

BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1943

Fewer Plates At Holiday Tables Signify A Wartime Christmas

People Remaining At Their Own Firesides As Never Before

Christmas, 1943, is somewhat different to Christmases of other years, and when families gather around tables for turkey and all the trimmings Saturday, there will be one less plate set in many homes...

More than ever, Big Springers are conscious of the true meaning of Christ's birthday, and while the majority will not be taking holiday trips to other towns and states, they are planning an even bigger and better Christmas than ever before right here at home.

Even though college schedules have been changed in order to accommodate students in both winter and summer courses, the Christmas holidays have not been altered to a great extent, and a large number of students have arrived in Big Spring to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their families.

Holiday plans of many Big Spring people: Lieut. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson will have their Christmas holiday in Big Spring and eat the holiday dinner at the post this year. However, their daughter, Sandra, now nine months old, will be observing her first Christmas, and that's something her parents are looking forward to.

Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Jacobs will spend the holidays here with their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Prager. Mrs. Prager says she wishes her husband, Lieut. Prager, could be here but he is in Sicily where he wrote her his Christmas packages ahead of time.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jarratt and son, Mike, are not going anywhere until the 26th when they plan to visit in Lubbock with his mother, Mrs. F. T. Jarratt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jayes will have a family dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Weeg. They also hope, but aren't sure that her brother, Sgt. Charles Weeg, now in Kentucky, can come home for part of the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jenkins and four children, J. D. Jr., Jean, Melba Dean and Glenn, will all spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jenkins will not have any Christmas guests but expect Pic. Rose Taylor, WAC, who is stationed at Tyndall Field, Fla., to be here in time for New Year's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jenkins will be at home this year but will have

A Christmas Sermon Written Especially For The Daily Herald

BLESSED ARE THE POOR

By Rev. George Julian, O.M.I., Pastor of The St. Thomas Catholic Church

"You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger." (Luke II, 12). Of all the misfortunes and afflictions of this life and all the causes of suffering and want, of all the things that men despise most, poverty holds the first place.

Behold the place where Our Saviour was born. A poor, abandoned stable, not even a stable, but a cave in the mountain side that served as a place of refuge for shepherds and their flocks on stormy nights. Could He not find shelter in the corner of a house, in a barn or in the hut of a peasant? "There was no room for them in the inn," says St. Luke. There is no doubt that Joseph and the poor Mother wandered about the whole evening through the streets of the city of Bethlehem, looking for a decent place to spend the night.

Picture to yourself a cave open on one side to the midnight wind and cold. The place has neither chair nor table, fire nor light, bed nor quilt except for the few baby coverings that the poorest of mothers brought with her as swaddling clothes. Look at this spectacle; here lying between the ox and the ass in a

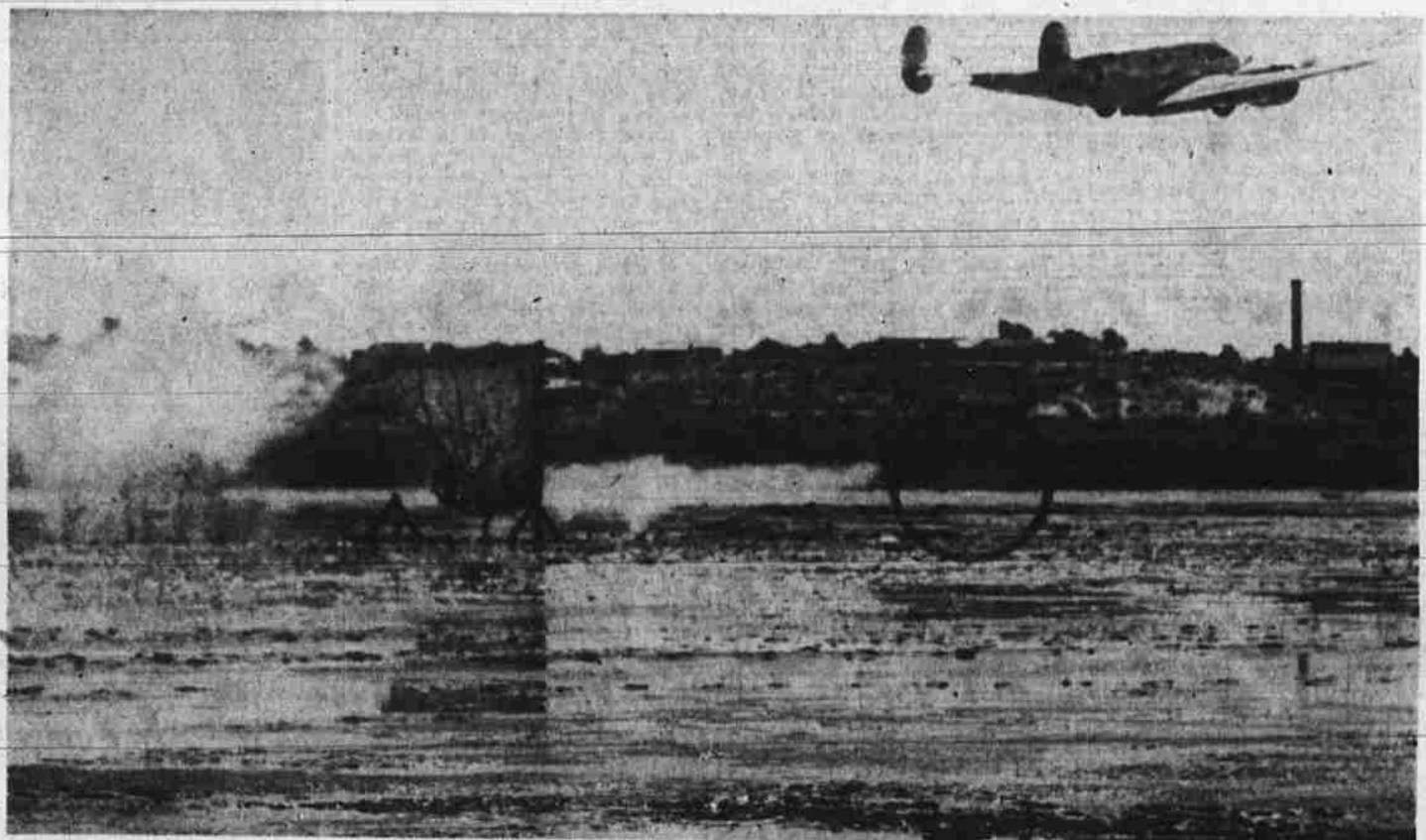
wretched manger is the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, the new born Savior and Redeemer of the world. With reason St. Bernard was filled with astonishment, and like us could not understand this mystery. "The Son of the poorest of men is born," the Saint says, "and He is laid on a pillow; but the Son of God is born and He is laid in a manger on a handful of straw."

Do not think that all of this took place as the outcome of chance or accident. On the contrary Jesus Christ Himself chose these circumstances for His coming into the world of His own free will. Surely He could have found a bed or a warm room in the little house of Joseph and Mary at Nazareth, but that comfort seemed too much for Him; and therefore, the Lord of all so arranged matters that as the time for His birth neared, His mother had to undertake a journey. And though the ruler of all hearts could have moved someone to pity His Mother and to take her in for the night, yet all this seemed too costly to his poverty.

Why did Christ choose to be born in a stable? There must have been some reason for it. Why? HE WAS ALL-POWERFUL; He had created the world and all things in it; later on in life He will show His power by the miracles He was to perform. Yet He chose to be born in a stable. HE WAS INFINITELY RICH; He owned all the wealth of heaven and earth; all the gold and jewels that men treasure so highly; yet He chose to be born in a stable. HE WAS ALL-WISE; He was infinite wisdom itself, and certainly he could make no mistake in the selection of means most suited to his work on earth; and yet he chose to be born in a stable. Why?

Clearly, Christ did this for a reason and what else could that reason have been but to teach us the way by which we are to follow him to heaven; to put to shame the false opinion of the world;

to show that those things that men prize the highest, such as wealth, notoriety, position, amusement, comforts, and pleasure, should not be end of human life. All these things Christ chose to forego from the very outset of His life, by the circumstances of His birth. We see then that poverty is not to be despised or hated. Poverty is not the disgrace that worldly people consider it. And although poverty cannot buy honors or pleasures or comforts in this life, it can heap up in heaven treasures of grace and glory for those who suffer poverty in imitation and love of Christ. The Christmas lesson we should bring home with us tonight is this: riches are not the goal of human ambition, poverty is no disgrace or dishonor. Our Lord has told us that our salvation depends on our attitude towards poverty and towards the poor. Has He not said? "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." In His description of the last Judgment has He not made it clear that our souls' salvation will depend on the way we have treated the poor? "As long as you did it to one of these least of my brethren, you have done it to me." Therefore the lesson we should learn, one which Christ taught even from the very beginning of his life by the circumstances of his birth is this: If we are poor, in spite of our best efforts to improve our financial condition, we should accept the privations of poverty in imitation of Christ, bearing them for love of Him. If on the contrary we possess the goods of this life, then we should always treat the poor as the very person of Christ. With this idea in mind I know you will understand me when I say: "Blessed are you rich who are poor in spirit and whose gold is at the service of Christ. Blessed are you poor whose poverty renders you like unto Christ Himself." (Rev.) GEO. JULIAN, O.M.I. Pastor, St. Thomas Church.



Bombing Olympics—One of the bombing olympics, created as a means of stimulating competition between seven (now there are eight) bombardier schools was held here during the summer while thousands of people looked on from Scenic Mountain, which furnished a natural

grandstand. An added attraction was the "skip-bombing" demonstration carried out over the One Mile lake west of the T&P shops. Here a direct hit on the target is shown. While the target has not yet had time to collapse, the bomb streaks away (inset) trailing a white plume.

SAVES HER POINTS

MOUNT HALE, N. H. (U. P.)—Mrs. Fred Girouard, wife of the Mount Hale lookout, strolled out one morning looking for game for the evening meal. As a result she has been laughing at the OPA ever since. She bagged an eight-point 200-pound buck just off the highway.

SOUTH BOSTON GENERALS

BOSTON (U. P.)—South Boston, which produced the immortal John L. Sullivan, is still turning out real fighting men. That section of the city now boasts of having three brigadier-generals on active duty. Francis Logan, Albert F. Hegeberger and Thomas Hickey.

A Merry Christmas To All Our Friends and Patrons. Includes a drawing of a woman and a man, and a message about the holiday season.

TEXAS GREATEST JEWELERS shaw's Big Spring, Texas. More Personals On Page 2.

ESTAH'S FLORIST 1701 Scurry Phone 349. We can think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others that carries with it the thought of fine friendships and associations.

tomorrow is Ruth Kiser who will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Vera Kiser. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Joy were happy to report they will be home at Mesquite by Christmas Day visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed Vanston. They also will visit the Pollard Runnels' in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kaderil plan to spend the holidays in San Angelo with their two daughters, Mrs. Everett Tennis and Mrs. Charles Holster. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kasch will spend the holidays alone this year but just returned from a trip to the Rio Grande valley where they got fruit from their farm to send to their sons and to share with boys at the USO. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keaton have her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Morton of Mexia here for the holidays. Mrs. J. K. Kennedy will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. James Wilcox, as usual she says. Major and Mrs. G. F. Keelling and two children will spend the

Christmas holidays here as most army people will have to do. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Killingsworth will have their daughter and husband, Sgt. and Mrs. Tommy Monroe of Tucson, Ariz., here over the holidays. They have also visited in Waco with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kimberlin will be here this Christmas but will have no visitors, Mrs. Kimberlin pointed out, "just us two." Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gutte and daughter, Betty Ruth, will spend Christmas in Hinton, Okla., with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King will have their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fuqua and children of Odessa here, also relatives from Seminole and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuykendall and children of Red Hill, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. King, and daughter, Nancy, hope to take a trip but will probably spend their holidays here. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kirkland will have guests over the holidays with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Liles and Katherine of Beebe, Ark. Lieut. and Mrs. James E. Wade will be "at home" here for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Steve J. Kloesel are looking forward to this Christmas as their son, Gale Eugene, will be having his first Christmas. He will be a year old in January. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knaus and children say that gas is too scarce to go anyplace and they aren't expecting out of town company. But Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Orenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCleskey and Larry, and Mrs. Margaret Taylor and Ronnie will all be over to help make it a merry Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Knowles and son, Milton "can't go anywhere and see no company in sight," but they'll all spend Christmas together here. Mrs. Nellie Burns and Virginia have no prospects for out of town company but they'll have a tree and turkey and maybe a few guests from town in for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kyle plan to be here for the holidays and so far as they know they'll have no out of town company. Mrs. C. E. Courson is expecting her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Meriweather from Cincinnati, Ohio, to spend Christmas Day with her.

Season's Greetings Peace on Earth Good Will toward Men SWARTZ'S Big Spring, Texas. Includes a decorative border and a message about the holiday season.

Christmas Star... Shining in the windows of millions of American homes, there's a new Christmas Star this year. ... a blue star on a white field that represents the hope of the world. ... Here at home, it is up to each and every one of us to do all we can ... with patience, with love, with optimistic faith in the future ... to keep each Christmas Star shining brightly; so that soon the evergreen hope of this day may be gloriously realized ... with "Peace on Earth, Good Will to men." CUNNINGHAM AND PHILIPS FRIENDLY DRUG STORES 217 Main and Petroleum Bldg.

Some Families Getting Together For Yuletide

Mrs. Edith La Velle will be here this Christmas but says she'll really have her Christmas in the spring when her boys get to some home from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Lawrence had her sister, Mrs. Burdall Light of Cincinnati, O., as a pre-Christmas guest. Mrs. Light stopped here en route to Walla Walla, Wash., but they will have no guest for the yuletide season this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley E. Lawrence and three sons will be at home this year with Christmas centering around young Ken, 14 months old, who for the first time is showing an interest in Christmas the family says.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Lebkowsky will be in their new home this Christmas and here for the holidays will be her sister, Mrs. Billy Dykes and son of Morton, and Mrs. Jack Kilway and two sons

who have moved here from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lederman will be here and probably working for the holidays they say. But her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis Brown, former residents, will spend Christmas in California en route to Eugene, Oregon where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and Wanda and Jack will make it a family Christmas this year with no expected company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lees are expecting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hightower of Deming, N. M., here for Christmas.

Capt. and Mrs. Harry A. Leonard and three year old daughter, Lora Lee, will spend the holidays here in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lester, who said they had their real Christmas dinner at Thanksgiving, will be here and will have no out of town company.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lewis and Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Underwood of Artesio, N. M., will spend the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leysath will not take a trip this year but do expect her mother, Mrs. A. B. Ross of Houston to arrive here sometime in January for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Limer and children will have his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Limer as their only Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Litter will spend the holidays here with "just the two of us together."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green, Mrs. A. T. Lloyd and Mrs. H. S. Miller will be welcoming Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd of Plainview who will be here for Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Logan and two children are hoping they'll have her father and brother, who live in Pecos, as Christmas Day guests.

Mrs. L. E. Lomax, Twella and Ruth had their company earlier in the month, so will just spend the way here together.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loudamy will have as guests his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Warren of Eden, and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Loudmay and two daughters of San Angelo here or the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lovelace will have Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Lovelace of Corpus Christi here as holiday guests. They will also visit with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. Low and Mildred and Paul will spend Christmas here together and are expecting no guests and planning no trips this year.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mabe and two daughters and Mrs. Glen O'Donald and two sons are looking forward to a big Christmas dinner this year. Relatives sent a big ham so rationing or no rationing, there will be plenty to eat.

Lieut. and Mrs. Jack P. MacNeille will spend Christmas in Big Spring this year since in the army there is no time off for trips or vacations.

Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Harris are hoping his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris of Oklahoma City, Okla., will be able to be here for the holiday.

Just because of tires and gas, trips must be postponed, so Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Macomber will spend the Yuletide season here this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maddrey will have no out-of-town company but will have as dinner guests, Mrs. Mary Diltz and Betty Bob Diltz. They also reported that Pfc. and Mrs. Pete Kling, now of Sioux Falls, S. D., but former residents, will spend the holidays in Dallas while he is on a 10-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Madison will have their family together for the holidays and as Mrs. Madison pointed out, "if we don't have anything else, we'll have a good Christmas." The reason for this

is that they'll have as guests her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Franklin of Iraan, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Franklin of Sheffield, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whistler of Santa Ana, Calif., and their son, Ornon Madison, student at La Sierra college, Arlington, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bishop will have Christmas dinner in their home with their children, Mrs. Lucille Burke, Mrs. Arvie Webber, and Ted Bishop of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. F. B. Blalack says she is spending her Christmas at home, but she will be thinking of her son, Lee Blalack, who is somewhere in Australia, and of her two daughters, Mrs. D. W. Wall, Medford, Ore., and Pat Blalack, Napa, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bledsoe haven't made any definite plans as yet, but Mrs. Bledsoe says that they might spend the day with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie L. Jones at Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blount and Helon are going to have Christmas dinner in their home, but Helon says "Since 'Peppy' won't be home, I've about decided not to hang up my stocking."

