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit I have ever been offered or able to figure out for myself, is the one that was given to me by my mother on that fateful day when I accidentally caught a delivery boy entering the house bearing an ill-concealed rocking horse.

Santa Claus typifies the Christmas Spirit: the mothers and fathers, those be-whiskered gentlemen in the stores (who puzzle lots of boys and girls by being so numerous), the delivery boys, and all of us who support and participate in the campaign of spreading cheer, we are the life blood and sustaining power of the Christmas Spirit.

The children of today must have their toys this Christmas; and we must be extra-careful that no child has occasion to lose his faith in Santa Claus. There are plenty of sleds and drums, dolls and painted carts and Christmas trees to go around; but it is up to Santa's helpers to see that every child in the land is remembered.

And we grown-ups must have our Christmas, too. For when we out-grew our toys we set this day aside to reunite our families and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

*"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."*

The go-to-church movement can be given your personal support without any community drive.

Over half of the oil produced in Texas pays an average tax of 10.5 cents per barrel.

America Celebrates CHRISTMAS



Of course you know that we really don't need Christmas to make us realize how much friends mean to us, but perhaps it does take the good old American Christmas Season to remind us to tell you so. At this time our thoughts readily turn toward those with whom our success is so closely linked—to our many customers whom we are glad to call our friends.

Because we are very close to you, we understand some of your problems. We look forward with confidence to a continuance of the grand friendship and pleasant relationship for many years to come. It is our sincere hope that the New Year may bring you prosperity in bountiful measure and real happiness.

O. W. Rhinehart

Wholesale and Retail Phillips 66 Products

BOVINA, TEXAS

THEY CAN REMAKE THE WHOLE WORLD BUT...



WILL STILL RING AROUND IT!

Farwell Cate

WHAT could be nicer for a Christmas present than a year's subscription to The State Line Tribune? only \$1.50!



CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS GO HAND IN HAND..

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

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

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



This Sincere Greeting From Your County Officials



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County Judge

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With keen appreciation of your good will and patronage and all good wishes for

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And a Happy and Prosperous New Year

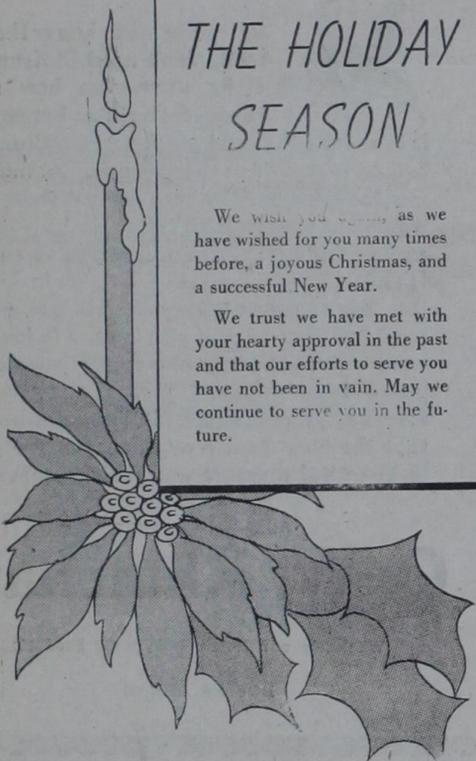
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THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.



Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas

Law—Abstracts—Insurance
FARWELL, TEXAS

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WE ENTER INTO another Holiday Season we wish to extend our profound thanks for the gracious friendships we have enjoyed.

May you enjoy the best of everything, not only this year and next, but during those to follow. May your hopes and dreams be fulfilled and may you enjoy Health, Happiness and Genuine Contentment.



A Merry Christmas

Kemp Lumber Company

ROY W. BOBST, Manager
FARWELL, TEXAS.

The Tree of the Christ-Child



The Christmas tree has many legendary origins. One of these legends has it that when St. Boniface was converting the Germanic tribes from their heathen worship of Thor to Christianity, he turned their attention from the fallen Thunder Oak, under which the human sacrifices demanded by their barbarous religion had been made, and singled out a young fir tree.

Here was a new symbol: a tree dedicated to love and good deeds. With no stain of blood upon it, its tip pointing towards the undying stars, it should be a sign of the new faith: the tree of the Christ-child. No longer was the emblem of faith to be a thing of dread, but set up in the halls of the chieftain and surrounding with friendship and feasting.

In the homes of the tribesmen, the new tree of the Christ-Child honored the birthday of the Saviour and children played beneath it. It became the symbol of love and simplicity: for

"Unless ye become as little children, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

In America, families gather around the Christmas tree in the home, throughout the land community trees are lighted and the old carols are sung; symbols of the spirit of the Christ-Child—the brotherhood of men.

Decorate Christmas Tree 1,300 Feet Under Ground

About ten years ago, in Ishpeming, Mich., timber haulers were on their way to a mine to put up some trussing, found a small Christmas tree on the side of the road which had probably fallen from a truck.

One of the men picked up the tree and threw it on top of the timber. At the mine the tree was sent down 1,300 feet into the mine. One of the miners picked it up, put it on the side of the passageway. At lunch time some of the miners decorated the tree with bits of paper from their lunch kits.

"Let's do this every year," one of them suggested.

Since then a small Christmas tree is set up in that Michigan mine passageway. And not only the miners, but their guests, gather 'round the tree at 6 a. m., exchange gifts and indulge in small talk for about a half hour before starting their shift.

School for Santa

Last year at Buffalo, N. Y., a night school to train raw recruits into a crop of finished Santa Clauses was opened. The time may come when every jovial, red-garbed street corner bell-ringer's whiskers mask a Bachelor of Santa Claus Psychology.

We appreciate your friendly associations during the past twelve months with more pleasure than we can express and wish you all the joys and prosperity and Peace that Christmas and the New Year can bring.

Henderson Grain & Seed Co.
FARWELL, TEXAS

Merry
CHRISTMAS

We want to take this very personal way to say— "MERRY CHRISTMAS" . . . and to add that it is our wish that you enjoy more happiness and contentment during the New Year than you can possibly . . . and that you will divide the surplus with your friends.