Mrs. E. F. Blum says that she and her husband are going to spend Christmas in their home together with their three boys, Bobby, Billy and Milton Ray. Mrs. Blum told us that they will have a good time reading all the nice Christmas cards which they received from friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boadle are glad to have their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hollandsworth of San Diego, Calif., home for the holidays. The three younger children, Jo Robert, Bettie Jean and Charles are planning to have a big time.

Visitors of Mrs. E. L. Baber will be Mrs. Bertie Mae Steights of Wimsboro, and Lieut. and Mrs. Gene Beach of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Baldock's visitors will be Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Day of Talpa, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldock, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

Mrs. Neel Barnaby is going to visit her mother in the Rio Grande valley at Harlingen. Mrs. Barnaby says that her husband, W/O Neel Barnaby, will be going overseas soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barron and Evanel plan to have dinner in their home and the usual Christmas festivities.

Mrs. A. C. Bass says she is looking forward to a visit from Pfc. and Mrs. Lowell Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Bass, all of Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Bennett and Louise Ann hope to be able to spend Christmas day together at home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Baxter and children, Dick and Ann, are going to be in Abilene over the holidays, visiting Mrs. Baxter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Beale and their children, Evelyn and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Matthes and Frances Matthes all plan to celebrate Christmas in their home together.

Mrs. Anderson Bailey plans to have a Christmas luncheon in her home for her immediate family here in Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Halbrook of Odessa will also be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan A. Baker and Woody will spend a quiet Christmas at home. Shortly after the holidays Mrs. Baker expects a visit from her mother, Mrs. C. W. Wood of Rush Springs, Okla.

Wanda Rose Bobb, who is attending business college at Abilene, will spend the holidays here with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker.

S/Sgt. Howard Kyle of Camp Berkeley, Abilene, will be home for Christmas with his wife, Mrs. Virginia Kyle, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barbee plan to have relatives in for a Christmas dinner. All residents of Big Spring, the relatives are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nabors, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and James Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Meador and children, Dorothy Anne, Barbara Jane and Sammy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Baker plan to spend a quiet Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barley's visitors over the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Burma Barley and children, Jerry and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Burns and daughter, Jan, and their grandson, Bobbie Joe Wyatt of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bean are going to have Christmas dinner in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Beene tell us that they plan to spend Christmas at home together with their children, Joan, Janelle and Judith.

Reta May and Myra Lee Bigony, both attending McMurry college at Abilene, are home to spend the holidays with the rest of their family. Mrs. D. F. Bigony says that her son, Cadet Weldon Bigony, is stationed in Iowa and won't be home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Biles are going to spend Christmas at home this year, and Mrs. Biles says that they don't expect any visitors or relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake S. Bishop also plan to spend this Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bledsoe, Gene and Jo Bledsoe are planning on a large number of relatives dropping in on Christmas day.

They will be Mr. and Mrs. H. Reaves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Huit and family, Mrs. Ida Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett and family, Wade Bledsoe of Colorado City, and Mrs. Bledsoe's mother, Mrs. J. D. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Reaves will spend Christmas at home, but their plans are plenty for the children, Donnie, Roy Lee and Patsy Ann who will be at home for the holiday.

Since there will be many soldiers who will not be able to go to their homes for Christmas day, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson, as other Big Springers, are asking a service man home for Christmas dinner. Of course their children, Nathan and Donald Mack will be home too.

In for Christmas dinner and the annual Christmas tree party at the B. E. Winterrowd home will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winterrowd, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Winterrowd, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Winterrowd and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Winterrowd's daughter and husband, S-Sgt. and Mrs. F. McMichael of Pasadena, Calif. will not be able to spend Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus White of Lamesa were pre-holiday visitors of Sgt. and Mrs. Gene Tyra, who are the parents of a son born Monday at the Big Spring hospital. The child weighed five ounces at birth and was named Gary Gene.

Mrs. Dora Roberts plans to spend Christmas day at her ranch home near Porsan.

The T. S. Robertses will remain in Big Spring for the holiday, with Christmas dinner at their home with their children, Dorothy Jean and Thomas Edward.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hulan Robertson would give almost anything to be home for Christmas, but since Comanche and Tyler are too far away for a Christmas visit, they'll remain in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Robinson hope to visit with Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. A. Robinson, former Big Spring residents, in Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson and two children of Seagraves are planning to visit here with Robinson's mother, Mrs. H. W. Robinson, an Christmas day.

O. R. Rodden, who was transferred to Abilene as manager of the United States Employment Service from the Big Spring office, will spend the holiday here with Mrs. Rodden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haller will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Haller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sadler. They plan on a big Christmas dinner and just a day together.

Mrs. Dannie Walton is spending her first Christmas in many years

with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sain and Dorothy. They are not planning a trip or any visitors but just Christmas at home.

Mrs. Lillie Johnson and daughter, Jeanne, are spending the holidays with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sandfeer will have Christmas dinner in their home with Mrs. Viola Coyle, Mrs. Sandfeer's sister as guest for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and daughter, Carol Ann, of Port Arthur, have arrived for a visit with Mrs. Nezzie Wilson and other relatives.

Pvt. Donnie Alexander, who is stationed in San Diego, Calif., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Alexander.

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—and sincere good wishes for your health and happiness at Christmastime and the New Year.

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Students At Home To Add To The Local Festivities Of Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Sawtelle will spend Christmas at home with their son, Gilbert. They are expecting their other sons, Capt. J. E. Sawtelle, who has been stationed in California, and Lieut. Fred Sawtelle of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. B. T. Ashley is in Phoenix, Ariz., spending the Christmas holidays with her son, Cpl. Muree R. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cummins are visiting in Electra and Henrietta over the Christmas holidays. Mrs. M. Grove and children, Tommie and Mickey, will spend Christmas here with Mrs. Grove's mother, Mrs. C. M. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb left Tuesday for El Paso where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Sgt. Edwin L. Clark, who has been stationed in the Aleutians with a bombing squadron for the past 15 months, has been visiting in Big Spring with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Harmon. According to Mrs. Harmon, the entire family will gather in the home of Mrs. Harmon's brother, Roy Clark in Mid-

land for a reunion on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis Brown left Wednesday for California where they will visit their son, R. W. Brown, in Los Angeles, and other relatives. After spending the holidays there, they will leave for Oregon where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown say that they will have to get along this Christmas without their son, S 1/C Glen Dale Brown, who won't be able to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bruton are expecting Mrs. Bruton's mother, Mrs. Julia McClure, and her brother, B. L. McClure, to visit them on Christmas.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. B. Bryan and Cora Lee Bryan will be in Abilene Christmas, but will be back in the evening to receive several out-of-town guests, who are Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Lee, Pampa, Mr. G. B. Lee, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee and Carabelle of Memphis, Tenn. Sunday Edna Bryan of Plainview

will be in to visit them.

Mrs. W. B. Buchanan left Wednesday for Abilene, where she will visit her son, L. M. Buchanan, and her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Hilley.

Mrs. E. E. Bryant is looking forward to a visit by Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hasley and Mary Beth Hasley of Waco. Mrs. Bryant says that it will be three-month-old Mary Beth's first visit to Big Spring and also her first Christmas.

Pre-Christmas guest in the W. S. Satterwhite home was Mrs. Satterwhite's brother, S/Sgt. B. McGowan of San Francisco, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Satterwhite are planning to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Pickle and children, Joan and Don of Lubbock will spend Christmas here with Pickle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pickle, and Mrs. Pickle's mother, Mrs. Bertha Rix. Other visitors in Mrs. Rix' home will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rix and children, Carol and Connie of Odessa.

Miller Harris, who is stationed with the navy at Kingsville, arrived Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Harris and son, Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Saunders will spend Christmas in Big Spring with their sons, J. C. and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Petty will eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Petty's mother, Mrs. M. Schubert, who is also expecting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Schubert of Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. K. Scott and Mrs. C. W. Kesterson and two children will spend the holiday together. It will be dinner at home for Mrs. W. W. Sessions and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baldrige.

Mrs. B. H. Settles is planning a rather quiet holiday this year since her son, Sgt. Charles Settles is in New Guinea, and Edward is stationed with the navy in Gulfport, Miss. She also has a grandson, Lieut. J. B. Settles in Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sewell will have dinner in Knott with Mrs. Sewell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Irwin.

Guests in the Arnold Seydler home will include Mrs. Seydler's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert and three children of Merkel.

Mrs. J. A. Shaffer had as pre-Christmas guest, her son, W. L. Shaffer of Amarillo, and her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Dickens of Dearfield, Kas., is here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bohannon are spending this Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Boyle and son, Jay Boyle, are expecting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Uirey and Mr. and Mrs. J. Coyne in for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. J. W. Bradley and daughter, Emily Bradley are planning on a quiet Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brigner and daughter, Ona Jay, will be in Lubbock Christmas, visiting Mrs. Brigner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brimberry aren't expecting any relatives this year, and just plan on being together.

Lorena Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brooks, is home from T. S. C. W. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brooks and Jerry have made plans to spend this Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Davidson and Bobbie Lloyd Davidson, Betty June Henry and Jetty Dewayne are spending Christmas in their home together. Mrs. Brown is expecting a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Patsy Charlene of Fort Neches.

Mrs. G. A. Brown and daughter, Nell, are expecting a visit from Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Eastland. Mrs. Brown says that this will be the first Christmas that her son, George Lynn, cannot be at home, and she also tells us that her other son, John Wayne, stationed in Canada, won't be able to make it home either.

Pfc. E. Lee Sparks of San Bernardino, Calif., will be a Christmas visitor in the George French home. Pfc. Sparks is Mrs. French's brother. Other guests will include Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogan are planning to visit with Mrs. Rogan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dickson in Roby, providing Mr. Rogan does not have to work on Christmas day.

It will be Christmas at home with a tree and big dinner Saturday noon for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rogers and their three children, John, Jo Ann and Richard Rogers.

Mrs. Howard Kemper and daughter, Dorothy Jean of Abilene, are spending the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Kemper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dublin, and her sister, Mrs. Horace Garret.

Sudie Belle Dixon, student at Bethany Peniel College in Oklahoma City, Okla., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Dixon.

Mrs. W. V. Rose and daughter, Lendora, hope to visit in Abilene with Mrs. Rose's mother, Mrs. H. R. Stephens during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Headlee of Denton are expected for a Christmas visit here with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Row...

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rosson will spend the Christmas holiday at their home here, and guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson and family of Monahans.

Planning to spend Christmas together at home are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bugg, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKinney, Molly Ann McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Williams and James Earl and Ama Jean, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bugg and George and Jeannette, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morton and Howard and La Dean Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Burleson and Betty will have Christmas together at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Burns and Jan are going to spend Christmas at home, "trying to get everybody well from the flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Burns are just planning to have a home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Eyerley say they will have to do without their two sons this Christmas. Harold is in India, and Marshall, Jr., is in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cagle and children, Gary, Agatha, and Ronnie, are having Christmas at home this year.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Cagle are expecting Apprentice Seaman Glen Cagle home Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cain and son, A. J. Jr., will have a nice Christmas with Billie from John Tarleton and Mary Alice from Washington University home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Campbell and Jim Pat are expecting several friends to drop in Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Magee will have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forrester and son of Fort Worth, who will be here sometime during the holidays. Mrs. N. D. Phelps, Abilene, Mrs. Magee's mother was a pre-Christmas guest.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Malone will be here over the holidays and Dr. Malone will probably be one of those who doesn't get the day off, unless the influenza wave subsides.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley F. Mann and son, Tommy, will have Christmas dinner together here.

Mattie Mann won't get any holiday this year as she'll be hard at work at the telephone office but she hopes to get time off later to visit her home in Lubbock.

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REDDY also extends Christmas greetings in the name of the folks of Texas Electric Service Company, both the 302 men and women now serving in the armed forces, and the 922 employees who are carrying the extra burdens of supplying dependable electric power service to many war industries in this part of Texas.



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Many Big Spring People Spending A Quiet Holiday At Home

Mrs. W. D. McDonald and granddaughter, Cecilia Mae, left over the week end for Paducah, Tex., where they will attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. McDonald's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Pinkston, on December 24th. All the brothers and sisters in the family will be present and include Dr. B. F. Tingle of Alabama, the Rev. D. B. Tingle of New Mexico, Mrs. L. T. Lay of Alabama, and Alice Tingle of Georgia.

Gretchen Smith is spending the holidays with relatives in De Kalb.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McDonald and little son, Billy, will spend Christmas here enjoying Billy, who will be observing his first Christmas.

Ann Martin, who has been ill with influenza, hopes to be well enough Christmas day to spend the day with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Fryar.

Mrs. F. G. Powell will have Christmas dinner for her mother, Mrs. C. A. Schull, her brother, F. L. Schull, and brother-in-law, Charlie Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brigham and family will spend the holidays in Gail with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cantrell.

At home for Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martin, Marilyn, Gaynell, Alice Ann, and Martin's brother, Rube Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin will have Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Womble and Billy as holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baker and two children from Morton.

Influenza is going to make it a quiet holiday at the T. E. Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and his mother, Mrs. J. H. Martin of Texarkana will spend the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Masters will have Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Stutes, Mr.

and Mrs. Johnnie Lee Parker, and Mrs. V. A. Masters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Shoemaker will remain in Big Spring for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thorp are here visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. W. T. Thorp from San Saba.

Mrs. H. D. McCright and son, Vance, of Sanderson, have been visiting Mrs. McCright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shultz. Mr. McCright will join his wife and son for a visit here Christmas day.

Mrs. A. W. Sheeler and daughter, Louise, will spend Christmas at home together.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crenshaw and Mrs. Jay Frances of Fort Worth are spending the Christmas holidays in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sheppard and other relatives.

Lillian Shiek left Wednesday for Abilene where she will spend Christmas, and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Shiek will spend the day in Big Spring at their home.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Marion Simms will remain in Big Spring for the holiday but they are planning a full day. They will share their Christmas tree with Sgt. and Mrs. Stanley Baugh and will eat Christmas dinner with Dr. and Mrs. G. S. True. Their son, P. Marion Simms, Jr., has arrived from New Haven, Conn., to spend the holidays. Following his visit here he will return to his studies at Yale University.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sisson and children, Hope and Bobby will spend Christmas at home.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Lay Smith's sons are serving in the armed forces, they plan a quiet Christmas in their home with their daughter, Sis.

Guests in the Felton Smith home for Christmas dinner will include Sgt. Robert L. Smith, who is stationed in Michigan with the ferry command, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Smith, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stillman and son, Clifford, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carmack and children, Hazel and Marilyn, just received word that Howard is going overseas, so they will spend Christmas here this year without him.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carpenter and Joanne and Janet are expecting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders and Sgt. and Mrs. W. W. Sellow over on Christmas.

Mrs. J. W. Carpenter and daughters, Marilyn and Virginia Lee, are going to Breckenridge to visit Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sears, while J. W. Carpenter and Eugene are staying in Big Spring with Mr. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carter and children, R. H. Jr., Peggy Lou, and Tommie are going to have Christmas together at home.

Mrs. E. J. Cass' visitors over the holidays are T/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Voight. Mrs. Cass hopes that her son, Keith, who is in the navy, will be home around the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caywood and children, Bobby and Jerry, are looking forward to a visit from Mrs. Caywood's brothers and their wives, who live in Fort Neches. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mr. and Mrs.

Jack Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ceell and John and Barbara are just planning to spend Christmas at home.

Ann Talbot, student at Texas Wesleyan college in Fort Worth, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Talbot. T/Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Talbot of Gila Bend, Ariz., are also expected home for a Christmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Talley will spend Christmas in Electra with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaffer.

Mrs. J. O. Tammit will have as guests her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tammit and Lillian Nell of Midland, and her grandson, Sgt. James W. Kent who is stationed at Pocatello, Idaho. Sgt. Kent has been visiting in Fort Worth with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Dugan, and then came to Big Spring for a visit with Mrs. Tammit.

Mrs. R. E. McKinney is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stiff are planning to have Christmas dinner at their home with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brockmeier and James Stiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strom will observe the Christmas holidays in Big Spring with their daughter, Gloria.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Y. Smith and daughter, Jacquelyn and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rutledge will have Christmas dinner together.

Mrs. Lamar Smith is spending the Christmas holidays in Denver City with her son, John Lamar Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and family will have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Biggs and children of Tucson, Ariz. Following their visit here, the Biggs will visit in Dallas.

Mrs. S. M. Smith has as visitors, her mother, Mrs. H. U. Jones of Ballinger, and her sister, Mrs. Buford Leach of Abilene. Pre-holiday visitors were Mrs. Phil Berry and Betty of Stanton.

Mrs. J. L. Webb is expecting her son, Cadet James Webb, who is stationed in Fort Stockton, for a Christmas visit.

Mrs. I. M. Smith from Vernon is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stalcup. The Stalcup will celebrate Christmas at home and dinner guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Mort Denton and son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Staples and daughter, Marietta, will spend Christmas in Big Spring.

Pre-holiday guests of Mrs. Jack Starkey, Jr., were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Breshart of Pecos.