STAR FILLING STATION
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Farwell, Texas.

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With Hearty Good Wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Farwell Postoffice

Noma N. Lokey, Postmaster Mrs. Morgan Billington Asst.



CHRISTMAS GIFT

We know you are busy at this, the Happiest Season of the year, but we just want to drop in a minute or two and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

you all through the New Year.

This message comes with genuine appreciation for all the nice things you have done for us in the past and with the hope that we may continue to be in your favor in the future.

Phillips Petroleum Co.

D. W. BAGLEY, Agent

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TEXICO, N. M.

FARWELL, TEXAS

Merry Christmas

May this old fashioned Greeting convey our

SINCERE APPRECIATION



Of your good will and patronage and our every wish for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

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Bovina, Texas.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON



WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the further advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!



Capitol Freehold Land Trust

FARWELL, TEXAS



Greetings..

Just as the ties of friendship are strengthened at this Holiday Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual accord and confidence. Best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

Williams Mercantile Co.

"Only Exclusive Dry Good Store in Parmer County"

BOVINA, TEXAS

Season's Greetings



WE ARE GRATEFUL AT CHRISTMASTIME

In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

Hall's Grocery & Market

FARWELL, TEXAS.

Season's Greetings



To faithful old friends, cherished new friends, and those whose friendship we strive to deserve, our hearty Greetings are tendered for a genuine American Christmas. May the New Year be a joyous and prosperous one for you.

City Cleaners

FARWELL, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS EVE. In the entrance drive of a huge apartment building, Shorty Cavendish huddled in a vain attempt to protect himself from the cold. His normally genial face was pinched and drawn, and his roly-poly body shuddered as the wind bit through his pitifully inadequate clothing.

Shorty was broke. For six weeks now he had been tramping the streets, hoping and praying to find a job. Only the day before he had been turned out of his rooming house, his clothing and other possessions confiscated by a sharp-tongued landlady.

Yet what bothered him even more was the gnawing emptiness in the pit of his stomach. It was then his attention turned to the two men on the corner. For some time they had stood regarding him, the younger man sometimes gesturing his way, the older one shaking his head. Shorty shrugged. Maybe they were plainclothes officers. Anyway, he was going to hit them for a dime.

He approached the men. "Do you happen to have an extra dime, Mister?"

The older man reached into his pocket, drew forth a bill and handed it to Shorty with a smile. "Merry Christmas," he said, then turned away.

Shorty stared at the bill, his heart in his throat. Five dollars. The man must have made a mistake. But when he looked up his benefactor had melted into the crowd.

Shorty remained undecided for a moment, then turned and walked as swiftly as his half-frozen feet would permit toward the restaurant. Through his mind were racing wonderful dreams.

He merged with the crowd in front of a toy shop, felt himself jammed tightly against the display window. A small boy and girl stood beside him, their noses pressed to the cold pane, staring in mingled awe and anticipation at the big red wagon on display. Then he noticed the woman who stood behind them.



Pressed the precious five-dollar bill into her hand.

She was shabbily dressed, and on her face was a look of despair.

The little girl glanced back, eyes shining. "Do you think Santa will bring us that wagon, Mama?" she asked. "That's all Jimmy and I want. Just that wagon."

The woman tried to smile. "I'm afraid not, darling."

Shorty suddenly realized that he was free to go on. Still he hesitated. "But, Mama," the boy pleaded, "we wrote to him. We told him where we live now."

Shorty stepped forward impulsively. "Pardon me, Madam," he murmured, pressed the precious five-dollar bill into her hand, and walked quickly away. Not, however, before he heard her gasp of delight.

He stood on the curb, unaware of the freezing wind, as happy as he had ever been in his life. Tonight he would sleep in the city jail . . . a common tramp. But tonight he had done something of which he would always be proud.

A hand settled on his shoulder. He turned, recognized the gray-haired man who had given him the money. For an instant Shorty was frightened.

"I'm sorry, sir," he said. "I wanted to tell you of your error right away, but you left before I could. I haven't the money now."

The man smiled. "Don't worry over that," he said quietly. "It wasn't an error."

"Then, what . . . ?"

"My companion and I made you the subject of a wager," the man explained. "He claimed the first thing you would buy if you put your hands on some money would be a bottle of liquor. I disagreed. After we saw what you did do with it, we couldn't just walk away."

His eyes played briefly over Shorty's fat little figure, and he cleared his throat. "Our lodge is giving a party tonight for some children from the Clearview Orphanage. We need a man to act as Santa Claus, and if you don't mind my saying so, you'd take the part splendidly. After that we could arrange to give you a job as assistant janitor at our hall. Would you be interested?"

"Interested?" Shorty choked. "Mister," he said slowly, "you've just offered me a ticket to heaven."

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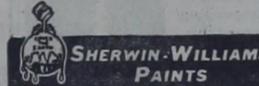
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CHRISTMAS BELLS

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

And thought how, as the day had come, The bellies of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, swinging on its way, The world revolved from night to day A voice, a chime, A chant sublime Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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

It was as if an earthquake rent The hearth-stones of a continent, And made forlorn The households born Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, "God is not dead; nor doth He sleep! The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!" —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

As a means to easy skinning of peaches, place them in a cloth sack and immerse them in boiling water until the skin slips easily. Then plunge them into cold water and the skin will peel easily.



As this year of our Lord, 1942, draws to a close, and we pause to count the many blessings, let us give thanks that we live in a free land where Christmas will always be a festival of good will.

Wars and depressions come and go . . . Kings and Kingdoms fall . . . earthquakes and cyclones strike . . . but the beautiful tradition of Christmas will go on forever.

It is our prayer that the spirit of Christmas will bring comfort and peace to you and your loved ones. It is our hope that our pleasant business relationship of the past year will continue to your satisfaction throughout the coming year.

Marcus Ice & Produce Co.

Andy & Irene

Farwell, Texas

I Believe in Santa Claus



I believe in Santa Claus because I have been Santa Claus a few times. That is the surest cure for doubters I know of.