Mrs. J. W. Whitton is spending the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Matheny will be in town Christmas and have Christmas dinner at the Joe Pickle home along with relatives from Lubbock, Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickle of Big Spring.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Deats and Richard will be in Sweetwater tomorrow to spend the day with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Matthews and son, John Frederick, will have her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fullerton of Taylor as Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Matthews and children left Wednesday for Alba, Tex., to visit both their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cain and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Matthews. They were accompanied by Doris Cain and will spend a week in Alba.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mays are expecting relatives from Coahoma to spend the holidays with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner McAdams haven't decided yet just what they'll do Christmas but will be in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAdams will be here at home "most likely although I'm hunting a ride to Dallas," says Mrs. McAdams.

Florence and Ione McAllister and their father, W. A. McAllister will be together, just the family, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCamy will have as Christmas guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCamy of Fort Worth.

Mrs. N. W. McCleskey and Sue Caroline Wasson, who have been visiting in Hale Center, Tex., will return in time for Christmas Day here with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis McCrary aren't just fooling when they say they'll spend a "quiet" Christmas. One of their children has the chicken pox and that means no visitors or visiting for them.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. McCoy are expecting her brother, Pvt. Daniel Robert Smith of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, to be here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McDaniel really had their Christmas at Thanksgiving when their son from Dallas visited them. So this December 25th they'll just spend the day at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McDaniel think it will be a lonesome Christmas this year as their son, Ollie Claude, is on maneuvers somewhere near Nashville, Tenn., with the army.

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Mrs. D. F. Peety of Zephyr, Tex., and Mrs. Alex Edwards of Sweetwater will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Beck.

Lieut. Howard Schwarzenbach of Roswell, N. M., will be home for the holidays to visit his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schwarzenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McDaniel

and Patsy and Pfc. Jack McDaniel of Lubbock will spend Christmas here together. Jack, who is taking the army specialized training course at Tech, is also to have two guests from Lubbock for the holidays.

Mrs. A. F. McDonald will spend Christmas here with friends. A dinner guest of their before the holidays was Lieut. Grover Bissard who is convalescing at Temple.

Mrs. Aaron Blanton and daughter, Pat, of Lamesa were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McGann, just before the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. McGibbon have as guests his mother, Mrs. F. H. McGibbon of Anthony, Kas. and his sister, Thelma McGibbon of Enid, Okla., who will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McGinnis and daughters are hoping to get to Rawls, Tex., to visit his mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKee and twins, Elms and Ellen, will be at home this year but Mrs. McKee says you might just as well call her Calamity Jane. She fell and dislocated her elbow just before the holidays and "we may not have anything this Christmas," she declared.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKinney and Pat will spend the holidays in McKinney with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McMahan and two children will have Christmas dinner with Mrs. R. L. Trapnell. Other relatives will be Raymond Trapnell, Mrs. Ollie Engle and Mr. and Mrs. John Runyan.

Mrs. E. E. McMillan has her sister, Mrs. Frank Blasingame of Wellington as a Christmas visitor. She is also visiting with Mrs. A. H. Morrison.

Mrs. Maudie McMurray, Betty Jean Bradberry, Mrs. Lee Finley of Abilene, Pvt. and Mrs. Richard Heinzen, and Elouise and Peggy McMurray will all spend Christmas together.

Mrs. H. E. McMurry has just returned from New Orleans, La., where she visited with Capt. McMurry. She is expecting as an after-holiday guest their daughter, Frances McMurry, who is a student at Sul Ross College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McNallen plan to have a group of relatives for Christmas Day. Three grandchildren, Paul Jimmy, Kathleen and William McNallen, L. R. Slater of Seagraves, Annie Armstrong of Plains and the John McNallen family of Big Spring will all be present.

Christmas dinner guests at Mrs. Gertrude McNew's home will be her daughter and husband, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Byron McCraeken of Camp Hood, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hamlin, her brother and wife, and Mrs. Sarah Hamlin, her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mead and

Neil are planning a dinner Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mead, Jr., and Michael of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Mead, Jimmie and Jane of Wichita Falls. The Mack Meads will also visit her people, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harvey. In town guests will be the Alex Millers and Ann and Nancy. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Middleton will have their children, Vivien and Harry, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carnrike, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Middleton as Christmas day guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor of Doole and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny are spending Christmas here with Edwards and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Edwards.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bass include Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Bass and Pfc. and Mrs. Lowell Baird of Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. C. Henley is in San Angelo where she will attend the wedding of Miss Emily Beard and Hamlin Elrod which will take place in the First Methodist church today. Miss Beard is a former resident of Big Spring.

The Elton Taylors are planning Christmas at home this year, and their daughter, Mina May, who is attending John Tarleton College in Stephenville arrived home last Saturday for a holiday visit. Mrs.

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We wish you a Christmas lit with good hope, and filled with the company of those you love. The greatest gift any of us can wish.



O'Brien Grocery & Market



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Now is the time to thank you for bearing with us when the going was a little difficult and to wish you every happiness at Christmas.



Christensen's Boot & Shoe Shop



"Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells"—Christmas is here at last. We want to take time out to send you the heartiest of greetings!

B & B Food Store
Open 6 Close at 12



In the beautiful traditional hymns of joy this year, ring notes of hope and inspiration for the year to come. Our Christmas wish is for you.

Woodon Cafe
Known As Bill's Cafe
605 E. 3rd



We want to join the happy chorus to wish you and all your family the Merriest of Christmases!

NOEL

McCrary Garage & Battery Service

Accept our Yuletide wishes for you and your family! If there is any way in which we can make your Christmas more joyous, we are at your service!



Transport Company of Texas



We hope a spirit of cheer will pervade your home this Christmas as in all past years! Those far from home wish it so. For their sake—keep it a Merry Christmas!

Fix-It-Shop

We're Wrapping up every good wish we can think of—in this little message, which comes to say "Christmas Cheer" to you, and everyone in your household.



Whitmire's Food Market



Lit fireplace—Holly—the company of folks we love—these things add up to grant you Christmas happiness.

Peurifoy Radiator Service



NOEL

With the arrival of the gay holiday season come our greetings to you. We want to say success for the coming year and Merry Christmas to all.

Dee's Package Store
1215 W. 3rd

Another wartime Christmas has come to us; and its spirit hallows the earth! In times such as these the true meaning of this holy holiday is even greater than in years of peace.



As the evergreen's perfume fills your house, and the business of getting ready for Christmas fills it, may you find good cheer and good friendship at every turn.

G. Blain Luse
Vacuum Cleaner Service

May the sun shine for you Christmas morning, and everyday thereafter! And by next Christmas may the war be won, and all those you love be back home



H. M. Rowe Garage



You may give a "different" kind of gift this Christmas: you may celebrate in a different sort of way. But one thing remains the same—the spirit of the season.

Quality Auto Top & Body Co.

There's no secret about our Greetings to You. Merry Christmas and success.



Gem Cafe
204 Runnels



That you will be blessed with all the joys possible for a successful Christmas Season and that the coming of the New Year will find success crowning your every effort.

George O. Tillinghast
Insurance
Lester Fisher Bldg.



Our Many Friends

Because they want to express the season's spirit to one and all, those whose names appear below dedicate their messages in this convenient way—to all who share with them the hope that next Christmas may be an even merrier one!



Everything you want — is what we wish for you this Christmas! We hope the sun will shine, the Christmas tree sparkle! In all sincerity — Christmas greetings!

Ross Barbecue
904 E. 3rd

All through the year we aim to do our best. If at times we fail you, forgive us! At any rate, we want you to enjoy a gay Christmas!



Tracy's Food Market



We know too many folks to whom we want to say "Merry Christmas" — to be able to send each an individual greeting card! So we want this little message to speak for us.

Ollie McDaniel Service Station

Every executive and employee of this store has a heart overflowing with happy thoughts for you — for Christmas!



Big Spring Transfer Co.
Kyle Gray, Owner 107 Runnels



We've tried to say it a hundred different ways, but "Merry Christmas" still sounds the best, and says precisely what we mean!

H. W. Wright
Standard Service



To all the good people of Howard County: From the depths of my heart I wish for each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.



John F. Wolcott
Tax Assessor-Collector



Christmas comes but once a year — and it's a day to spread good cheer! We're adding our share by saying "Christmas Greetings to all we know."

City Fish Market
Mrs. P. Long

When the best of good things come your way: when your Christmas proves merry; know that we wish you that kind of yuletide every moment of the day.



R. J. Michael Garage
1217 W. 3rd



We may not be able to have everything as we wish it this Christmas — but at least we can carry on its glorious spirit and bring cheer into the hearts of those near us.

Anderson Music Company

The Christmas lights gleam — shining with all our bright hopes for the happiness of peace to come. Merry Christmas!



Crawford Cleaners



Hearts are singing the dear old Christmas carols. Children's gay voices express the delight of lovely gifts. We wish you all the very merriest Christmas.

Martin Linen Supply



This Christmas we all look forward to Victory through our combined efforts. May we work well for our ultimate success and the realization of all our hopes.

Forgus Grocery
Formerly Tate's 1200 W. 3rd



May your Christmas be a joyous one, and may that joy soon spread over the entire world as the result of an allied victory.

H. B. Reagan Agency
General Insurance 217 1/2 Main St.



The best Christmas wish we can send you is that we'll know Victory soon, and all our boys will come home again to enjoy our happiness with us.

Mat Warren's Ideal Barber Shop
213 E. 2nd



Holly, a tree, presents for everybody, joyful laughter — that's our traditional American Christmas. Our Yuletide wish is for Victory soon when peace will reign again.

Charlene's Newsstand



Though many things seem very different from the way they used to be, one thing will never change — our traditional American Christmas. Greetings to you!

Lakeview Grocery & Market

Dance around that tree, and sing songs of Christmas joy. We wish you a Merry Christmas and extend the hope of peace to come.



Bradshaw Studio



To all our friends, especially the young folks of the schools, we extend our best wishes for happy holidays. We appreciate the courtesies you have shown us during the past year.

Campus Canteen
"Students' Hangout"



Christmas is here again; we wish you all good cheer again; may Victory be near, when the world will know peace forever more. That is our Yuletide wish to you.

C. C. Balch Shoe Hospital
110 E. 2nd



Even though some may be far away, it's Christmas in our glorious American way. May Victory soon preserve its cheer.

Big Spring Water Well Supply Company
Electric & Acetylene Welding
Phone 9546 W. M. Dale, Mgr.



Sing a song of gladness — Christmas cheer has come again. Holly at the windows, gleaming lights on the tree, children's laughing voices... Merry Christmas!

The Thunderbird
Billie and Russ

The Christmas light that shines in our window is to illumine the path back home — of those you love, fighting for Victory this Christmas time.



Palace Cafe



In the gay laughter and twinkling lights are our bright hopes for the years of peace to come. In this Christmas spirit we wish you all Yuletide happiness.

Wigwam Cafe



The Christmas bells ring out, and in their tune we hear good will and bright hope. In this glorious season, may all your wishes come true.

Rube S. Martin Real Estate Company

Christmas spirit is here, the gayest season of the year. We wish good wishes and cheer, to all of you there from all of us here!



Jones Construction Co.



We're not too old to believe in Santa Claus — because he's the symbol of benevolence and generosity! In his name we say "Merry Christmas."

Boyd Grocery & Market
1010 W. 3rd



The glory that is Christmas will ring out from every Church steeple, and in our good wishes are echoed the beauty and spirit of brotherhood of the season.

Crystal Lunch Room
118 1/2 E. 2nd

No blackout can dim the shining hope for Victory soon — when all our families will be together once again.



Watt Package Store



May our Bond buying and all-out effort preserve our traditional way of celebrating our joyous Christmas season — the gift-laden tree, and beautiful carols ringing through the air.

Big Spring Paint & Paper Co.

Santa will be clamoring out the chimney; the children will be seeking out their gifts; we hope Christmas Day is a joyous day for you and everyone dear.



Mrs. C. H. Pool
Upholstering and Decorating



We're sharing the joys of Christmas just as we're sharing our efforts for Victory. May we soon know the glory of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

R. W. Brown Grocery
904 W. 3rd

Our heartiest good wishes to you and your family this Christmas. Accept our thanks for your grand cooperation this past year. We hope that we will ever be of service to you.



Rainbow Inn
908 E. 3rd

We send you every good wish this joyful Christmas. May all hopes and dreams come true for you and your family. Above all else, may all our boys come back soon victorious!



Hermann Service Station
1001 E. 3rd

In the joy of little children we can find our own Christmas merriment. We join with you in making this a happy holiday for the young in heart.



Henry C. Burnett, Agency
Read Hotel Bldg. Phone 1501

Littlefield Murders State's Mysterious Tragedy Of 1943

By Fotts Boswell Associated Press Staff
About breakfast time the morning of Oct. 26, 1943, a couple in the South Plains city of Littlefield, Tex., found the small daughter of a neighbor at their door.

"My mother and daddy are killed," six-year-old Jo Ann Hunt told Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grissom. "A bad man killed them."

That day the news wires hummed and the presses spun out the story of how a killer in the early hours before dawn had bound, shot and beat to death Dr. and Mrs. Roy Hunt as they lay asleep at their home.

Thus began the narrative of the Littlefield murders, a true-life crime thriller still being plotted as state and local officers seek the slayer, and the most mysterious of stories of deaths by violence which Texas newspapers brought their readers this year.

There were other deaths, too, which made headlines in passing as great as those of the Littlefield case and competed as well with the war news. In the hot, dark, early hours of June 16, a savage storm of race rioting swept through the negro section at Beaumont, left two dead (one white, one negro), scores injured, and heavy damage to negro homes and property.

Then 43 screaming, clawing men died in a fire at a small hotel at Houston early Sept. 7. Thirty-two others were injured, and the death toll finally was 54.

Mrs. Mary K. Frailey shot to death her daughter, Louise Beaumont Martin, 6, and son, Watt Martin III, 7, on May 7 at Dallas. A short time before, the custody of the children had been awarded for several months to their father, Watt Martin, Jr., of Miami, Fla. in July a jury found Mrs. Frailey insane.

The news grist mill ground out many more stories of deaths by shootings, stabbing, other violent means. Airplane crashes with multiple victims became routine; auto crash deaths fell off. But

these stories usually were of limited news appeal, although some of the crime deaths were bizarre.

At Laredo, for example, ten-year-old Guadalupe Flores was whipped to death. Her uncle, Pablo Rodriguez, 36, was convicted on Dec. 8 in the slaying and given a ten year sentence. Isaac Reynosa, 16, was charged with murder at Sierra Blanca in the death of two small boys. He was accused of knocking them into a washout gully beside a cliff and causing a landslide which buried them under rock and dirt.

Dr. Hunt, whose age was near 37, and his wife, 26, were found bound side-by-side to their bed in the Littlefield home; about their necks, arms, and legs, were twisted and knotted heavy cord, ropes, and wire coat hangers. A pistol bullet had hit Dr. Hunt over the eyes, and his jaw was bashed in; Mrs. Hunt was battered over the head; died of a major brain concussion.

Jo Ann said that during the night she was thirsty, awoke; went to the kitchen for a drink; called her mother, and then went to her parents' bedroom. There she saw a man who grasped her shoulders and pushed her into a closet jammed with children's toys.

"He threw water on me that smelled like gasoline. He slammed the door and I went to sleep," said Joan. Officers theorized it was an anesthetic fluid the man threw on her; that such fluid also was used on the father and mother.

Arrested shortly afterward as a suspect was a Texas convict, held on a violation of his parole from Huntsville prison. No charge in the Hunt case has yet been filed against him.

Moved into Beaumont to keep order after that sharp, early morning burst of rioting, were 2,000 state defense guardsmen under command of Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason.

Most stores and cafes in Beaumont were closed June 16; public services were curtailed, and work at the Pennsylvania shipyards was virtually suspended. That night martial law was applied to the area by order of acting governor A. M. Aikin, Jr., and an 8:30 p. m. curfew cleared the streets.

There was no more trouble and the city of 100,000 moved back toward normal Thursday as a military court of query convened.

A white woman's story that she had been raped by a negro apparently touched off the rioting. "An infernal mass of rumor was the cause of the disturbances. It happened to Beaumont and it could happen in your community," said Col. Mason in a speech July 6 at Camp Bullis. He said there was no direct evidence of fifth column activity in the Beaumont area.

The men who died in the Houston hotel fire were fighting to get down the one fire escape not blocked by flames. Thirty-six of them later were buried in a mass grave: Those who were unidentified, or whose bodies were unclaimed.

The "who" question of most of 1943's violence stories was solved, but as the old year passed there was one big question left: "who killed Dr. and Mrs. Hunt?"

COOK'S WIDOW DIES
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Marie R. H. Cook, 56, widow of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer, who was long involved in a worldwide dispute whether he discovered the North Pole, died yesterday.

It's The 'Little Things' That Are Causing Americans The Most Worry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Seeking an official answer to the old query of "what's griping you?" the Office of Civilian Requirements has come up with the discovery that civilians are annoyed most by loss of the little peace-time comforts.

The official "gripe list"—compiled in a three-months door-to-door survey in 120 counties—ranks butter number one on the miss parade with meat, sugar, soap, canned goods, fruits, elastic tape, coal, satisfactory hosiery and washtubs next in order.

The national annoyance over shortages in these items runs well ahead of complaints about major inconveniences and actual hardships on the list, observes OCR.

The most important result of the survey was the OCR conclusion that production of the "little things," the simple, manufactured items most desired by the average housewife, can be extended considerably right away.

The Wrappings Are As Fancy As Ever

When Jimmy, Sally, Momma, Dad, and all the rest of the family sit around the Christmas tree this Christmas eve to open their packages, they'll find the wrappings as ornate as in other years. War time shortages seem to have by-passed the gilt and glitter and cellophane that makes packages pretty to look at.

Some merchants declare that wrappings this year are inferior to other years as far as strength, elasticity, and colors are concerned. But to the average unorthodox eye, packages will still have that Christmasy look—gay with stickers, bright ribbon and white or colored paper.

But relatives in far away places are likely to wonder just what you used to wrap gifts for mailing for brown, heavy wrapping paper is at a premium this year.

Too often, heavy wrapping this year will be torn and tattered by the time they arrive at their destination. The brown paper that used to be easily bought, is on the critical list and hard to find.

Red Cross To Seek \$200,000,000 In 1944

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The American Red Cross will open its third war fund campaign next March with a record goal of \$200,000,000.

Announcing the 1944 financial objective, Chairman Norman H. Davis said nearly \$140,000,000 will be required for services to the armed forces and the remainder for local work of the 3,756 chapters.

'All the World's A Stage and . . .'

BOSTON (U. P.)—Fifty years on the American stage without a single bow or curtain speech is a distinction earned by William (Shakespeare) Gallagher.

A stagehand, whose familiarity with the works of the Bard of Avon earned him his nickname, Gallagher spent most of his half-century backstage in the shadows of the Boston theatre. Here he met and hobnobbed with some of the greatest names on the American stage.

Lieut. Luis F. Candelaria, of the Argentine naval air service, made the first airplane crossing of the Andes in 1918.

Thirty to 40 million tons of raw material and foodstuffs are imported into Great Britain annually.

Lieut. Col. Stephen Rochefontaine, a Frenchman, was the first commander of U. S. Artilleryists and engineers.

A Sincere 'Thank You'
For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

A Cordial Wish . . .
For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous New Year, to each of those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

SHROYER MOTOR COMPANY
Oldsmobile . . . Sales & Service . . . GMC Trucks

Christmas Greetings
to all from
TEXAS CLUB
and
TEXAS CURIO SHOP
Lou Baker

To all our Friends and Patrons
merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year too!

Big Spring Auto Parts & Glass Co.
608 East Third



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Just as the ties of friendship are strengthened by the cherished coming of the Holiday season, so may our business associations grow in mutual regard and confidence.

In behalf of our entire organization we welcome this opportunity to extend to you our Greetings for Christmas and with them our best wishes for 1944.

BIG SPRING COMPRESS CO.

D. T. Perkins, Manager



Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Burnet-Uhl Machine Co.
24th and Gregg
Phone 270.

Christmas Eve In Bethlehem

Many American Soldiers Join Throngs Of Pilgrims

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN
AP Features

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24, 1943, A.D.—Thousands of Twentieth Century pilgrims, many of them in khaki, follow the path of the three wise men tonight to worship with rejoicing hearts on the hallowed ground five and a half miles south of Jerusalem where the Prince of Peace was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

Their hearts are full of hope and they sing with exceeding joy as a Clacked-out world observes its fifth Christmas of the war. For this year there is a promise in Allied victories that it will not be

long before the angel's message can be reaffirmed, "Peace on earth, good will toward men..."

Even the stars in the eternal heavens, once brilliant with wondrous tidings, seem to shine more brightly as the glad refrains of the old songs float up from the cheerful mortals below. "Hark, the herald angels sing," they carol as they crowd about the ancient stone Church of the Nativity which Constantine built on the site of the Holy Manger in the year 330.

Greatest News Story
For this is the anniversary of a miracle, the greatest news story

the world ever has known. And it marks the nearing emergence of the world from its greatest war. "Silent night holy night..." The winter air is crisp and their breaths come white as they stand singing on this hill of Judea about the weatherbeaten gray stone church which is built in the shape of a cross.

Let us enter the church. You must stoop low there for it is but a tiny door, the "Eye of the Needle" they call it. It was made small, they say, to prevent rioting crowds from sweeping inside on their camels and donkeys to continue their fights within. The Holy Land, you are reminded, is a sacred place to more than one religion.

The air is heavy with incense. As you look up you see that the church is roofed with wood. Along either side of the nave are heavy marble columns. Moving about in the light and shadows are long-bearded priests. The Greek Orthodox (which observes Christmas 12 days later), Armenian and Roman Catholic churches share this holy structure and the three adjoining convents.

Let us go forward to the choir now and descend the stone steps to the grotto below which is hollowed out of solid rock. In a gray marble recess on the right hand side as we enter is a silver star sunk in the floor. This marks the actual place of the birth and is in addition symbolic of the star which guided the three wise men.

A few feet away on the left is another marble recess marking the place of the manger where Jesus was laid. The grotto is hung with oil lamps and red tapestries and religious pictures. The original manger is now in Rome, you are told. Rome... the war... your thoughts sweep back. Then you resume your reverie over the Christmas story.

"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."

There is no inn in modern Bethlehem. In nearby Jerusalem, however, there are fine hotels, but it is almost impossible to get a room in them. Two thousand years later and still no room in the inn. There has been progress, though, for this time, if it were happening again, Joseph and Mary could go to a marvelous modern hospital, the Hadassah Rothschild University hospital, on Mount Scopus.

There are various reminders of the American influence in this holy city, aside from the soldier tourists—whose favorite purchases, according to the shopkeepers, are Bibles bound in mother of pearl, and rosaries. There is, for example, the white shell which the shopkeepers prize as the finest shell for the manufacture of souvenirs. It comes from California. And there is the model of the Church of the Nativity, painstakingly constructed out of 15,000 pieces of mother of pearl and intended for exhibition at the New York World's Fair—a project doomed by the war.

Modern Bethlehem
If Christ were to return today to His city He would find many changes as might be expected after 2,000 years. But his spirit still prevails and never more so than today on this fifth—and most hopeful—Christmas of the war.

The little shops which crowd the quiet, narrow streets about the Christian Church of the Nativity are mostly run by Arabs, but they are Christian Arabs.

The physical appearance of Bethlehem today is interesting. The Church of the Nativity on Manger Square stands resolute guard over the Holy Grotto beneath it. But round about have

Sees No Rush Of Buying After War

CHAMPAIGN - URBANA, ILL. (UP)—Consumers who have been cautious buyers during the days of wartime rationing will continue to be "cagey" after the war, according to the University of Illinois bureau of economic and business research.

Dr. John F. Bell, acting director of the bureau, predicted that the anticipated postwar rush of buying "may not be so mad as some sellers seem to expect."

Bell reasoned that after the war "we shall pass from the present sellers' market into a buyers' market." He said the difference is "probably as much psychological as economic," since buyers who feel they possess the advantage are quick to exploit it.

He also warned consumers not to expect their "dream car" ready for immediate delivery at \$500 when peace comes. That time may be "years" away, he said.

Bell said the buyers' accumulated war savings will also deter a buying spurge. Families who have learned the value of accumulating savings for the first time "now know that money does not have to be spent the same week it is earned." They will be less likely to dig into their savings after the war, Bell said, to spend it "promiscuously."

Sofia, Bulgaria, almost was chosen the seat of the eastern Roman Empire by the Roman Emperor, Constantine, who finally decided on the Byzantium and re-named it Constantinople after himself.

sprung up the modern trappings of any town. Directly across the street is a grocery store. Catered cornered from the church is a beautiful new police station.

"The Nativity Store" on Manger Square announces that it engages in "Manufacture of Mother-of-Pearl—Best Souvenir of Bethlehem." Mother-of-pearl manufacture, incidentally, has become Bethlehem's major industry. Much of the pearl comes from the Red Sea.

Radio Plays Arab Music
Walking from Manger Square toward Star Street you hear a radio playing Arab music and you pass in turn, a taxi ramp ("Two dollars to Jerusalem, Mister"), an ice cream and lemonade stand, and an Arabic mosque with a stately minaret.

These are the external signs of any modern town.

And if you shut out the modern world for a little while, you have simply to join the bands of modern pilgrims who are wending their way into the Church of the Nativity and down to the Grotto where the spell still holds that was woven over this sanctuary 20 centuries ago.

Travel Jam Due To Get Worse

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Already gravely concerned over the record travel on American trains, buses and planes, the Office of Defense Transportation fears that this mass reshuffling of humanity will be even worse next year.

Train travel, the most usual means and already an aggravated case of overcrowding and inconvenience, will be up 15 per cent, ODT predicted.

ODT expressed belief that one-fifth of rail travel and a third of the bus travel this year was unnecessary, and Director Joseph B. Eastman commented:

"It is easy to see where the principal problem lies. If, instead of crowding into trains and buses, these non-essential travelers had stayed home, most persons who must travel would have seats. The problem is just as simple as that."

In a report based on information from nine official groups, the Office of War Information declared today that passenger travel is almost twice what it was a year ago and more than four times as much as before the war began.

Rationing of travel is "still not an impossibility," the report said, but would be imposed only as a last resort to cope with increasingly heavy passenger loads on limited, overstrained equipment.

Troop transportation increased about 50 per cent over 1942, OWI said, with military orders taking more than half the sleeping cars and about one third of all coaches. Today's soldier averages seven

Brit Toymakers To Seek Markets

LONDON (UP)—British toy manufacturers are all set to swing into action to collar the world's toy market formerly dominated by Germany.

Many of the plants being used to make munitions for the war can easily and simply be switched over to the manufacture of toys, and plans already have been completed, to flood world markets with British goods that will appeal to kids.

In the British toy trade there is a feeling that good times are coming after this war, and the trade as a whole is looking forward to a boom.

Men intimately connected with the toy trade said that they are convinced Britain will sweep all fields in mechanical toys and that if they ever learn the secret of "moving dolls' eyes," the entire world market will be theirs.

British toy manufacturers frankly admit that the Germans still lead the world in the matter of "moving dolls' eyes and faces." Not only do Germans lead in that field they are way ahead in mouth-organs and reeds for saxophones and clarinets.

It seems it is all a question of water. Long before the war, British manufacturers at big cost imported German dolls into Britain to manufacture dolls' faces with the national colors which were the hall-

marks of German dolls. These technicians failed to reproduce those colors in British dolls and furthermore they were unable to reproduce "moving eyes" which, so far as British kids are concerned, are selling factors. British manufacturers even today are no nearer solving those two problems, which, according to the experts, are still German secrets, and it is simply a question of "water" so far as Britain is concerned.

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U.S. Successful In Curbing Venereal Ills

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24 (UP)—Dr. Thomas H. Parran, Jr., surgeon general of the U. S. public health service, said the United States is the first nation to obtain successful results in the fight against venereal disease during war time.

"Statistics of the venereal disease problem after two years of war show that we are holding our own against any disease," Dr. Parran said. "This is the first time that results have been obtained in any nation in a war time fight against venereal disease."



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!

L. I. STEWART

APPLIANCE STORE

213 1/2 W. Third

Phone 1021

NOEL, CHRISTMAS, OR YULETIDE!

Thanks For All Past Favors

Call it what you may—it's still the most glorious occasion of them all. May its glory light your way through-out the New Year.

BLISS

LIQUOR STORE

807 Rannels

Phone 30

Merry Christmas

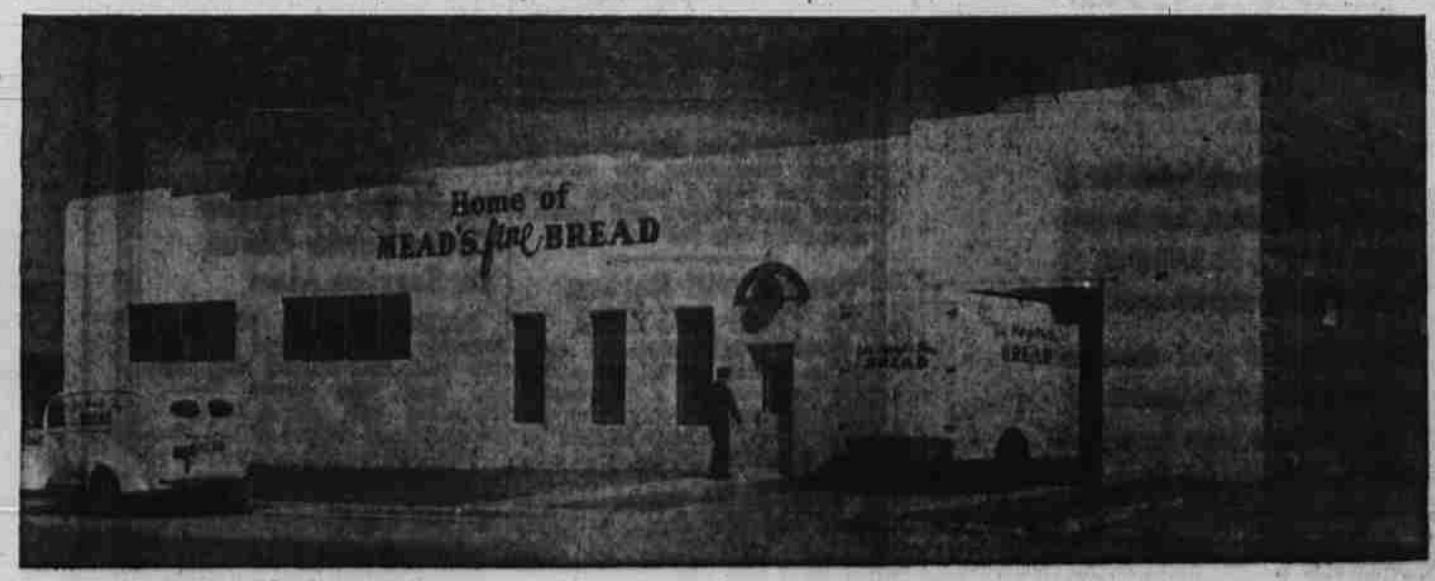
and best wishes for the New Year

SEASONS Greetings

To our host of friends and customers we extend our most hearty wish for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 1944.

Jones Motor COMPANY

Dodge - Plymouth



from the Bakers of
MEAD'S fine BREAD

Our Christmas Wish

That the true spirit of goodwill shall fill all hearts, and that the new year will bring us Victory and the return of Peace.

WESTEX OIL COMPANY

And Its Entire Personnel

Gift Business Like That Of All The Year, Has Been Huge

The year 1943 will go down in history as one of the best business years in the history of Big Spring, and certainly the Christmas season will rank with the best for years to come.

Merchants are unanimous in saying that they never dreamed of—much less have seen—anything like it.

In the first place, there were two definite Christmas shopping seasons this year. One broke open soon after Sept. 15 when packages could be mailed overseas to soldiers. From then until Oct. 15, deadline for soldier package mailing, and Nov. 1 for sailor mailings, there was brisk trading.

Postal volume, boosted by the mailings, jumped \$2,000 over the previous record for October, leading some to believe that the regular Christmas mailing season would be off in volume.

However, Thanksgiving Day was

hardly over when Christmas shoppers descended on local shelves and riddled stocks with their purchases. While merchants were at once apprehensive about their Yuletide stocks, the early wave of buying perhaps was fortunate for many were scared into placing new rush orders for more merchandise. Deliveries on some of this came in time to help meet the record demand.

There was scarcely a line which did not feel the effects of the wild buying spree by the public. With certain commodities, particularly those involving metals and electrical attachments, virtually off the market, buyers turned to clothing, glassware, jewelry, flowers, etc.

Few stopped to quibble about price. Quotations which would have been outlandish a couple of years ago were shrugged off with: "Well it wasn't as bad as I expected." Clerks (and this is one year when merchants generally provided ample help) weren't worried about making a sale. "Here it is," they said. "If you don't take it, the next one will."—And they were infinitely correct.

Rats are known to carry 12 human diseases, as well as a number of livestock and poultry diseases.

COMPLETE STOCK OF Indian Jewelry, Mexican Art and Gifts TEXAS CURIO SHOP 309 Runnels

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.

HOOVER

PRINTING COMPANY

206 E. 4th

Phone 109

Best Wishes

To All Our Friends At This Happy Holiday Season

Runyan Plumbing Co.

505 East 6th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just the same old wish for a Merry Christmas, but in this year of war, it takes on a very special significance.

May songs of good cheer be in your heart this Christmas. Our sincerest hope for a joyous Yuletide season for you.

NALLY - REEDER

Funeral Home

906 Gregg

Phone 175

Greeting Cards Follow The Same Holiday Styles

Christmas cards may have been fewer this year, but they were about the same in sentiment, color and design.

Letter cancellations at the post-office furnish the best indication that the volume of card greetings was down this year, for through the middle of the week the deficit was around 10,000 letters over last year. Moreover, the regular volume of letter mail has been heavier all year, thus it is possible that the decline in card mail is twice the 10,000.