Just dress up in a suit of red, a pair of boots, and trim yourself with flowing whiskers and sleigh bells. Start handing out packages and toys to the kiddies in front of a gorgeous Christmas tree. You will FEEL this wonderful Christmas spirit.

In my case—it has made me want to sit down and send a message to all the customers and friends of this business and wish them a joyous Holiday and the best of luck and prosperity throughout the coming year.

That's my Christmas wish for you.

Consumers Fuel Assn.

LARIAT, TEXAS.

THE SOFT GLOW OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Brings to our minds the true value of friendships—and leads us to ponder over the many deeds of kindness that have been extended us in the past.

We are indebted to you for these kindnesses and the thoughtfulness back of them, and desire to extend compliments of the Season to you, one and all!



Dr. & Mrs. V. Scott Johnson

Despite Priorities Yule Gadgets Will Abound For Toy-Minded Youngsters

Despite the war, the kids want toys at Christmas time. And Santa, who has lived through many wars, is going to see to it that his little friends get them.

Because of war priorities, metal and mechanical toys will be practically unobtainable. But wood and plastics will take their place. The type of toys that they are will bring fun and enjoyment to the children getting them.

One of the new games seems, at first glance, to be a jig-saw puzzle. It is not exactly a puzzle, but what you make from it can be puzzling to those who behold it.

This game consists of various pieces of colored and oddly shaped cardboard. By using the various, oddly cut pieces you can make a realistic looking lion, or house, or giraffe or even a zoo house to keep the "an-i-mules" in good condition.

The real fun comes in on this game when you take the head of a baboon and put it on a giraffe's neck which is attached to an elephant's body with dog legs! To solve the milk delivery problem you can put horse legs on the body of a cow.

Another interesting game—a con-

structive, entertaining one—is that which has miniature bricks, decorated in waterproof red paint. With the bricks you can build all sorts of buildings by laying them as a regular bricklayer would. For mortar a trick type of stickum is used. After you have built yourself a house, or a bombshelter, or a garage and then become tired of it, all that you need do is set the whole business in water. The water loosens the stickum-mortar, the bricks fall apart, and you are ready once again to build another type of building.

This year a new toy-gadget for the baby who is beginning to notice that it has some mighty active arms and legs has been fixed up by Santa for distribution on Christmas morning. It is a cradle gym. It has a horizontal bar strapped across the top of the crib or play pen.

From the bar hangs a trapeze, a climbing rope, and flying rings. Even little, before-tot age creepers, it has been said, can do marvelous things on the "circus" equipment.

Even though the children of U.S.A. 1942 won't be getting the usual type of toys for Christmas, they will be getting some fine substitutes.



"Here is the living tree with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song and rites of love."

This is a statement attributed to St. Boniface, the English-born apostle of Germany who had saved a young child from sacrifice in the early days when Thor was worshipped by the Germanic peoples. The tree the Saint referred to was a young fir, growing nearby.

Such is just one of the many stories connected with the origin of the Christmas tree. The origin of the Christmas tree custom is obscure, notes Dr. Donald Bond, instructor in English at the University of Chicago, for he can

quote authorities claiming the Christmas tree's origin in France, Scandinavia, Egypt, England and also Germany.

Only one of all the legends connects the Christ Child with the Christmas tree. This story goes back to the manger at Bethlehem where trees from all over the world had come to do honor to the new born babe. Very little attention was paid to the diminutive fir by the other more beautiful, stately, and majestic trees. Suddenly, though, star upon star fell upon the little fir until it shone with all the brilliance of heavenly light.

A Scandinavian tale of woe traces the Christmas tree to that land. Two star-crossed, unhappy lovers dramatically died. From the spot where they died, it is related, a tree grew which on Christmas night gleamed with brilliant lights.

German immigrants to the United States in 1843 are said to have introduced the decorated Christmas tree. According to claims of historians, the practice of decorating the tree at Christmas time originated in Alsace in 1605. At that time the natives brought fir trees into their homes and decorated them with homemade decorations and sweets.

Despite the origin of the Yuletide tree, the sale of trees has developed into an extensive, profitable business. Likewise, tree furnishings becoming an enormous business in itself. From records available, it has been learned that over 111,000,000 electric Christmas tree bulbs were sold in America every year. Possibly the amount will not be as large this year as last, but you can be sure that Americans will have their Christmas tree with decorations and lights on them.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Where do children receive Christmas gifts from a camel?
2. What famous Christmas character originated in America?
3. If you want a Christmas tree that drops its needles early, what kind would you select?
4. What important event took place on Christmas day almost two thousand years ago?
5. When was Christmas proclaimed a national holiday?
6. Where did the early Christians obtain their Christmas trees?
7. What is the most widely known Christmas story ever written?

ANSWERS To Christmas Quiz

1. Syria. The youngest of the three camels bearing the Wise Men distributes the gifts.
2. Santa Claus. The Dutch brought St. Nicholas (Sint Niklass) to America where he was gradually transformed into Santa Claus.
3. Spruce. The Fir holds its needles the longest.
4. Christ was born.
5. There are no "national holidays" in the United States. The Federal government proclaims holidays only for federal employees.
6. Early Christians didn't have any. Christmas trees weren't used generally until the 16th century.
7. With the exception of the Bible accounts of the birth of Christ, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is the most widely known Christmas story.

DOLLS They're Almost Human As Science Steps In

Even in the doll world, science has come through with its help.

It has perfected an "almost human" doll whose heart beat can be distinguished by means of the stethoscope that is furnished with the doll's layette. So now little Janey, if she becomes worried about the condition of her "little baby's"



health—even though its cheeks are rosy—need but put the stethoscope to use. The health, of course, all depends on Janey's decision.

There are today, even little doll-babies that eat from a spoon, make use of a nursery bottle like any little veteran of the crib, and even blow bubbles. Why, if Janey wants them to, they'll even walk along with her, provided, of course, she holds at least one hand. You will note, too, when Janey and her little doll do go out for a walk, the doll walks much more gracefully than ever before.

Little Janey will also notice that this year reaches a new high in smart clothing for her doll. The right style wardrobes and even accessories for all occasions have been designed.