Reason for the decline in seasonal greetings is mostly due to a desire on the part of many not to add to the burden of postal authorities, struggling under a record holiday load. Others decided they would save the money and apply it to some other purpose, and some, for an inexplicable reason, just didn't feel like sending them out during wartime.

Designs were as varied as ever, except the cut-out variety was conspicuous by its absence. Presumably this was due to a paper conservation demand. Likewise, size of the cards was for the most part slightly smaller. Colors were not restricted but elaborate color jobs were out and embossed and engraved cards were very, very far between. Personal signatures replaced the printed or engraved ones in a majority of cases, reflecting a lack of early buying and a shortage of printers for this sort of work.

There Have Been Plenty Of Trees

Christmas trees, contrary to early beliefs, proved abundant this year.

Early in December shipments were received, and people rushed in to clean out the offering of pretty Douglas firs. But as later stocks rolled in nearer Christmas, there was no wild rush and there were trees enough to go around. More people this year, however, shifted back to native cedar.

Christmas tree decorations were another thing. Limited in quantity, decorations also dropped a point or two in quality. Tree ornaments were snapped up early. Tinsel "icicles" disappeared quickly and other decorative material such as tinsel didn't last.

Long before Christmas, the tree light situation was hopeless. Some stores rationed out the tiny string lights a couple to the customer, but the supply trickled away rapidly. At the end only outdoor lights were available (for indoor use this year) and at fancy prices.

All in all, families managed somehow, using the decorations of former years. Strikingly, the number of vari-colored lights twinkling through frosted windows at night appeared about the same. Exterior decorations existed largely in memory.

It's Double Holiday For Nearly Everyone

Business this year when it takes the traditional Christmas holiday, will also have another day to enjoy the yule season since the holiday falls on a Saturday.

In the days before slick tires and gas coupons, this double holiday would have meant a rush of visitors from other towns and an equal rush out-of-town by local people.

But since staying at home is the order of the day for 1943, businesses will close Friday and remain closed until Monday, but there will be little gadding about.

Drug stores, restaurants, cafes, and the picture houses are about the only businesses that will function in town. Even government jobs declare that Christmas is a real holiday and although offices such as the AAA office, the ration board, the farm bureau, and the rent control office plugged along through other national holidays this will not be true of December 25th.

Even the army, although not officially recognizing the holiday, will run with a skeleton force while most officers and enlisted men alike take the day off.

Yanks Will Return To Their Old Jobs

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La. (AP)—If an official survey made here can be considered a cross-section of Army opinion, only two per cent of the nation's soldiers expect to remain in the army after the war.

Eighty-six per cent of the men here said they expect to return to their pre-induction jobs. Most of them said they are doing the same type of work in the Army that they did in civilian life, and will require little "brushing up."

Twelve per cent are undecided as to the future, and don't expect to make up their minds until peace is a more solid prospect.

Many An American's Heart Is At Far-Away Places This Christmas

Travel, people used to quip, is so broadening. Since 1941 there has been little travel by civilians but their thoughts this Christmas are centering on spots they've never seen, on names they never pronounced before, in continents they'll probably never see.

This year in every American

Doughboys Due To See Strange Yule Customs

Christmas to the American mind means Christmas trees, stockings hanging by the fireplace, Santa Clauses, carefully wrapped presents for each member of the family, and a big turkey steaming in the oven.

The day is a holiday when no one works, friends and families call on each other to bring gifts, sample a bit of fruit cake, and go home again to spend hours keeping the lights all lighted on the Christmas tree.

But this year soldiers, sailors, marines will find themselves in places where the American customs are unknown. Fir trees are distinctly English and American version of the Yuletide season. Men in the tropics will have to substitute with a palm tree but men in the most northern climes will find trees in abundance.

There will be no chimneys in southern spots, to be synonymous with December 25th while old St. Nicholas will be a strange name to those hearing it for the first time in Asia.

Christmas was originally observed with gifts in the Teutonic countries and the Germans of before 1914 made much of the holiday with good German cookies, presents for all the family, and goodies that the Americans associate only with their own country.

The Nativity scenes which American boys remember from their own homes originated in France, Spain, Italy, and other Catholic countries.

But wherever Johnny Doughboy is this Christmas and in whatever spot of the globe he finds himself, he'll not have much chance to observe the kind of Christmas he remembers. And in remembering, he'll try to bring a little bit of America to the land where he is now. Perhaps someday in far away places, natives will remember a Christmas they shared with the Yankee doughboys. But the doughboys will only remember they were far away from home on the one day that is strictly family day.

Not Much Nog, But Plenty Of Wine For Yule Convivia ity

You might have an egg nog party this year if you had any eggs, could find the cream, and if you knew where to knock three times and ask for the nog.

Egg nogging is as traditional with Christmas as evergreen trees, tinsel, and gifts. But this year, egg nog parties will probably be relegated to that shelf containing thousand mile trips, big roasts seven times a week, and a drawer full of nylon hose.

In its stead, second best, so hostesses are finding, are old fashioned wine and fruit cake parties. Wine is plentiful this year and not on the expensive list. Fruit cakes, both homemade and store made, seem abundant and tasty as in past years.

For an extra bit of yuletide cheer when friends drop in on Christmas day or New Years Day, hostesses may yearn for the egg nog parties of other Christmases, but guests will not be surprised when they get substitutes in the form of cake and wine.

Town Of Palestine To Be Santa Claus To Service Men

PALESTINE, Dec. 24 (AP)—Starting Christmas Eve and for the week that follows each service man who passes through Palestine will get a Christmas present from citizens of the town.

The local service men's club, an independently operated, home supported, organization, advanced the idea and the gifts began piling up in the club room and extra storage quarters.

Palestine, on the Missouri Pacific, is a stopover point for thousands of service men each month.

Those who pass through Christmas and the week that follows will find a present at the club room.

Boys Overseas Are Receiving Their Packages

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, (AP)—Don't worry about that Christmas package you sent to the boys overseas.

No matter where he is, they are getting it to him and he will find it in exceptionally good condition when they sing out his name in mail call. The percentage of loss and breakage is almost infinitesimal, and delivery time from the United States to the most advanced frontline positions has been cut to a minimum.

That's not just a lucky accident.

It is the result of extreme care lavished on the Christmas mail by specially-trained army postal crews, a big majority of whom worked in post offices in the United States before the war. The army is treating every package like a rare piece of crystal. The military mailman is practically a chaperone to each bundle all the way, from New York to the foxholes and slit trenches.

Mail bearing mid-November postmarks has arrived in a maximum of three days from the time the ship docks, the packages are in the hands of the doughboys at the front.

The central army post office through which most of the pack-

ages move to the Americans in the Fifth Army delivered 4,000,000 pounds of Christmas packages during the first two weeks of December.

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Tough Times Ahead For Cattle Raisers

By LEDGERWOOD SLOAN
Associated Press Staff

Texas ranchmen enter 1944 with money in the pocket but harassed by lower livestock prices and a feed famine.

There were record numbers of animals on ranges. Marketing of old and thin animals currently is heavy.

Some leaders in the industry believe the inability of feeders to make profits under government controls would ease a meat shortage within a few months.

A prediction that "the pinch in meat will hit hard next spring" came from Claude McCan of Victoria, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' association.

"Cattle going to market now have gone to the winter feed lots in the past," he said. "In the spring there will be only a handful of slaughter cattle coming from the feeders."

McCan said that although market prices are off \$2 to \$3 a hundred pounds since July "the range man still is in pretty good shape."

"It's the feeder who has been hurt. Those calves that normally went to the corn belt just didn't make it this year. They were either slaughtered thin or they're being held on grass for the winter."

One of the largest feeders in South Texas—Will Heuermann of Edroy—is feeding 1,900 head of his own cattle instead of the 6,000 to 10,000 he normally handles. He

says he is doing this at a loss. McCan declared that cattlemen "still want meat management for the meat industry."

"There must be an end to the confusion in Washington," he continued. "We are plugging for meat management and believe a sane program would help make 1944 productive."

W. L. Pier, vice-president of the Fort Worth National Bank, pointed out that heavy marketings of cows and ewes "are greatly improving the age status of herds on the range." He said few if any forced sales had occurred or are in prospect.

"Southwestern livestock producers are facing problems not in existence a year ago," Pier said. "Insufficient rainfall caused an early maturing of grass, a short protein feed crop and in some sections a shortage of stock water."

"Coupled with these conditions were an acute shortage of labor, especially experienced labor, and a government program of unstabilized subsidies and ceiling prices which constantly keeps the livestock producer in hot water."

Pier said stockmen also were worried over "the increasing number of cattle, hogs and sheep the nation over."

"With the high prices of all feeds and the scarcity of protein feeds at any price, producers feel that they are at the mercy of governmental agencies which control both feed prices and livestock prices."

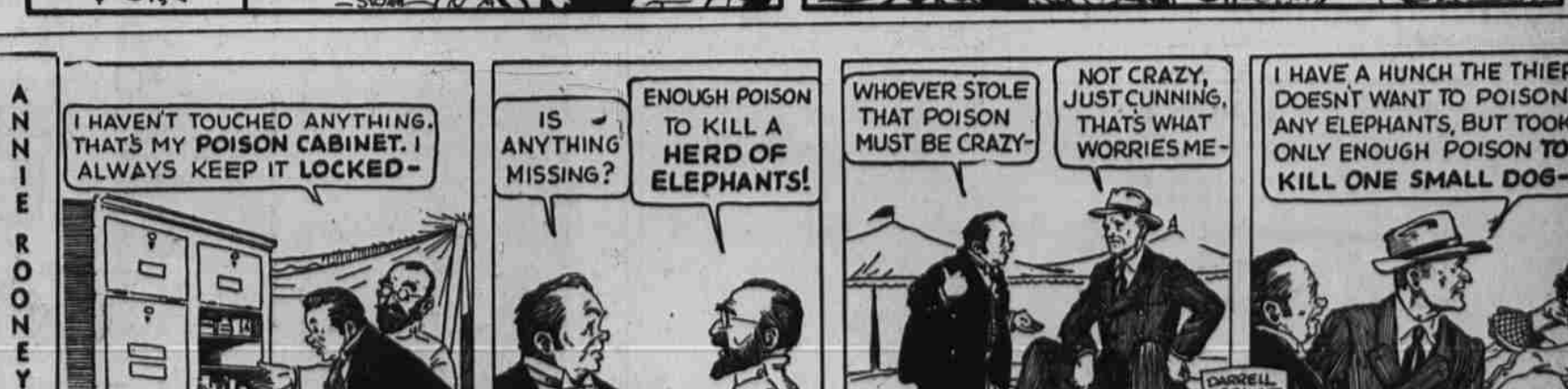
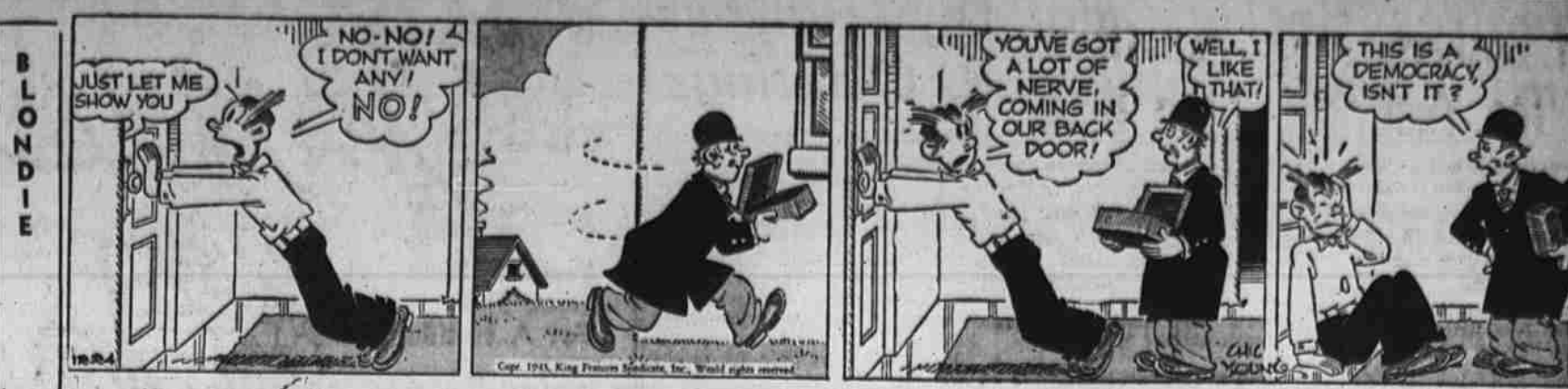
Rain in West Texas and snow in the Panhandle last week helped alleviate the feed situation by bringing out wheat and wheat in those sections. An official of the Commodity Credit Corporation said in Dallas that the government is endeavoring to move cottonseed and soybeans into stricken areas.

Prior to last week's rainfall, wheat prospects over the state were reported by G. E. Blewett, secretary of the Texas Grain and Feed Dealers' association, to be the poorest at this season in 25 years. He said reports to him indicated there would be some grazing of wheat around Stamford, south of the Texas and Pacific and in North Central Texas.

Receipts of livestock on the Fort Worth market in 1943 will show a loss of approximately 21,000 in calves while cattle increased by 26,600 head, hogs 51,000 and sheep 633,000.

Lack of a market for feeder calves is believed to account for the decrease in receipts with ranchmen holding their calves and marketing more old cows. The sharp rise in sheep marketing is accounted for in like manner, large number of old ewes coming to packing houses instead of being kept in West Texas flocks.

Modern first aid practice has been traced back to the "Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem," founded nearly 900 years ago in England to give aid to pilgrims on the way to the Holy City.



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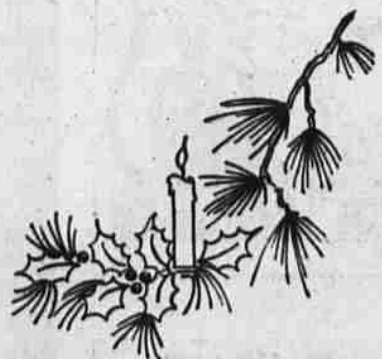
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Theatres Beckon Holiday Patrons With Varied Hollywood Offerings

Local theatres are holding forth holiday film fare, to beckon the customers past the boxoffice on Christmas Day — and have extraordinarily attractive offerings for Sunday, a major day of the holiday weekend.

Current attraction at the Ritz is a comedy romance, starring the popular Jean Arthur and John Wayne. Called "A Lady Takes a Chance," it has to do with the adventures of a spry gal who encounters a determined cowhand.

the chief supporting players.

The State screens a popular musical for Sunday and Monday, Judy Garland's "For Me And My Gal." George Murphy and Gene Kelly are the supporting players in a story—well sprinkled with music and dancing—of vaudeville players and how they came through another war.

the Lyric, too, where Kenny Baker, Jeff Donnell and Lynn Merrick are to be seen Sunday and Monday in "Doughboys in Ireland." It's about a friendly invasion.

Real war action is the Sunday-Monday motif at the Queen, where Humphrey Bogart is starred in a sea drama, "Action In The North Atlantic." Raymond Massey, Julie Bishop and Alan Hale are in the cast.

The war theme holds forth at

At Theatres This Weekend

Western dramas make up the Friday-Saturday programs at the Lyric and Queen. At the former showhouse, a William Boyd Hop-along Cassidy picture is the feature, "False Colors." The Queen presents Charles Starrett in "Cowboy In The Clouds."

A western is the chief piece at the State theatre, too, "The Lone Prairie," with Russell Hayden.

For Sunday, the Ritz offers Film Queen Bette Davis' latest picture, "Old Acquaintance," a problem drama which provides the great Bette with many dramatic opportunities. Miriam Hopkins, Gig Young and John Loder are



JUDY GARLAND... at State in "For Me And My Gal."



KENNY BAKER... at Lyric in "Doughboys In Ireland."



HUMPHREY BOGART... at Queen in "Action In The North"



BETTE DAVIS... at Ritz in "Old Acquaintance."