Miss Janey is going to have a fine time with her new, modern doll this Christmas.

It Happened On Christmas Day

Ironically enough, several strange and important war activities have taken place on Christmas day.

One which many of the British and German soldiers, of the last

World war remember is the strange Christmas day that took place on the 1914 front. The World war was definitely on, but for a short time, on Christmas day, there was a period of peace on earth between the fighting soldiers.

In the Flanders sector, German and British soldiers ceased firing by mutual agreement, and went over to each other's trenches and dugouts to spend the day in feasting and celebration.

A very important military event in colonial American history also took place on Christmas day. George Washington, leading his brave, but weather-beaten army of 2,400 men across the Delaware, captured the city of Trenton, N. J., which British and Hessian troops were then occupying. Over 1,500 enemy troops were captured in the surprise march.

A hick town is a place where it's cheaper to feed your neighbor's chickens than to have a next-door enemy.

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CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

A Gift for You

Not much, to be sure, but presented with all the sincerity we know, this little gift of Christmas Greetings.



It's not wrapped up in a lot of fancy ribbon, nor expressed in a lot of flowery oratory... but you can be assured that when we send compliments of the Season to you, we mean every word of it.

It's great to be a part of this community, to know and serve its people. That's why we eagerly look forward to sending our annual message of Good Cheer to our friends here.

Plains Grain & Seed Company

HUNTER & MATTHEWS

TEXICO, NEW MEXICO

Christmas Joy!



ONCE AGAIN THE Yuletide season offers a welcome opportunity to extend cordial greetings and best wishes to all those whose friendship and patronage we have enjoyed during the year. May we express our appreciation of your consideration... and our best wishes for your continued happiness.

Cicero Smith Lumber Company

AUBREY BROCK, Mgr.

BOVINA, TEXAS

The Memory of Friends...

Maybe the person who said "there is no sentiment in business" is right, but he would have a hard time convincing us that it is true—and we strongly suspect that we have lots of company.

Our thoughts turn back over the years. Some recollections are vivid and some are misty. Out of it all comes a picture of many wonderful friends. Small wonder then, that we cannot agree with anyone who says there is no sentiment in business.

Believe us, we are truly thankful, and in that spirit we extend to you the wish that this will be much the happiest Christmas of your life.

Farwell Elevator Co.

W. BART OSBORNE, Mgr.

FARWELL, TEXAS

Local Happenings

Turkey Dinner Given In M. E. Church

Members of the Junior-Intermediate young people's department of the Methodist Church enjoyed a turkey dinner as a highlight of the season, Tuesday evening, the affair being held in the parlors of the church.

Mrs. Paul Tripp, as superintendent of the group, was in charge of arrangements. Jaquetta Strickland directed the evening's program. The group sang a number of Christmas carols, interspersed with a reading by Wanda Boss and a piano solo by Joan Booth.

Thirty-two were seated at the long banquet table, with Rev. Tripp and Muggins Graham, president of the group, at either end. The table was decorated with sprays of evergreen, red berries and red candles, which were lighted for the meal.

Eason Home Scene Of B. T. U. Class Party

The Intermediate B. T. U. class of the Baptist Church met last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eason where they enjoyed a Yuletide gathering.

Christmas carols were sung, followed by the annual gift exchange, and game were then played.

A refreshment plate was served to Peggy Schleuter, Frank Baker, Harriet Baker, Jewell Cassidy, Minnie Smotherman, Juanita Hall, Jeanne Glover, Dorothy Cassidy, Virginia Sullivan, Jewel Dean Francis, Bill White, Calvin Blaine, Alverda Hall, Harry Baker, R. C. White, Frank Ford, Vernon Blaine, Olan Schleuter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minter and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eason.

Mrs. Porter Hostess To Guild Meeting

Mrs. John Porter, Mrs. J. T. Carter and Mrs. Frances King were in charge the past Wednesday night, when the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church held a Christmas social in the home of Mrs. Porter.

A short program was given, with Mrs. A. D. Smith, a guest, presenting several readings and Mrs. J. T. Carter giving a Christmas talk. Carols were sung by the entire group.

The Christmas gift exchange was observed from a decorated tree. Unusual favors were on the refreshment plate in the form of apples topped with lighted candles, and the lights were extinguished during the serving.

Those attending were Miss Hazel Anglin, Mrs. R. A. Reddin, Miss Jennie Lee London, Mrs. W. A. Kessie, Mrs. Webb Gober, Mrs. Alvenia Sharpe, Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mrs. Paul Tripp, Mrs. J. T. Carter, Mrs. Frances King and Mrs. John Porter.

Piano Recital Given In Vinyard Home

Approximately forty guests enjoyed a piano recital presented by students of Mrs. Florence M. Vinyard, Sunday afternoon, in the home of Mrs. Vinyard.

Christmas decorations were used and tall red tapers placed about the room and on the pianos furnished illumination. A lovely tea table was spread, with pupils assisting Mrs. Vinyard in the serving.

Taking part were Darlene Kay Sprawls, Betty Hillhouse, Jill Dunn, Joan Williams, Irene and Laura Jaquess, Gloria Kepley, Rosamond Booth, Tommy Randol, Jean Ann Hart, Dot McGahan, Mary Latrielle Hick, La Honda Wells, Emma Jean and Peggy June Rogers, all of Texico-Farwell.

Julian Keeter, Morris Caldwell, Patsy Patton, Barbara Jones, Marcella Ruth Thomas, Leta Mae Gunstream, Joan Allison, Bobby Lou Ford, Sarah Frances Tidwell, Eudell Houston, Sylvia and Jeston Holt and Marian Frieden, of Clovis.

Miss Jane Lokey In Stephens Chorus

Miss Jane Lokey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Lokey of Farwell, sang with the first soprano section of the Stephens College, Mo. Chorus in a Christmas program presented last Saturday evening.

The chorus is directed by Miss Margaret Colby instructor of voice in the Conservatory of Music at Stephens College for Women.

Miss Lokey is a freshman student at the college, having graduated at the Farwell High School last spring.