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'FOR ME and MY GAL'

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STATE THEATRE

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Richard Lee Bull

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QUEEN SUN. - MON.
HUMPHREY BOGART Out-guts a Wolf Pack of Subs!
ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
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Added: Pathe News "Dancing On Stars"

BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1943

Review Of Year's Big News Events

January

1-Grover C. Dunham again appointed head of Birthday Ball committee; 1943 New Year baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Wells.
2-Newly sworn in county and district officers take over posts at courthouse; freezing of remodeling applications rescinded in Big Spring; 75 persons sign with Kaiser shipyards.
3-Vincent man, Byron Webster Grisham is first person to die violently in county when run over by train; bank deposits at record high of nearly nine millions.
4-Four teachers resignations are accepted and three new ones approved by school board.
5-Rev. O. L. Savage takes oath as army chaplain; Police Chief J. B. Burton says general infections here being kept at low level.
6-Local bakers protest government regulations designed to cut cost of production; credit business at lowest ebb in history; second class graduates at AAFBS.
7-Chamber of commerce directors named; Burke Summers rally held on eve of election for state representative; Soil Conservation program now extends over 295,000 acres; Capt. Bill Cherry, survivor of Rickenbacker plane crash, visits brother here and tells harrowing story.
9-Burke Summers wins 91st legislative contest; farm machinery for county held to 55 units for 1943; wave of hog cholera causes concern; New work ordered on airfield amounting to several hundred thousand dollars; BSAFBS has first general inspection and review; Mrs. J. E. Hogan named chairman of eighth district of Federation of Womens clubs to help enlist nurses; girls scouts collect over 1,000 pounds of waste fats.
11-West Ward football team honored with banquet at Settles; county commissioners meet to approve officer's salaries; Summers leaves for Austin.
12-Baptist ministers from 25 churches of the four associations of district eight meet for pastors retreat at East 4th church; city commission authorizes city manager to proceed with plans for



Cotton storage got to be quite a problem here during the autumn months as the county ginned 25,000 bales of cotton despite the

enlargement of city's sewage plant plant; banks re-elect officers; L. H. Thomas tells community and neighborhood leaders of giant production goals asked by government.
13-First (and last) hearing for speeders held by gas ration panel; 1942 steer team honored with annual banquet at Settles by Lions club; Lt. Col David Wade named new training director head at air school.
15-Red Cross seeks \$13,800 for needs; rent sign up about complete with 2,552 units registered.
16-New OPA order not to alter milk prices here; Pecos plane crashes near here killing two fliers; over 22,000 ration books issued; Nearly 10,000 soldiers attend USO during month.
17-East Fourth Baptist church plans to retire debt with war bonds.
18-Birthday Ball tickets go on sale; Willard Sullivan named chairman of commerce president; grand jury meets but for the first time in memory has no cases to consider; unsalted bread goes on the market; mercury dips to 16 degrees; Ben LeFever named head of country club.
19-Severest cold wave in ten years with 5.5 degree temperature.
20-Jap sub arrives here to en-

were taxed as thousands of bales from this and surrounding counties came in. At one time around 46,000 bales were lined in cotton yards on the northern slopes of the city in a scene such as this. The compress and warehouse company expanded its housing to provide storage for the lint so that farmers could complete their loans on it.
21-Victory Service League stages rally at city auditorium.
22-Pioneer woman, Mrs. Hattie Crossett, 88, dies.
23-County ginnings for cotton now are 26,054 bales; grocers use own rationing system to avert food rush; vocational education leaders from West Texas have two day conference here on trade and industrial education.
24-First Baptist church has dedication of debt-free building.
25-Group named for post war planning by chamber of commerce directors; AAA has tenth anniversary; Col. Sam Ellis, BSAFBS commanding officer, dies suddenly of heart attack at home.
26-Bill Tate to head Rotary club; more scrap asked from farms.
27-Auction sale hits peak of \$50,000 for 1,000 head of cattle.
28-Class 43-4 graduates at field; advisory board strives to keep WPA nursery open.
29-Rush on to pay income taxes; Troy Wade Porch, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Porch, reported prisoner of Japanese; 31st anniversary of Girl Scouts observed here.
32-Ceiling lifted one cent here on sweetmilk; Red Cross goes over the top in drive; ration office moves from courthouse to 120 E. 2nd street; Emric A. Lawrence added as chaplain at post.
33-H. C. Shipp, engineer for oil and gas division of railroad commission, transferred to Midland; power lines broken by T. & F. crane in freak accident.
34-More construction under-

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resignation not accepted by Trinity Baptist church and so withdrawn.
29-Dr. Willis A. Sutton, well-known educator, speaks to teachers on war and education.
30-Eleventh annual style revue held; city's milk supply hard hit as McDaniel herd dispersed.
31-Barbed wire and poultry wire supply here is exhausted.

April

1-Sixth class of cadets, Class 43-5, graduate at Bombardier School, Lieut. James H. Brown of Ellington Field killed, and Lieut. Wesley W. Harris injured in crash of AT-6C trainer north of town.
4-W. W. Inkman and J. Y. Robb returned as trustees for city schools with only 68 votes cast in election.
7-Grover C. Dunham and T. J. A. Robinson are returned for third elective term as members of the city commission; city and county officials take initial steps toward formulating plan of attack on venereal disease.
8-Movie goes donate \$1,186.21 during Red Cross week observance.
11-Over 2,000,000 pounds of soybean meal handled here to overcome shortage of cottonseed meal surplus.
12-War loan off to good start

on second drive with a quota of \$703,000; Contract let in amount of \$270,000 for housing units near the Big Spring Bombardier School.
15-Charles A. Ingram, Vincent, Howard County's first "conscientious objector," is sentenced to five years in penitentiary for failing to appear for induction; City closes fiscal year with balance of \$111,979 for all funds.
16-Dr. Clyde Thomas, Jr., named county health officer in conjunction with the plan of controlling venereal disease.
18-Restaurant owners appeal for more ration points as business booms.
21-Mrs. James T. Brooks receives life membership to the Parent-Teacher's Association; Nat Shick ends 10 years in office as local postmaster.
22-Dana X. Bible addresses graduating class 43-6 at Bombardier School.
23-Twelve high school students represent Big Spring at interscholastic league meet in Abilene.
25-Over 1,000 persons attend sunrise Easter service at amphitheatre in city park; Mrs. Hardy Morgan, 64, Dawson county pioneer, succumbs in Ashland, Ore.
27-School board buys \$12,000 in war bonds; H. W. (Mike) Leeper, pioneer resident, succumbs of heart attack.
28-Army Day climaxed with

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February

1-The Rev. P. D. O'Brien is elected head of pastor's association; city, county and schools report excellent tax collections; Mr. and Mrs. Shine Phillips leave on personal appearance tour in connection with his book sale, now in 5th printing.
2-Record crowd attends Boy Scout Court of Honor.
3-Final figure on poll taxes shows 4,180 paid; Howard county ginnings are up to 25,991 bales; biggest livestock sales held since August.
4-Operators meet at Chamber of Commerce to seek means to remedy stock feed shortage; county 4-H girls plan to raise 2,000 baby chicks.
5-Lt. Oscar F. Heblson, former Big Spring high football star, reported killed in action in southwest Pacific.
6-FSA to buy dairy cows to save them from slaughter.
8-Committees report that 70 percent rationing would help avert the feed shortage; post library announces it now has 3,500 books; soil control beautifying project underway at air school; Alva Ardis Chapman, technician fifth grade, dies in Hawaii on 6th of month parents learn.
9-Election judges named for year; Dr. J. E. Hogan named city health officer.

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1943 In Review: Major Events In Big Spring

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Our entire personnel wishes you and all America a happy holiday and victory in 1944

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parade and army show at city auditorium.

29—State highway department announces project for reconditioning of Third street at estimated cost of \$14,000; Elton Taylor and seven others acquitted on charge of conspiracy to defraud government in connection with construction of Avenger Field at Sweetwater; Big Spring reaches quota in second war loan drive.

30—OPA parley held here with clerks from seven counties and representatives of Dallas regional and Lubbock district offices attending.

May

- 1—Three week bond selling campaign ends with Howard county subscribing over one million dollars.
- 2—Mrs. Beale Wesley, whose husband was rejected for military service because of physical disabilities, leaves for WAC training station; hottest April in 15 years as recorded here with highest temperature at 98 degrees during month . . . record topped in 1928 with temperature of 103 degrees; census reveals that approximately 100 fewer children are enrolled in rural schools than year before; National Music week observance begins with organ and violin concert at First Baptist church.
- 3—Seventy Boy Scouts presented badges at Court of Honor.
- 4—Mrs. Dan Conley is named commissioner of Girl Scout Council; Mrs. Hart Phillips, district Home Demonstration vice president, speaks at district meeting in Monahans; wind and dust control plantings at Bombardier School are completed; High school senior class presents play "Minus a Million" at city auditorium.
- 5—K. H. McGibbon is named president of Lions Club; Jewell Barton is re-elected president of the Business and Professional Women's club.
- 7—Around 900 boys attend Boy Scout round-up at city park; swimming pool opens; high school band presents 10th annual concert at city auditorium.
- 10—Showers and hail reported here with .41 of inch of rain.
- 11—W. C. Blankenship finishes 15th term as school superintendent; Girl Scouts celebrate first birthday anniversary with tea in Episcopal parish house.
- 12—Linking of city county health unit with the Ector-Midland county unit approved; Dr. E. O. Wolfe is named on state board of veterinary medical examiners for sixth term; Twenty-six high school students given tests for National Honor Society; E. W. Potter, superintendent of Cosden before headquarters were moved here, is elected president and general manager of Mid-West Refineries, Inc., at Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 13—H. C. Hubbell, uncle of the noted baseball player, Carl Hubbell, succumbs in local hospital.
- 14—"I Am An American Day" program sponsored by the Lions club, held on courthouse lawn.
- 16—Steer gridders defeat seniors 6-0; District meeting of VFW post and auxiliary held here.
- 17—Howard county eighth grade students receive diplomas at exercise held at auditorium.
- 19—Reuben Williams and Fred



Heavy Licks—It was not without several heavy licks such as was delivered by Cosden Petroleum Corp. that Howard county was able to achieve its \$1,791,000 goal in the Third War Loan drive. After sweating blood, leaders finally announced the September campaign had gone over by \$154,000. Earlier in the year, the Second War Loan had been exceeded with sales of more than a million. Here A. V. Karcher, left, secretary-treasurer of Cosden, looks on while Mrs. Kaye Armstrong, chairman of women's work in the campaign, accepts a check for \$100,000 for bonds for Cosden from President R. L. Tollett. Ira Thurman, county bond chairman, is pleased over the deal.

- 20—Reuben Williams, member announces that road to Garden City will be paved.
- 23—Three inches of rain reported in Big Spring area.
- 24—Demand for common labor growing according to announcement by O. R. Rodden, manager of the United States Employment Service.
- 26—Eighth grade graduation exercises held at auditorium with Cushing Citizenship award going to Billie Jean Younger and Ike Robb.
- 27—One hundred and eight seniors receive diplomas at high school graduation exercises.
- 29—Over \$224 raised from poppy sale conducted here by VFW Auxiliary.
- 31—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Appleton receive word of the death of a son, Cpl. Herman Appleton in North Africa, on May 5th.

June

- 1—Only 104 fishing permits sold for first day of open season on fishing.
- 2—Approximately 3,000 war ration book III forms mailed through Big Spring post office.
- 6—Over 1,500 soldiers and civilians attend formal opening of local USO club; 60 students enroll for summer school.
- 8—Girl flyer and instructor killed in crash of trainer plane from Avenger field near Westbrook.
- 9—Dr. and Mrs. Marion Simms celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.
- 12—First WACs arrive at the Big Spring Bombardier School.
- 14—Flag day observed with parade and program on courthouse lawn.
- 15—Cosden Petroleum Corporation presents 340 employees with semi-annual bonuses in checks amounting to \$14,067.27; B. F. Robbins, one of the directors of the Independent Petroleum Association, receives appointment as member of a committee to work with congress in preventing a crude oil shortage; Shine Phillips is elected president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.
- 16—Jack N. Cowan, retired T & P locomotive engineer and active Masonic worker, succumbs.
- 18—Committee of townspeople named to make plans for a public library.
- 20—Boy Scout camp closes with great number advanced in rank and awarded badges; S-Sgt. Herbert C. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Arnold, is killed in plane crash near Albany.
- 24—Jesse L. Hush killed instantly, and son, Donald, seriously injured in truck-car collision east of city.
- 25—High ranking Chilean army officers inspect Big Spring Bombardier School; Jake Morgan is elected president of the American Business club.
- 27—Open house held at AAFBS for youths 17 and 15 years of age.
- 28—First of six food classes in food handlers course, held at city auditorium.
- 29—George A. Brown, pioneer resident and rancher, succumbs.

July

- 1—J. C. Penney stores open nationwide bond drive; Emma Rose Weir hired as deputy county clerk; V. A. Cross replaces K. E. McFarland as sanitarian of county health unit.
- 2—U. S. O. sponsors rodeo; showers aid soil; Jake Morgan installed as president of American Business club.
- 3—American Legion opens cigar drive.
- 4—17 and 18 year old youths tour bombardier school; bombardiers go to San Angelo for bombing olympics.
- 5—U. S. O. sponsors Independence Day rally; Earl Flew installed as grand master of local I.O.O.F.

Jurywoman Plows Through
RUTLAND, Vt., (U. P.) — Mrs. Thomas Tanish didn't let a record snowstorm keep her off a Rutland county jury. The first couple of miles from her isolated home to the courthouse she covered on snowshoes — and finished the trek aboard a snowplow.

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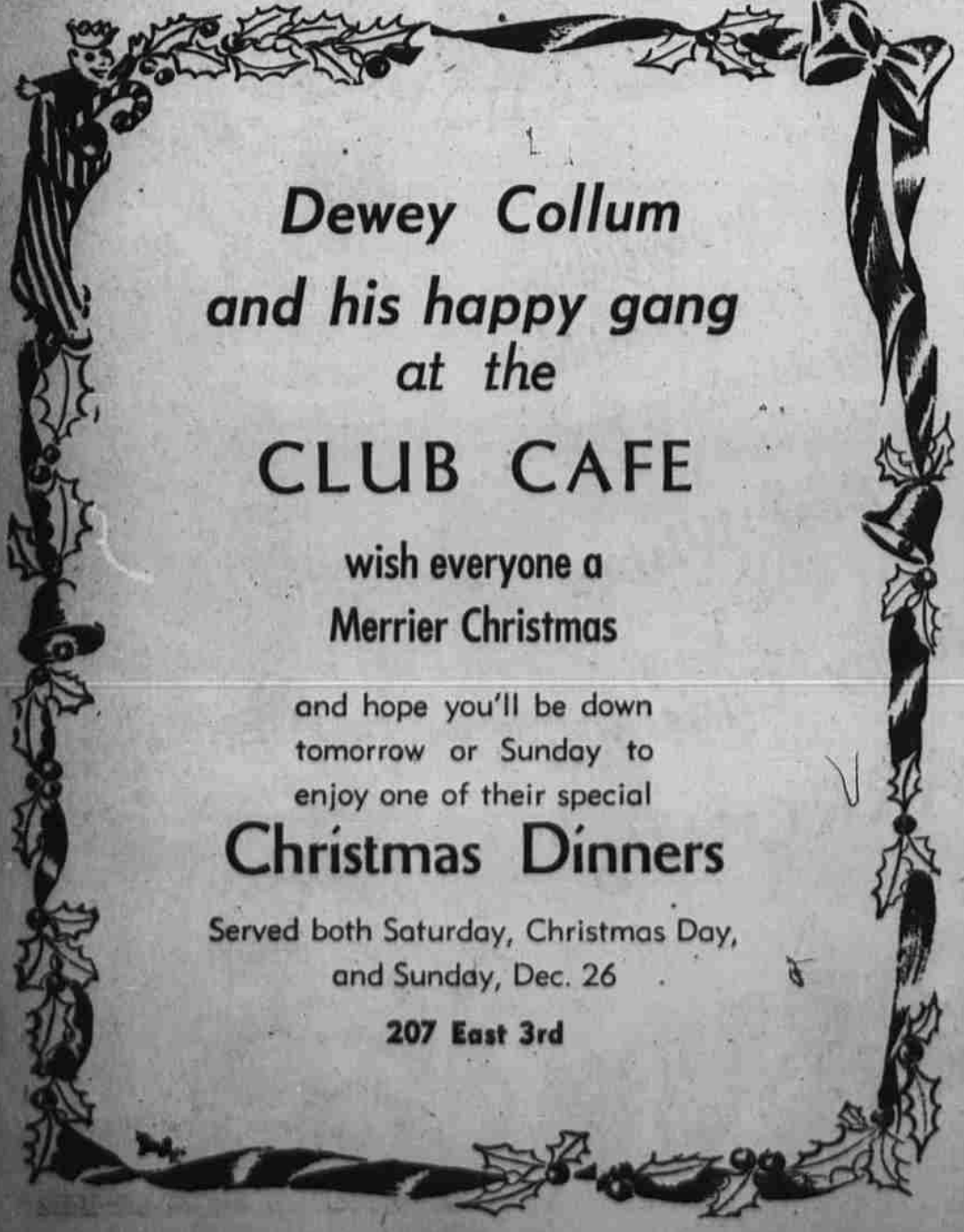


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But there will be, we believe, a deep realization of the spiritual meaning of the Christmas Day. There will be a realization of how blessed it would be—once again—to have "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

And there will be, in many hearts, a solemn resolve to punish those who made a mockery of all things that Christmas stands for . . . and so to bring back those things to a war-weary world.

Even now, we American people have, more than any other people on earth, much to be thankful for this Christmas Day.

On this beloved anniversary we can proclaim our loyalty to the standards of our land—written down by great citizens of the past for all posterity, inspired by the teachings of the Saviour whose birth we celebrate.

Those are the standards of liberty, equality and unselfishness by which we can forever live in happiness . . . for which we are fighting now, against the forces of greed and tyranny and hate. These forces make this Christmas different. Our resistance to them makes Christmas live gloriously on.

Let us resolve to put forth new energy, new effort in behalf of the things Christmas means to us, so that, within another year, our Christmases will be brighter.



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Local Happenings During The Past Year Shown Day-By-Day

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YULETIDE SEASON



As we wish each other Merry Christmas this year, we are thinking of our neighbors and loved ones across the seas, hoping the holiday season brings them new faith and greater promise of bright days to come.

22—Withholding tax clinic held; mercury hits 100 for second time.
 24—Temperature reaches 104.
 25—Memorial services held at First Baptist church for Lieut. Leonard Skiles.
 27—Board of city commissioners accepts J. B. Collins' resignation.
 28—Contract awarded for negro U. S. O.; Lieut. Earl L. McAlpine of Forsan killed in bomber crash near Fort Morgan.
 31—Citizens are urged not to water lawns.

August

2—City closes tax books with 93.72 percent collections; word received of death of Cpl. Roy Gene Franklin in North Africa on June 10th; farm measurement nears completion; mercury hits 107 degrees for hottest weather in decade.
 3—July bond quota met at last minute; notice received by parents of Cpl. James Herman Appleton, Jr., killed in North African campaign on May 5th.
 5—Class 43-11 bombardiers graduates.
 6—Sgt. Horace Newton Holcombe reported missing in action in the north sea area; Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission established at USES.
 8—E. O. Greene replaces E. M. Conley as manager of Montgomery Ward.
 9—Commissioners approve county library; AAA administrators of district 6 North and South open two day session.
 10—H. G. Hamrick elected superintendent of Knott school.
 12—T/Sgt. Frank C. Ferrell reported missing in action since August 1st.
 15—AAAFBS host to bombing olympics; Congressman Mahon speaks at First Baptist church.
 16—C. L. Rowe installed as post commander of American Legion; S/Sgt. Edward Smith reported missing in action since August 1st.
 17—Plans mapped for rat ex-



Real Soldiers—Members of the Women's Army Corps proved their ability so satisfactorily, that soon after their arrival here this year, officers at the Big Spring Bombardier School wanted more of them. The WAC contingent waited no longer than mealtime to prove that they were real soldiers, putting chow away like veterans.

termination.
 19—Pfc. Roy Albert Sneed dies in New Guinea war department reports.
 23—City-wide cleanup campaign begins; memorial services held in Lee's Baptist church for S/Sgt. Holcombe; county dads approve librarian.
 24—Clean up campaign ready for action; AWOL soldier shot in escape attempt; Second class seaman Floyd A. Dixon, prisoner of Japs since December 23, 1941, writes parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Dixon.
 25—T. J. Coffee resigns from ration price panel; Brittle S. Cox named to board of chiropractic examiners; war loan quota set at \$1,791,400 for September; health unit moves to new location; J. M. Morgan, pioneer resident, dies in Kansas City, Mo.
 26—City asks for water conservation as pushes search for additional wells; Pct. Cliff Rumpff wins silver star for gallantry in action.
 27—Rat poisoning campaign termed a success.
 28—Mrs. Katie Armstrong named chairman of women's group to sell bonds in September campaign.
 30—Boy Scout leaders meet.

September

1—Dove season opens; "Next of Kin" film appealing for silence on military moves, shown at BSAAFBS; Sgt. Edmond Smith, missing in action, reported as Rumanian prisoner; Mrs. Anna Gensberg hears from son, Capt. Frank Gensberg, prisoner of Japs; district No. 8 Baptist laymen conclude annual meet; livestock sale passes million dollar mark.
 2—Scout workers start drive which eventually raises \$5,600.
 3—Texas State Guardsmen of area witness chemical warfare demonstration here.
 6—Lieut. Al Escalante wins Country club golf tournament; Lamesa players hog honors in tennis tourney; Labor Day observed; T. J. A. Robinson resigns as city commissioner and R. L. Cook named mayor pro tem during absence of Mayor Dunham; Toots Mansfield wins fourth (third consecutive) worlds championship calf roping title at Midland.
 7—Schools start; 70th district court opens September session; record of 300 awards presented to Boy Scouts.
 8—Lieut. Charles E. Simpson, reported missing, is rescued in Mediterranean.
 9—Third War Loan opens with sale of \$94,000 in a \$1,791,000 quota; S/Sgt. Horace N. Holcombe, believed killed in action, reported prisoner in Germany.
 10—Big Spring National Farm Loan association loans being liquidated rapidly; reports Ira Driver, secretary; school enrollment shows slight gain.
 11—Liquor stores change signs to conform with new law; Couden allowed to pay wage increase.
 12—Howard county needs 2,000 cotton pickers.
 13—Chamber of commerce directors ask city to make a water survey.
 14—Lieut. Tommy Higgins reported missing, but later is reported safe; Joseph Callela, film villain, visits here.
 15—First anniversary of publication of Shine Phillips book, "Big Spring—the Casual Biography of a Prairie Town"; Christmas shopping for soldiers overseas starts.
 17—Delegates return from organization of a US 87 Highway association at Denver, Colo.; Colorado City Wolves come here for opening football game of season.
 18—Work finished in library.
 20—Thomas E. Jordan, founder of The Big Spring Herald, dies; chamber of commerce seeks ways to avert protein feed shortage for dairymen; A. J. Crawford and Cal Boykin buy Colorado (City) hotel.
 22—Army approves city sewage contract.
 23—Capt. Olie Cordill, injured in North African crash, back in states.
 24—Mrs. Annabelle Birdwell,

pioneer resident, dies in San Antonio.
 25—George Parks Lawley, former Big Spring youth, reported a prisoner of Japanese; S/Sgt. E. G. Christensen reported killed in action in European theatre.
 27—Mrs. Mary C. Hall, pioneer Big Spring woman, dies.
 29—USO announces new director, Howard Bell, to arrive Oct. 15.
 30—Bond drive lacks only \$185,000 as time extended so that county eventually goes over top by \$154,000; district No. 2 of El Paso Presbyterial has meeting here; cattle brands renewed before becoming obsolete after this date.

October

1—Death of Sgt. Edward Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Christensen, and Flying Fortress gunner, is confirmed in Associated Press Dispatches; Howard county raises \$1,791,400 in September war loan drive, over quota by \$156,808.
 2—Lions club announces tin can collection each third Wednesday of every month; David Jenkins, negro, admits to theft of \$1,600 in war bond funds, but recovery made.
 4—AAA district meeting held.
 5—FSA district committeemen meeting held to stress food goals.
 6—Initial autumn meeting of P. T. A. held; Lynn Speer and James Brooks receive Eagle badge.
 7—Dairymen appeal for cottonseed meal to keep going; Big Spring Safety Council holds first regional safety clinic; Coahoma service club organized.
 8—Farm Bureau holds district meeting here; "This Is The Army" nets army relief \$1,111.
 9—Company E, under command of Capt. H. L. Bohannon, leaves for maneuvers of 34th and 1st battalions of Texas State Guard near Odessa.
 10—Business & Professional Women start observance of national week; Read area designated by railroad commission as new pool.
 11—R. L. Tollett, in post-war committee report, urges trebling chamber budget and seeking suggestions from servicemen; Ross Clarke, resigned USO director, accepts overseas duty with Red Cross.
 12—Maj. James F. Reed succeeds Lt. Col. David Wade as director of training at Big Spring Bombardier School; Maj. Conrad O. Frazier made post adjutant.
 13—Ted Groehl honored by Lions as having contributed most in September, as Third War Loan chairman, to war effort.
 14—Capt. Olie Cordill and Lt. (JG) George Boswell describe war experiences to Kiwanians; Julian Ray Hoisager's pig nets him first prize in county show.
 15—Water survey by city and FWA started; pastors association names Rev. W. O. Vaught, Abilene, and Rev. Alsie Carlton, Lubbock, leaders for community revival in November; sub-dept observes first birthday at bombardier school; first soldier-WAC marriage at post unites S/Sgt. Dale Francis and Pvt. Barbara Hoolie; R. S. Urrera, Mexican counsel at El Paso, speaks here.
 17—Big Spring Bombardier School team wins "Pickle Barrel" in seventh bombing olympics.
 18—Families of servicemen honored at USO show; Air-WAC recruitment campaign started.
 19—Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lusk given hope their son, Sgt. Joe Lusk, may be Jap prisoner.
 21—Marvin Sewell announces he has signed freezer-locker plant contract; promising oil shows logged in Howard-Glasscock shallow area and in western Howard county.
 22—Thousands register for ration book No. 4; County Auditor Claud Wolf reports city, county, state, school collections totaled \$449,000; 100 men attend special foreman's classes.
 23—Plans advanced for second (a private) airport for city.
 25—Chamber directors participate in West Texas Chamber referendum; all but two tracts of right-of-way on Big Spring-Garden City road secured; Mrs. Gene Moon dies; medals earned by husbands presented to Mrs. Buster Peek and Mrs. Janet Holcombe; right-of-way gangs start work on Midland-Corsicana pipeline; national war fund launched for \$17,900 goal.
 26—City commission stands pat on zoning ordinance for liquor sales.
 28—Regional Red Cross meeting held; Mrs. G. W. Ferrel notified of death of her son, Sgt. Frank Ferrel, in Ploesti oil field raid; John Griffin, Abilene, addresses War Manpower Commission clinic; A. J. Stuteville killed

when hit by truck.
 30—Frank Loveless elected president of Howard county Farm Bureau.
 31—Lieut. Roy C. Sanders, B-17 pilot, reported missing; soybeans pledged to help bridge protein feed shortage here; Primitive Baptist church organized.

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Juice Tenderizes The Tough Steaks
 IOWA CITY, Ia. (AP)—There is a chance you have milkweed juice to thank for that last juicy

steak you tasted.
 Prof. Walter F. Loehwing of the University of Iowa botany department says that such juice is highly efficient in tenderizing tough beef from over-age cows.
 Before the war, meat from old cows was treated with papaya and pineapple juice, Prof. Loehwing says. Curtailment of imports of those juices has caused about 500,000 pounds of milkweed juice to be used annually, he added.
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A Calendar Of What Occurred Locally During Past Year

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November

1—Grover C. Dunham sells Club Cafe to Dewey Collum; bowling team headed by Jack Smith sets

new local records.
2—Fire destroys cotton house and 12 bales of cotton at Farmers Gin; October postal receipts jump to \$11,540, biggest for any month outside December; Jerry Manell and Pete Fuglar get Eagle Scout

badges.
3—Lieut. Cora Lee Morrow comes here to succeed Lieut. Mary Frances Goldmann as WAC recruiter.
4—County commissioners announce settlement with Fishers for roadway on Big Spring-Garden City road.



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5—Eligibility of Milton Rathbone, San Angelo-backfield star, upheld by district 3-AA committee here; approval of CAB given new airport here; H. F. Malone is elected head of Howard county unit of state teachers association.
6—Texas State Guard week started; chamber of commerce directors adopt planning program, approve doubling of budget.
7—Air-WAC parade and program held.
8—County's military honor roll dedicated to "courage and devotion"; Eugene F. Smith, president of high school student council and grid star is killed in highway mishap.
9—Word received that Lieut. Robert Ryan, former BSAFBS trainee, sinks Jap destroyer.
10—H. A. Clark succeeds O. R. Rodden as head of Big Spring district for US Employment Service.
11—Dr. Albert Shirkey, San Antonio, opens campaign here for Methodist participation in McMurtry's \$1,750,000 endowment.
12—Lieut. Robert Currie, with 446 combat hours to credit, visits parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Currie.
13—Forsan wins district No. 5 six-man football title.
14—Arthur Woodall accepts appointment on school board; city-wide revival starts.
15—Cosden announces 62 1-2 cent dividend on preferred stock; Louise Holden heads ACC exes here.
16—Salvation Army drive starts; 150 peace officers here for FBI clinic.
17—Rain, totaling 1.17 falls, to give relief from tenacious drought; Barkley Wood elected president high school student council.
18—Farm Bureau names delegation to national convention; Lieut. Grover C. Blissard, who lost his leg in a heroic flight, visits his father.
19—Cottonseed meal certificate method changed and causes a



Army Relief—Big Spring raised well over a thousand dollars for army relief and had a swell time doing it. Here J. Y. Robb, R&R Theatre manager, discusses plans for the benefit showing of Irving Berlin's "This is The Army," with Col. E. W. Warren, Big Spring Bombardier School commandant, and Maj. Harry Wheeler, special services and army relief officer, standing. The show was a sell out.

furor among producers.

20—County Agent O. P. Griffin foresees maize as possibly the chief money crop in 1944; city commission announces drive to collect delinquent personal taxes.

December

1—Rent control one year old with 3,125 units registered; new federal farm program begins.
2—J. M. Choate retires from police force after 18 years' service.
3—East Fourth Baptist church pays church debt; 16 Steer grid-ders awarded letters; safe crackers get \$187 in raid on Burr store; city's search for water pushed south to O'Barr ranch; Forsan wins bi-district six-man football crown, defeating Van Horn.
4—Class 43-17 graduates at Big Spring Bombardier school to round out full year of producing finished bombardiers; city authorities ponder rising venereal disease rate.
5—"Plowing" rains fall; Santa Claus comes to town for traditional Treasure Hunt; two-day district AAA parley opened.
6—Bobby Fritchett receives Eagle Scout badge.
7—Big Spring included as stop on El Paso to San Antonio line granted Continental Airlines by the CAB; several hundred civilians given service ribbons at the BSAFBS; Adolph Miller, pioneer rancher and railroad worker, dies.
8—Roy Reeder elected president of Red Cross chapter; city commission follows advice of civic and business leaders and accepts Federal Works Agency offer to secure supplemental water supply.
9—Freezer locker plant given priorities.
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Texas Mapping Plans For Its 1945 Centennial

AUSTIN, (U. P.) — Texas is getting busy on plans to celebrate its centennial of statehood, though the average native-born Texan and many other residents believe that the United States really should celebrate the merger of the two republics.

Texans are particularly chesty over the part of Texans in the present world war.

One Army camp paper cartooned Texas' pride in achievements of Texans. It pictured a deskman running to the editor of a Texas paper asking what to do with a story that said someone besides a Texan had won a military triumph.

Seriously, Texans plan a considerable observance—it will extend from 1945 into 1946—to cover the period from the signing of the resolution of the U. S. Congress until the formal exercises Feb. 19, 1946, when the Lone Star Flag was replaced by the Stars and Stripes on the Texas capitol.

There is considerable dispute about just when the Republic of Texas came to an end and the State of Texas began.

A convention of Texas delegates met at Austin and unanimously adopted an annexation treaty July 4, 1845. On July 26, 1845, eight companies of the Third U. S. Infantry disembarked from the Alabama off St. Joseph Island and Lt. Daniel T. Chandler planted a small United States flag on a sandhill.

It was the first time the Stars and Stripes was raised with authority in Texas.

Formal transfer of authority took place Feb. 19, 1846, when in the presence of the Texas Congress, President Anson Jones of the Republic of Texas delivered a valedictory and announced: "The Republic of Texas is no more."

First Texas Governor Pinckney J. Henderson responded: "We have this day fully entered the union of the North American states."

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Texas' Own 36th Set Pace In 1943 News Happenings

This Is High Point Of War's Sacrifice

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Because she thought her brother, overseas with the Air Corps, would want to keep Penn State's lion well fed, a self-sacrificing

young lady offered her meat ration points for the mascot's upkeep. Football star Aldo Cencel — to whom she wrote the offer—sent her a photograph of the lion, told her the mascot was now in the care of a New York zoo.

Littlefield Slaying, Roosevelt's Visit Were Big Events

By JACK KRUEGER
Associated Press State Editor

Thirty-sixth division. Roosevelt. Hurricane. Race riot. Fire. Oil. Industry booms. Governor vs. rationing. Longhorns win. Murder mystery.

These are keywords in the biggest Texas stories to burst into print in 1943, and they cover a lot of ground. There were other stories, other big stories, but these on the basis of the play Texas' paper-saving editors gave them, were tops.

This catalogue was of a kind to delight editors: Stories of specific, spot happenings worthy of the boldest headline type. Only two of them—rationing and industry—were of the looser, spread-out kind which get their reader-impact through sustained development.

Last year the story selected by editors as the year's biggest in Texas was "the war."

In this twelve-month the war story came into sharp, often painful, focus. The Thirty-sixth division, the only great army unit bearing the brand of Texas, went into bloody action in Italy.

When the story of its returning wounded broke out of Temple last month, it deservedly was given top play in Associated Press member newspapers.

Out of the hearts of the wounded welled the story of Texans overcoming great odds at Salerno. Big, able Walter R. Humphrey, an editor who does his own reporting, was there to write it down and to get it told exclusively via the AP.

The ultimate comment on the Texans came Dec. 15. A captured

German complained to Fifth army officers about "the tough, wild men from Texas."

The war had nothing whatever to do with another big Texas story: The still-unsolved, inexplicable slayings of prominent Dr. and Mrs. Roy Hunt of Littlefield in the dark hours of Oct. 26.