Christmas Broadcast For Lutheran Hour

A special Christmas Day broadcast of the Lutheran Hour, featuring Dr. Walter A. Maier of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as the speaker, will be heard at 2:15 p. m. CWT December 25 over the coast-to-coast Mutual network. A 15-minute program, the broadcast will include Christmas hymns by the Lutheran Hour chorus.

Mrs. Vincent Hostess To 3-M Club

A Christmas party was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. Lester Vincent Friday afternoon, when she entertained members of the 3-M Club.

The home was beautifully decorated in Yuletide colors, the main attraction being the Christmas tree, with piles of gifts banked around the tree.

Games of bunco were enjoyed and high score went to Mrs. Keith Pigg while Mrs. Turner Paine was low.

The hostess acted as Santa and gifts from the tree were presented to each member from "club pals". After the business session Mrs. Vincent served a delicious salad plate to Mesdames Buddy Jones, Billy Sudderth, Keith Pigg, R. B. Summers, Tom Lindop, E. W. Kennedy, Turner Paine.

Regrets came from Mesdames Joe Magness, Mose Glasscock and Bill Hubbel.

The group will enjoy a New Year's Eve party in the home of Mrs. Turner Paine.

St. John's Ladies Aid Has Christmas Party

A Christmas social was held by the St. John's Ladies Aid on Wednesday, with Mrs. J. A. Kaltwasser and her daughter, Lillymae, acting as hostesses in their home.

During the business session, Mrs. Daude was accepted as a new member of the group.

Entertainment centered about the singing of Christmas songs and carols and playing of games, followed by the gift exchange. The surprise gift of the day was a beautiful magazine rack presented by the Aid to the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. Weiser.

A delicious refreshment plate was served at the conclusion of the social by the hostesses.

Girls Auxiliary Has Yuletide Social

The Girls Auxiliary of the local Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. T. Lockhart, Thursday, Dec. 17 for a seasonal party.

Games were enjoyed by all and refreshments served to Jewell Cassidy, Dot McGahan, Opal Williams, Juanita Hall, Harriet Baker, Rado Morgan, Minnie Smotherman, Peggy Schleuter, Ella Juanice Bradshaw, Evelyn Brown, Mrs. Bill Bradshaw, Mrs. Milton Smith and Mrs. J. T. Lockhart.

Birthday Social Is Held on Monday

Carl G. Davis was honored with a surprise birthday dinner at 8 o'clock Monday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Randol entertained in their home.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and daughter, Glena Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barton of Tucumcari, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Randol.

Party Held Sunday

The Walther League of St. John's Church at Lariat held its Christmas social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaltwasser, Sunday night, at which time Pvt. Walter Kaltwasser, son of the host and hostess, was the honoree.

Pvt. Kaltwasser had arrived that afternoon from Atlantic City, N. J., to surprise his parents on his Christmas furlough.

On Honor Roll

Rex Kyker son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kyker of this city, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College, compiled by the registrar from the second six week's reports. This honor roll is composed of students who are in the upper ten percent of the class in one or more courses.

To Visit Here

Miss Frances Smith of Seattle, Washington, formerly of Farwell, is to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her sisters, Mrs. Lester Vincent and Mrs. R. B. Summers.

With Parents Here

Miss Jane Lokey, who is attending Stephens College for Women in Missouri, has arrived here to spend the Yuletide holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lokey.

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lariat Texas
Rudolph Weiser, Pastor
Children's Christmas program on Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Divine service on Christmas Day at 11:00 a. m.

Sunday: Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45. Divine Service at 11:30 a. m.

The Lutheran Hour will broadcast on Christmas Day over station KFDA, Amarillo, at 2:15 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.



LAST Christmas our local jewelry store added two new departments we never had carried before. One was a toy counter, where a selection of movie dolls was featured. The other—an optical department—catered to the trade who could not afford glasses unless they could arrange to pay for them on credit.

Visiting the shop the night before Christmas, I watched a tiny little girl . . . I'm sure she couldn't have been more than six . . . standing before the already sadly depleted doll counter. Her eyes were big as she looked up at the one doll still unsold, and there was a child's longing in them as she tugged at the tattered overall jacket of her father, busy talking to the optometrist.

"Daddy," she called, her voice shrill with excitement, "look! Isn't it the darlings thing? Do you think Santa will bring it to me?"

The man's tired face turned toward her, and a hurt expression flashed across it settling hopelessly in the gray eyes. "Fraid not, Mary," he answered. "I saw Santa in a store down the street a while ago, and he said that he'd be about



She turned to make one last appeal!

out of everything by the time he reached our house. Reckon he might have some sweets, or maybe a rag doll, though. And he's promised for sure to bring those glasses.

"Oh!" Tears were in her eyes, but she fought them back bravely, and her worn coat sleeve wiped the last trace of them away.

"I did so want one of them," she whispered. "But I'm glad Santa isn't going to bring it to me. It means that he's found someone else who wants it even worse than I do, don't it, Daddy?"

"Come on, Mary," the optometrist called, taking the little girl by the hand. "Santa told me to see what kind of glasses you should have, so's to be sure he'd get it right. Now just sit in this chair and do as I say."

The examination didn't last long, and I was still there when it was completed. The optometrist turned to the father. "I'll make a special effort to finish them tonight," he said.

He was back soon, a slip in his hand. "I've fixed it with the management. A dollar now, and a dollar a month until the balance of five dollars is paid."

Mary had returned for a final look at the toy. "Don't you think, Daddy, that the glasses could come as a birthday present, and . . . oh, I did want a doll so badly! But . . . but I won't cry."

Her father hadn't heard. He was busy feeling in his pockets for the dollar needed for the down payment. He found a lean wallet, and from it pulled a quarter and seven dimes. He counted them over twice, a scared look on his face, then began a renewed search. Triumphant, he finally produced an eighth dime, and handed the silver to the optometrist.

As the man in overalls and his elfin daughter started toward the door, the girl behind the doll counter looked at the optometrist, then at me, a tear in her eye. Then she ran after the pair. "Wait a moment— isn't your name Mary?" she asked.

"Uh-huh?" the little girl answered, bewildered.