The slayer is unknown. Silent Texas Rangers and Littlefield officers have a man in jail, a tough middle-aged convict who languishes in a cell while they spin a web of evidence they think will snare him. A lot of sly detective work in the Philo Vance tradition has gone on, but readers will have to wait for the details.

Even so, the stark details laid before readers had nearly all the news elements to command reader attention: Well-to-do principals, the mystery of why they were callously killed, a tenuous chain of background facts suggesting a dozen motives, and the picture of a little child discovering, amidst her child's playthings, the incredible fact that "my mommy and daddy are killed."

President Roosevelt, always a story wherever he goes, created a big one when he moved into Texas and Mexico for a meeting with President Avila Camacho last April. While some editors gritted their teeth upon finding they could not tell a big story of the President passing through their towns, the officially-sanctioned stories cleared via press associations through Dallas.

The President also made news by not doing certain things, among which was that he did not, as he had in other southern states, stop for a chat with the governor. That omission had politicians musing for months.

It might have been linked, some thought, with Gov. Coke Stevenson's insistent complaints on the rationing of gasoline in a state which produces lots of it. That insistence made recurring news for months, and combined with the governor's caustic comments on OPA and "bureaucracy" in general, made one of the year's big stories.

Linked with that story was the fight of the oil industry to get more money for its product, a fight still on in the nation's capital. Oil men say that about one-sixth of all Texans are linked to the oil industry, a claim editors kept in mind in the recurring play they gave the running story.

High among the spontaneous stories was the rioting which beset war-booming Beaumont in mid-summer. Two men were killed in the sudden flaring of this long-simmering social problem. Quick intervention of state guardsmen abruptly ended the trouble.

Another extreme of violence brought out the black banner lines—the mid-summer hurricane which ravaged the coast at a cost of 21 lives and \$14,000,000 in damage. On a July night winds violent enough to make strong structures shake, tore into the Houston area at 132 miles an hour. Coastal folk who knew what these storms could do had battered down all they could, but the wind and 17 inches of rain could not be contained. Crops, buildings, boats and humans were smashed flat.

This was the weather highlight. Even more damaging, however, was the crop-killing record drought which brightened the whole state. Not until this month was an appreciable dent made in it by rains and snow. Crops withered and pastures burned brown. Cattle and other livestock suffered. The effects of the drought are still felt, as will testify the livestock men at wit's end to feed their animals.

Political Pot Has Been Boiling In Texas, Even In 'Off Year'

By DAVE CHEAVENS
AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP) — Strong undercurrents and subsurface action characterized the political year 1943.

It had all the usual pulling and hauling of an off-year, with wartime complications. Many young state politicians of promise were in the armed forces; others both young and old had to keep in mind the fact that their wartime record of service in civil or military life would be an important peacetime political asset or liability. Of more immediate importance was election year, 1944.

While there was little basis for doubt that virtually every incumbent in state office would seek re-election, official announcements were scarce. No topic was more discussed in the press and in conversation than the intentions of Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann's cryptic announcement in October that he would not remain in public life except as governor came close but failed to clarify the political outlook for 1944. It nearly loosed a wave of official announcements which would have set a record for earliness. Later Mann hinted he might run for the supreme court, and his frequent legal clashes with the majority of that body gave substance to his statement.

But all the political wheeling and dealing during the year produced evidence that would make these conclusions at least logical:

1. Stevenson would seek re-election as governor, perhaps without serious opposition.
2. Texas would stay in line with the national democratic party, despite anti-fourth term, anti-New Deal grumbling.
3. In the event Stevenson were

There also was the heat, worst in decades, which accompanied the drought. Temperatures, you remember, stayed above the 100-line for days on end in the summer.

Despite these hardships industrialization of the state accelerated to its highest speed. All were war plants, in one way or another, but many were plants shrewdly contrived to carry on in related lines after the war. Houston notably catered to industries with a reasonable prospect of staying for years.

This story was of the scatter type, told only in pieces, day to day. Military security prevented publication of some details. But much is told in saying that Texas now makes planes, ships, rubber, steel, magnesium, machine tools, bombs, shells, aviation gasoline and guns, to name a few. In its lasting effects this story was of a tremendous importance to all Texans.

There were two other big stories: The Houston hotel fire which claimed the lives of 54 men in September and the precedent-breaking feat of the University of Texas in winning the Southwest conference football championship, twice in a row.

That covers the big ten stories. There were scores of other good ones. The 19th Bombardment Group, first air outfit to tell the complete story of war against Japan, got more than 1,000 medals in one big ceremony at Pryor, Tex. . . . George Knapp, a soldier, was hanged at Camp Bullis for ravaging a Bastrop child. . . . The "fake" hurricane which feinted at the Texas coast for three days in September and then reluctantly went away. . . . Forest fires in East Texas. . . . OPA wrestles with an intricate price structure for milk. . . . The firing of H. E. Williamson from Texas A. and M. College's extension service. . . . FBI arrests men for stealing jewels from a plane at Amarillo.

The casualty lists. . . . The visits of tennis-playing, inscrutable Vice President Henry Wallace and gravel-voiced Wendell Willkie. . . . And the innumerable tales of heroism, death and honor that came back of Texas fighting men far from the land they all so obviously cherish.

Travel Bottleneck Bottles 'Hobo Jim'

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP) — "Hobo Jim" Roebuck writes friends that transportation being what it is, it will take him six or seven weeks to bum his way back here from California.

For the town's most noted and beloved traveler, this is quite a slowdown. Roebuck years ago eluded he could pyramid a can of shoe polish and a flannel rag into a heap of sightseeing. Since his youth he has traveled far and swiftly beneath some of the best trains available, earning his meals when necessary by shining shoes.

Only once did Jim Roebuck ever return to Greenville inside a passenger train with the cash customer. But on that occasion he smoked expensive cigars, wore a new suit and asked a city official to change a \$100 bill for him. Folks here figured Jim rode inside just that one time, out of curiosity.

Walker, national democratic chairman and returned only with the announcement that the administration as such would not take part in 1944's local politics.

This followed closely Mann's October statement which was definitely New Dealish and the visit to Texas of Vice-President Henry A. Wallace whom Mann greeted personally but whom Stevenson welcomed only by telegram.

It was generally agreed that Stevenson was in a strong trading position in his relations with the national administration, and was making the most of it. Since he is titular head of the party in Texas, it was reasonable to assume that his wishes would prevail in regard to the Texas delegation to the national convention, whether it would go instructed or uninstructed for presidency and vice-presidency. Not until precinct and county conventions are held will there be tangible indications on this score.

There was a considerable movement during the year to

send a delegation instructed by Speaker Sam Rayburn as vice-president. Stevenson himself disclaimed any ambitions along this line. But said he would accept such nomination on the national ticket if it were offered, regardless of whom was the presidential choice.

Wendell Willkie, who has a good many friends among Texas democrats, made a swing through the state, courting them but principally meeting with republican leaders. Few persons believed the republicans entertained any serious notions of swinging Texas in 1944.

Democratic leaders were worried about the negro vote. Chairman George Butler of the state executive committee tentatively suggested that a return to the convention nominating system might be desirable in the event the U. S. Supreme Court rules in a pending case that negroes be permitted to vote in Texas primaries where there are candidates for the national congress.



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Colleges Of Texas Have Felt The Harsh Impact Of War

By NELSON FULLER Associated Press Staff

Uninformed men and women through Texas campuses today. Russian is taught tongue-tied students at the University of Texas.

Enrollments have drastically shifted, up or down, at nearly all seats of higher learning. These are some outward effects of the profound change war brought to Texas colleges and universities, and of how these schools faced up to the fact of war by joining wholeheartedly in its prosecution. The year 1943 saw the new system working smoothly.

When peace comes there will be more changes, equally fundamental. The college heads already are wrinkling their brows working out the details.

The increasing presence of army, navy and marine trainees—and the corresponding general de-

crease in number of civilian students—were but two phases of war's effect on Texas schools.

Curricula changed. Students could complete a normal four-year course in two years and eight months; engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry were stressed. Courses in occupational therapy and in the Russian and Japanese languages were added. At one university an entire department of undergraduate work in aeronautical engineering was established.

War hit the University of Texas enrollment hard, reducing it from a pre-war peak of more than 11,000 students to 6,900 this winter. Girls outnumber men at the university for the first time since World War I, the number of men students having dropped from approximately 7,500 to 3,270.

Freshmen under 18, upperclassmen studying courses which carry deferment and the army ground

force, air force, navy and marine corps personnel whose number cannot be disclosed, all combine to give Texas A. & M. College its greatest enrollment in history.

Southern Methodist University's enrollment declined 16.3 per cent this year, said Dr. Umphrey Leo, president, while a 30 to 50 per cent drop in registration has been felt in the seven state teachers colleges—Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, North Texas, East Texas, Southwest Texas, Sul Ross and West Texas—R. L. Thomas, chairman of the board of regents for state teachers colleges, reported.

Texas State College for Women at Denton has seen an enrollment increase of 250 over last year to a current registration of 2,272. Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president, said.

President J. R. McLeMore of Paris Junior college reported a 30 per cent decline in enrollment.

At least three institutions—A. & M., S. M. U., and Texas—offer normal four-year courses which under war-time conditions can be completed in less than three years. One new course at TSCW, occupational therapy, was added to prepare graduates to assist in rehabilitation of returning veterans. Russian and Japanese language courses have been added at Dallas college, the evening down-town division of S. M. U.

One hundred new courses related to the war have been catalogued at the University of Texas, including Russian, war industry personnel supervision, war minerals and the inauguration of an entire department of undergraduate work in aeronautical engineering.

The University and Texas A. & M. each has trained some 15,000 workers for war industry through the federally-financed Engineering, Science and Management War Training program in short courses at the schools and in classes established in war plants over the state.

Dotting many a Texas campus are uniforms of various service units. Basic engineering in the Army Specialist Training Program is offered at North Texas and East Texas colleges. Two WAC administrative branches function at Stephen F. Austin and Sul Ross colleges, although both will close in January when current classes graduate. ASTP units in administrative work are offered at Sam Houston, West Texas and Southwest Texas colleges.

At S. M. U. are pre-medical and engineering naval trainees, while A. & M.'s enrollment boost has been due in large part to army ground force, air force, navy and marine corps personnel.

Partially offsetting the University of Texas' enrollment decline are 1,100 navy V-12 engineering and pre-medical trainees, a naval R. O. T. C. unit, a CAA war training flight service and a naval flight training preparatory school. Eighty Curtiss-Wright engineering Cadettes (girls) this month completed a special course and enter the Curtiss-Wright corporation's St. Louis plant as non-professional engineers.

Cootie Hazard Is Eliminated Now

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — The cootie, that persistent, irritating, obnoxious, underwear-loving constant companion of World War I soldier, has been eliminated as a major nuisance of World War II by agricultural researchers.

Homer H. Henney of Colorado State College says the cootie chemical is one of the secret U.S. instruments of warfare, but it was discovered while scientists were experimenting with agricultural insecticides.

The discovery was discussed at a recent meeting of representatives of land grant colleges and universities in Chicago, which heard that the discovery will save the Army hundreds of thousands of dollars by eliminating expensive delousing stations.

"And soldiers will be saved dozens of hours which they otherwise would have to spend reading their undershirts for cooties," says Henney.

With the current taxes in Britain, it would take an income of \$400,000 to yield a net income of \$25,000.

1943 Brought Heavy Damage From Storms

By BRACK CURRY Associated Press Staff

Weather etched an unforgettable place in Texas' memories of 1943.

In mid-summer one of the worst tropical hurricanes in history blitzed the Gulf coast regions from Houston to Port Arthur, killing 21 persons, injuring scores and wreaking \$14,000,000 damage.

For three days in September the coastal area awaited the onslaught of another hurricane which the United States weather bureau predicted would sweep inland with terrific force over the Galveston-Freepoint area.

The disturbance feinted at the coast several times, then plunged northward to dissipate itself in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Striking during a July night with winds registering up to 132 miles an hour, the season's first hurricane vented its worst fury on the Houston-Galveston-tri cities area where mammoth war plants are located.

Galveston, Houston, Port Arthur, Goose Creek, Pelly and Baytown recorded deaths from the disturbance which cascaded 17.67 inches of rain on Port Arthur, 13 inches on Houston.

Ten members of the government-owned hopper dredge Galveston perished when the craft broke up in Galveston Harbor after a terrific pounding against the rocks.

Operations at Houston's throbbing shipyards were halted. Ninety per cent of all structure in Texas City suffered either water damage or destruction. Practically every house and building in Galveston was damaged. Porches were clawed from residences, garages moved from their foundations, trees uprooted. The business district was filled with shattered store windows and tattered awnings.

Some downtown streets in Galveston were filled hip-deep with water from the bay. For a day and a night the city was without power.

The University of Texas Medical school at Galveston lost buildings and equipment.

In Port Arthur boats cruised in downtown streets. Damage was great from high water and wind-smashed windows and buildings. Downpours sent streams on the rise, creating a flood hazard which was dissipated by the cessation of rain after the hurricane pressed inland.

Hard hit were farmers and ranchmen in Harris, Galveston, Brazoria and Chambers counties. Livestock drowned. The upper Texas gulf coast rice crop took a \$12,000,000 beating. The storm badly mauled a portion of the coast's \$50,000,000 wildlife resources.

In the La Porte area about half the piers were scooped up and carted away.

At Ellington Field, army air base near Houston, 22 soldiers were hospitalized, including three injured seriously, and six planes were badly damaged.

In Houston 12,000 telephones were put out of order. Between LaPorte and Houston 25 telephone poles were laid flat.

Water, power, and light facilities were knocked out in the tri-cities—Goose Creek, Pelly and Baytown—and in Galveston.

In the wake of the hurricane the towns of Deer Park, La Porte, Goose Creek, Pelly and Baytown "appeared as though they had taken a bombing," said Capt. E. T. Dawson, game warden for the area.

Red Cross social workers and Volunteers helped rehabilitate families who suffered losses. Men, women and children made homeless when the wind wrecked trailer camps and shacks lived temporarily in school building and city halls.

For rescue and clearance work Houston activated 8,000 air raid wardens. Six thousand boy scouts were mobilized to assist in clean-

States' Rights Vs. Federal Control One Of Big Issues During Past Year

By WILLIAM E. KEYS

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP) — Recurring state-federal conflict — interlarded with laughs—enlivened the Texas-government news front this year.

Showdowns were few, but many a word battle emerged from debate keyed on States' Rights vs. Federal Control.

Opposing ideas arrayed Governor Coke R. Stevenson, Lieut. Gov. John Lee Smith and other state officers against top federal officials including tart-tongued Harold L. Ickes, interior secretary and petroleum administrator for war.

Perhaps the climax was a Smith-Ickes correspondence debate over a reduction in gasoline coupon values.

Wrote Ickes in a reply to a Smith protest:

"As you go vociferously forth, draped in the outer garments of patriotism and the underwear of self interest, please remember that our tanks and trucks and jeeps cannot burn as fuel the crocodile tears that you shed."

Replied Smith: "We'll never win this war with anybody's crocodile tears—mine or yours. And most assuredly our planes, tanks and jeeps will not run on the type of gas which you so frequently generate, apparently under a wartime production schedule."

Less acrimonious but no less persistent was Governor Stevenson's opposition to federal directives, especially those on rationing. Born and reared in the vastness of West Texas, he doesn't like the gas, gasoline and meat restrictions, contending blanket regulations for the nation are not suited to Texas' essential needs.

He stood pat on a maximum speed proclamation for 45-mile an hour driving, giving no official recognition to a 35-mile national directive of a federal bureau. The statutory speed limit in Texas remains at 60 miles at day and 55 at night for private cars.

Stevenson campaigned against meat slaughter quotas, a limitation that was lifted, even if only temporarily, late this year. The governor contends that a retail price ceiling is the only regulation needed for meat and that the demand will provide meat for all. When gasoline rationing extended to the southwest the governor fought successfully for allowing debris.

The war production board, relaxing priority regulations temporarily, rushed building materials to the stricken area to facilitate reconstruction.

construction of a natural gas pipeline from South Texas to West Virginia. The line is building.

Up in Washington Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, still plugging for less Johnson grass and more smokestacks in Texas joined the gas export opposition. In Washington and in some of his home visits he lambasted the entire setup of federal bureaus as undemocratic and dictatorial.

Stevenson, Smith, O'Daniel and even Ickes jointly favored an increase in the price of oil.

Smith gave Ickes credit too but added:

"Your efforts were nullified, however, by the frown of your sister bureaucracy, the OPA."

Approximately half the anti-mony used in the U. S. in recent years was salvaged from old battery plates, cable sheaths and other refuse.

Enemy Aircraft Pictures Rival Pin-Ups

CAMP POLK, La. (AP) — A reconnaissance company is divorcing pin-up art in favor of homemade posters of enemy aircraft, the idea being that they are more likely to come in contact with a Focke-Wulf than with Betty Grable, and that not even a Focke-Wulf in sheep's clothing can fool the man who's sketched and painted one.

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