"Then I guess Santa meant you. He was here just a few minutes ago, and said he had a doll for a little girl named Mary, but he was afraid he wouldn't have the time to deliver it. Then he remembered that the little girl's father said he was coming here, so he asked me if I'd keep the doll and give it to you. That's it, up on the counter. Take it and run away, because I'm so busy I haven't time to talk."

Shyly, Mary reached up for the proffered treasure, and hugged it close.

Mary was speechless while her benefactor busied herself behind the counter. Suddenly the girl felt a tug at her skirt, and Mary was at her side, looking up at her. "I believe you're Mrs. Santa Claus," the child whispered, awe in her voice.

As the door closed behind the pair, the girl took her purse from her bag and looked inside.

"Mrs. Santa Claus, indeed!" I heard her mutter. "Lucky for me this is pay day, or Mrs. Santa wouldn't eat tomorrow."

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN CAMPS



HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Pvt. Walter Kaltwasser arrived the past weekend to spend a Christmas leave visiting with relatives and friends. He is scheduled to leave the last of the week for Atlanta City, N. J., where he has recently been assigned.

ARRIVES ON FURLOUGH

S/Sgt. Van K. (Kirt) Crume arrived here Tuesday from Camp Forrest, Tenn., for a visit with his father, C. E. Crume of Farwell, and his wife in Albuquerque. This is the first time Kirt has been home on furlough in almost a year.

JOHN GRAHAM HOME

Sgt. John Austin Graham is a holiday visitor in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Graham. John is with the ground crew of the air forces and stationed at Brooks Field, San Antonio. He will spend fifteen days on furlough.

ACCEPTED FOR AIR FORCE

Murray White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack White, has recently passed the prerequisites of the Air Forces and is awaiting call. He took the exams in Roswell.

NOW IN MISSISSIPPI

Gilbert Watkins has recently been transferred from Galveston, Texas, to the air station at Biloxi, Miss., it is learned here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson of Lamesa and Richard Anderson of Three Rivers, Tex., were here last Saturday to attend the funeral of Carl McGuire. Mrs. Richard Anderson, daughter of the deceased, had been at his bedside for several days.

Bedroom suits \$69.75 and up, dining room suits \$32.50 and up, base rockers and living room suits. Gaines & Elliott, Bovina. 5-2tc



FOR THE LAST MINUTE SHOPPER . . .

The last-minute shopper may find just the answer to his or her gift problem by visiting our Gift Shop. We always carry a line of practical merchandise that will make appropriate gift items. Don't give up in despair until you have visited us.

RED CROSS PHARMACY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and baby are here from Childress to spend the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Lee Thompson.

Miss Dorothy Shaw has gone to Dallas, where she is visiting relatives during the vacation period.

For best prices on furniture, floor furnaces and gas heaters, see Gaines & Elliott Bovina. 5-2tc

Mrs. W. A. Kessie will leave tonight for Shamrock, Tex., to spend Christmas with her family and other relatives.

Mrs. Bess Henneman is planning to spend Christmas Day in Amarillo with her parents and friends.

Mrs. Lola Hodges, who is working in Amarillo, visited Sunday with friends in Texico and Farwell.

Bobby Anderson, student from Texas A. & M., is here to spend the Yuletide holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson.

Miss Hazel Anglin will leave Thursday for Tahoka, Tex., to enjoy the Christmas season with relatives. She announced that her beauty shop would likely be closed the entire weekend.

See Gaines & Elliott, Bovina, for furniture, Coleman floor furnaces and oil heaters. 5-2tc

Temporary Rations Will Be Extended

Temporary gas ration certificates issued to truck and pickup operators who have not secured ODT certificates were obviously in error, must be extended at the local ration office before Dec. 31, Chairman John Armstrong warned today.

These temporary rations were first scheduled to expire on Dec. 15, he pointed out, but have now been extended to Dec. 31. On or before that date persons operating on such rations should appear at the local board, bearing ration books, ODT certificates (if issued), and license receipts. "Please do not come without these papers," Armstrong urges.

On their appearance at the board office the temporary ration will be extended to April, he added.

Appeals May Be Made

Truckers or farmers who obviously cannot carry on normal business on the mileage basis set up on ODT certificates are reminded that they may make formal appeal for additional mileage. Such appeals are made through the county farm transportation committee.

All temporary gasoline allocations will later be deducted from the final amount of mileage allowed under the certificate of war necessity.

Tribune Job Printing Is Best



These Prices Good Rest of this Week

STORE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

We Have Your Christmas Needs in Foods

- POST TOASTIES—2 giant pkgs. for . . . 27c
- POTATOES, Extra Good . . . 36c
- 10 lb. mesh bag . . .
- ENGLISH PEAS . . . 28c
- No. 2 can, 2 for . . .
- SUGAR—Per pound . . . 07c
- MUSTARD—Full qt. jar . . . 11c
- MACARONI . . . 10c
- 3 boxes for . . .
- PEANUT BUTTER . . . 49c
- Quart jar . . .
- CORN—No. 2 can, each . . . 11c
- TOMATOES . . . 11c
- No. 2 can, each . . .
- STAR STATE COFFEE . . . 33c
- 1 lb. can . . .
- CELERY . . . 20c
- Large stalks, each . . .
- PINEAPPLE . . . 27c
- Sliced, No. 2 can, each . . .
- MY-T-FINE DESSERT . . . 06c
- Per box . . .
- CARNATION MILK . . . 29c
- 3 large cans . . .
- CRANBERRIES . . . 32c
- Nice ones, per lb. . .
- BULK COOKIES . . . 25c
- Per pound . . .

WITH MANY GOOD WISHES

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PERRY'S Cash Grocery

NEWS from

YOUR COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT
TEXAS EXTENSION SERVICE



By Garlon A. Harper
County Agent
Texas A. & M. Extension Service

Watch for milk fever and wheat poisoning in your dairy cattle this year. For some reason there appears to be more of these ailments than usual. Both are mineral deficiencies and can be avoided if cows are properly fed. Both ailments have almost identical effects on the cow, but the two usually occur at different times in regard to the stage of milk the cow is in.

Milk fever occurs at calving time. So-called "wheat poisoning" usually occurs during pregnancy or during heavy milk production.

To avoid these troubles it is well to always feed your cows plenty of minerals. The two minerals which cows need most in this country are calcium and phosphorus. If you are feeding a liberal amount of cotton seed meal your cows are getting their phosphorus supply there. If you are feeding alfalfa hay or any other legume hay your cows are getting their calcium there. If you are feeding neither of these, you should feed steam bone meal. If you are feeding cotton seed meal and no legume hay give the cows oyster shell flour or limestone flour. These minerals may be fed in the grain mixture or with loose salt. If fed in the grain mixture make it 1% of the ration. If fed with loose salt, mix the minerals with salt in about half-and-half proportions.

Cows which are running on wheat should also have all the dry roughage they will eat regardless of the amount of wheat they are getting.

This dry feed mixed with the wheat pasture seems to help avoid "wheat poisoning".

If you have a cow down with either milk fever or wheat poisoning you should immediately give her an intravenous injection of calcium gluconate. Every farmer should have one of these intravenous injection sets. They cost only \$1.50 at almost any drug store. Directions for proper use of the set come with the instrument. Any farmer can give this injection. For milk fever, 250 cc of the calcium gluconate will usually do the job. For wheat poisoning it is well to give at least 500 cc and then follow up with more if necessary. Some cases of this wheat poisoning are very stubborn. One farmer in Parmer county recently gave 2500 cc of the material before he got the cow up, but he did get her up and saved a \$100 cow.

Farmers Can Butcher Meat For Home Use

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, seeking to clear up confusion which he said had arisen, told farmers Friday they were free to butcher hogs and other meat animals for home use.

"They ought to do their normal amount of home butchering," he said in a radio talk. "I want to make one point clear. There are no formal regulations on butchering for home use. I know that there is a widespread rumor that farmers will have to pay a fee for a butchering permit. These rumors are false."

Demonstration Club Notes

By Special Staff Reporters

Parmerton Club

Mrs. C. A. Turner was hostess to the Parmerton Club and their families Dec. 18 at her home. After a brief program in which Mrs. Wilmot Crow gave the meaning of Christmas, Betty Jean Turner sang a Christmas song and Sandra Brock read, three or four "brain teasers" were enjoyed, gifts drawn, and refreshments of popcorn, peanuts and apples served to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wickard, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Cobb and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Turner. Visitors were Manuel Davis, Keith Brock, Thomas Cobb, Patsy Cobb, Joy Crow, Sandra Brock, Massie Katherine Watson and Betty Turner.

Hub Club

The Hub home demonstration club entertained their families and guests with a Christmas party, Dec. 18 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McLellan.

A basket supper was served to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Boatman, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. John Bengler, Mr. and Mrs. Cayson Jones and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boatman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Collier and children, Mrs. Mayme Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boatman, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Owens and children, Bob Jones, Ouida and Ruby Mae Shaffer, Miss Elsie Cunningham, Garlon A. Harper and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McLellan and children.

The next regular club meeting will be Jan. 8 with Mrs. S. L. McLellan hostess.

Midway Girls Club

Midway girls club met at the schoolhouse. Miss Cunningham and the sponsor, Mrs. Joe Jesko, were with the group.

Miss Cunningham told the group how to straighten an edge by pulling a thread in the cloth.

Next club meeting will be in January, when the girls will bring an equipped sewing box. Dorothy Koelzer told what should be in the box. We will also bring a flour or feed sack to make a luncheon cloth or scarf. Miss Cunningham will supervise the dye work on the cloths.

Social Security Numbers Must Be Reported

Employers are reminded by Dewey Reed manager of the Amarillo Social Security Board Field office, that it is necessary to report social security account numbers for all employees on their social security tax returns for the quarter ending Dec. 15. Failure on the part of the employers to secure account numbers for all employees results in possible loss or reduction in benefits to the employees, extra trouble and expense to the employers in answering letters and having personal calls by board personnel, and unnecessary expense to the government in attempting to contact individuals and secure their account numbers.

Reed advised that in the event an individual is employed who does not have an account number or has lost his card, he should be immediately requested to secure an application form from the post office and fill it out. The employer should then mail the application to the Amarillo office and ask to be advised of the account number. As soon as a card is issued or in case of requests for duplicates, the original account number ascertained, the employer will be advised of the number by the field office.

The Amarillo office will, upon request, furnish employers with application blanks stamped "Notify employer". This way, the employer can, where necessary, have a supply of these forms on hand and any employee who does not have an account number card should be requested to complete the application at the place he is employed.

An expert is a man who can tell the difference between an evening dress and a bathing suit.



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Additions in 1943 AAA Program Announced

Texas farmers may substitute essential food crops and war crops for cotton under the 1943 AAA program. Additions which were announced at the southern region conference, Memphis, Tenn., where Food for Freedom goals also were explained, draft all cropland for war duty.

Explaining the first addition, B. F. Vance, administrative officer of the AAA in Texas, said that essential food crops over and above the acreage normally planted on a farm could be substituted acre for acre for cotton in meeting the 90 percent requirement.

Crops already designated as essential food crops include corn, oats, grain sorghums, tame hay and certain vegetables.

According to previous explanations the only crops which could be substituted acre for acre for cotton in meeting the requirement were; peanuts for oil, soybeans for beans, flaxseed, dry beans, sugar crops, hemp castor beans, sea Island, and SXP cotton and designated winter cover crop seeds.

In addition to substituting essential feed crops for cotton the entire acreage of warcrops also may be substituted on a per acre basis.

NEW GOALS ANNOUNCED

Texas farmers are being asked to produce more pork, beef, eggs, milk, poultry, soybeans and peanuts under next year's Food for Freedom program.

The peanut acreage goal of 1,300,000 acres, more than one-fifth of the national goal, heads the list of important war crops Texas farmers are expected to produce next year. The 1943 goal is 22 per cent greater than 1942's record crop of 1,060,000 acres harvested.

State goals will be broken down immediately on a county basis and individual sign-up will get underway in a few weeks, with newly-elected AAA committeemen to conduct the farm production pledge and sign-up, contacting every farmer in the state.

"The new goals are the biggest challenge we've ever faced but I feel sure Texas farmers will do their best to meet them, officials say.

Following are principal goals for Texas under the 1943 program, and the percentage the new goal is of the 1942 production:

Hogs—spring crop 310,000 sows farrowed, 115%; fall crop 309,000 sows farrowed, 115%.

Cattle and calves—3,513,000 head marketed and slaughtered on farm, 105%.

Sheep and lambs—2,543,000 marketed and slaughtered on farm, 79%.
Milk—5,540,000,000 (billion) lbs., 104%; eggs, 252,671,000 doz., 111%; chickens: 161,006,000 lbs., 115%; turkeys 63,886,000 lbs., 115%.

Corn—5,400,000 acres, 96%; oats: 1,650,000 acres 87%; barley 300,000 acres, 72%.

Grain sorghums: 4,969,000 acres, 110%; tame hay harvested, 1,400,000 acres, 100%; peanuts, 1,300,000 acres 122%; soybeans: 50,000 acres, 185%; flaxseed, 35,000 acres 125%; long staple upland cotton: 65,000 acres, same as 1942; rice 367,700 acres, 88%; Irish potatoes: 60,000 acres, same as 1942; sweet potatoes: 60,000 acres, same as 1942; wheat: 3,663,000 acres, 102%; rye: 17,000 acres, 68%; all cotton: 7,940,000 acres 93%.

Closing Date Given Small Grain Loans

COLLEGE STATION — Small grain farmers of Texas have until Dec. 31 to obtain loans on this year's crop. According to P. C. Colgin AAA commodity loan supervisor applications for loans on wheat, barley and rye will not be taken after this date.

He explained that producers' notes secured by chattel mortgages or warehouse receipts, must be dated on or before the deadline date and loan papers showing local agencies as payee should be presented for payment prior to Jan. 1, 1943.

Loan papers mailed to Commodity Credit Corporation for payment must be postmarked prior to the closing date.

Notes secured by farm stored wheat will mature on demand but not later than April 30, 1944 and notes secured by barley and rye stored on farms and notes secured by warehouse receipts representing wheat, barley and rye will mature on demand but not later than April 30, 1943. All loans bear interest at the rate of 3 percent per annum.

At the same time, Colgin called attention to the closing date on small grain loans, pointing out that grain sorghum loans still are being taken throughout the grain sorghum area. Closing date for this type loan is set for Jan. 31, 1943.

Up to the present time, loans already have been made on 11,067,194 bushels of farm-stored wheat and 20,611,072 bushels of warehouse stored wheat. Other loans include 37,782 bushels of farm stored barley and 2,169 bushels of warehouse stored barley and 2,654 bushels of farm stored rye.

Nancy Richey Ranson of Dallas is Texas Poet Laureate of 1940-1942.

FOX FOX

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are serving turkey dinner with all the trimmin's on Christmas Eve. Plan now to dine with us on this occasion for a real old-fashioned turkey dinner.

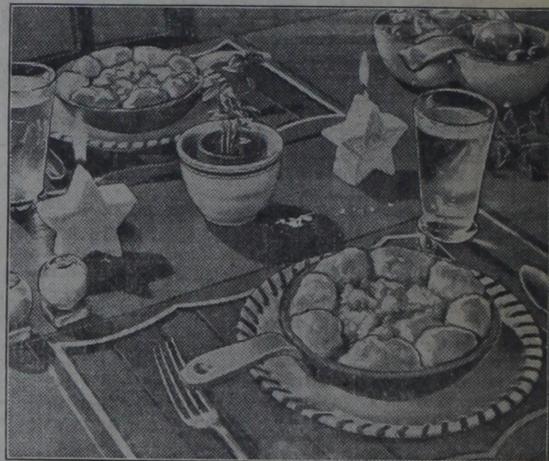
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Individual CHICKEN PIES

by Dorothy Greig



Is your soldier home on leave? Cozy home dinners with pretty dishes, lights on the table, delicious food and you looking pretty and gay are heartening memories for him to carry back to duty.

For just such a home meal, here's a suggestion for the main course — individual chicken pies. They're quick and easy to make. Thick with pieces of chicken and vegetables in rich chicken gravy, topped with featherlight biscuit crust, they're a savory delight as they are set smoking hot on the table.

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour

1 can condensed chicken soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup cooked chicken
1/2 cup peas and carrots, cooked
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper
Melt the butter in a saucepan add flour and cook until frothy. Then add the condensed chicken soup and the milk and cook until thickened. Combine cooked chicken, carrots, peas, and seasonings with the sauce. Put into a small casserole or individual pie dishes. This makes 2 pies.
Cover with biscuit crust, mashed potato cover or crackers top. Put into a hot oven—400°—for 10 to 15 minutes.

Xmas Specials

For Thursday, 24th and Saturday, 26th

We will be closed all day Christmas day

- SPUDS—Red McClure's, 10 lbs. 29c
- FRESH TOMATOES—Calif., lb. 15c
- FRUIT COCKTAIL—2 tall cans 35c
- GINGER ALE—Per bottle 10c
- SALAD DRESSING—W. S. qt. 35c; pt. 20c
- BREAD—All reg. size loaves, 3 for 25c
- FRUIT CAKE—Large size, each \$1.25
- PEAS—Concho Early June, 2 No. 2 cans 29c
- MINCE MEAT—White Swan, 2 pkgs. 25c
- APPLES—Dried, 1 lb. bag 24c
- CRANBERRIES—Fresh, pound 33c
- OLEO—Meadolake, per lb. 23c
- CIGARS—A nice Xmas gift, box \$2.95



FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever experienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all

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Per pound
- PAPER SHELL
Pecans 35c
Per pound
- PINEAPPLE
Juice 14c
No. 1 tall can
- SELECT, FRESH
Eggs 36c
Per dozen
- FIRM HEAD, 4 Doz. Size
Lettuce 13c
Per head
- GLASS JAR
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Per jar
- NO. 2 1/2 CAN
Peaches 15c
Per can
- SCHILLING'S
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