



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

HOLIDAY BUYING BRISK DURING LAST FEW DAYS

Holiday purchasing and the usual Christmas rush has been in full swing in Wheeler during the past several days and the volume of business of retail stores has been on an upward trend since the first of December.

Most people of this community are trading at home this year. A wide selection of good merchandise offered by local merchants and prices that compare favorably with those in neighboring towns has had probably more to do with the "buy at home" movement than gas rationing.

Adverse weather conditions have delayed the harvest of the shorter than normal cotton crop this year, but buying has been brisk in spite of the farmer's limited income and merchants, in some cases, have been unable to get enough merchandise for their prospective customers.

The volume of mail handled by the local post office is the largest in its history.

Commercial Vehicle Owners Must Have Tires Checked by Jan. 15

Owners of commercial vehicles are reminded that all tires must be inspected by stations designated by War Price and Rationing Boards before January 15, 1943. Certificates of war necessity is dependent on approved tire inspections, making of repairs inspector finds necessary to insure proper conservation. Trucks cannot legally operate after January 15 without this.

Purpose of the periodic tire inspection is to insure proper tire conservation. If an inspector finds that a tire needs repairing to insure maximum service, he will withhold his endorsement of the Certificate of War Necessity or record form covering operations of the vehicle until the repairing has been done.

If he finds any mechanical condition causing undue wear, he likewise will recommend the necessary repairs and will not sign the operator's certificate until they have been made.

Book I Deadline Extended

Please be advised that the deadline for issuing War Ration Book No. 1 has been extended to January 15. Adverse weather in some parts of the region, excessive work load on local boards, and desire to be of utmost service prompted this decision.

Grocers Must Make Report

Retail and wholesale grocers are advised that they must secure form R-1202 from the local rationing board and make report of coffee they had on hand as of midnight November 21. Most grocers and dealers have submitted forms that are copies of the form required. These businesses must re-make and file their reports on correct form. These forms may be had by calling at the office in Wheeler or at the Douglas Hardware in Shamrock.

Helen Hise Blake, Secretary, Wheeler County War Price and Rationing Board.

BOARD WARNS TRAFFIC VIOLATORS

American motorists are warned that if they violate any traffic regulations in keeping with gasoline rationing, such as driving more than 35 miles per hour, driving without a license, or while intoxicated, that they are liable to lose their C or B ration book, or perhaps they will be denied the right to purchase tires and tubes. The public has been told this many times through the press, but as yet they don't seem to realize just how the whole thing works out.

Therefore, local rationing boards would like to explain to the public that it matters not where the violation occurs. After a person is convicted of a traffic violation the police department sends a notice of such conviction to the local rationing board where it is kept on file against the offender. It is a simple matter to trace an automobile to its place of registration by the license number.

So, everyone should bear in mind that if you have been convicted of a violation anywhere in the United States that your local board has a record of that infringement. Therefore, play safe. Be good Americans and abide by the emergency regulations. You will be the winner.

WHEELER STORES WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

According to custom, Wheeler stores and business places will be closed all day Friday in observance of Christmas. Inquiry at several retail establishments today revealed such intentions. Drug stores, cafes and service stations are excepted, of course. Other places to be closed are the county offices, the bank and post office, the latter being open for mail delivery only a short time in the early afternoon.

VICTORY TAX IN EFFECT SOON

Beginning with January 1, 1943, and to continue until the war is won, employers must deduct the 5% Victory Tax from their employee's earnings in excess of \$12.00 weekly; \$26.00 semi-monthly or \$52.00 monthly, respectively, according to how the employee is paid. This tax is in addition to the regular income tax.

If you are in military or naval service, a casual laborer, a farm laborer, or a domestic servant, no Victory Tax will be deducted from your pay, but everyone whether single, married, or "head of family" who had an income of more than \$624.00 for the year 1943, must file a Victory Tax return not later than March 15, 1944.

Your employer is responsible for withholding your Victory Tax and paying it to the government quarterly, and should give you a receipt for your records of the amount withheld from your pay.

When filing your 1943 Victory Tax return, you are entitled to a post war credit or refund of 25% of your Victory Tax if single, 40% of your Victory Tax if married, 2% of your Victory Tax for each dependent.

The following expenditures made by you may be deducted from your 1943 Victory Tax, which deducted however, cannot exceed your 1943 post war credit.

(1) Life insurance premiums paid by you during 1943 on policies in force on Sept. 1, 1942; (2) Debts paid off during 1943, which were owed before Sept. 1, 1942; (3) War Bonds bought during 1943.

It should be borne in mind that if you make these deductions from your 1943 Victory Tax return, your post war credit is reduced by the amount deducted. If your 1943 Victory Tax return shows the amount of the net Victory Tax to be less than the amount withheld from your salary, you are entitled to reduce your 1943 Income Tax by the difference.

Be sure to keep substantial evidence to prove above deductions. Table showing amount of Victory Tax to be withheld by employer follows:

| For Weekly Payroll Period: | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wages over | Not under | Amt. tax |
| \$ 12 | \$ 16 | \$ 0.10 |
| 16 | 20 | .30 |
| 20 | 24 | .50 |
| 24 | 28 | .70 |
| 28 | 32 | .90 |
| 32 | 36 | 1.10 |
| 36 | 40 | 1.30 |
| 40 | 50 | 1.60 |
| 50 | 60 | 2.10 |

| For Semi-Monthly Payroll Period: | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wages over | Not under | Amt. tax |
| \$ 26 | \$ 30 | \$ 0.10 |
| 30 | 40 | .40 |
| 40 | 50 | .90 |
| 50 | 60 | 1.40 |
| 60 | 70 | 1.90 |
| 70 | 80 | 2.40 |
| 80 | 100 | 3.20 |
| 100 | 120 | 4.20 |
| 120 | 140 | 5.20 |

| For Monthly Payroll Period: | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wages over | Not under | Amt. tax |
| \$ 52 | \$ 60 | \$ 0.20 |
| 60 | 80 | .90 |
| 80 | 100 | 1.90 |
| 100 | 120 | 2.80 |
| 120 | 140 | 3.90 |
| 140 | 160 | 4.90 |
| 160 | 200 | 6.40 |
| 200 | 240 | 8.40 |
| 240 | 280 | 10.40 |

Cecil Clark, owner of the Clark Service Station, is closing out his filling station business this week. Shortage of labor and increased bookkeeping is largely responsible for the discontinuance of the station, it was announced.

Max Wiley came home Wednesday night for a short vacation. He is finishing the first phase of his liaison pilot training at Mangum, Oklahoma.

The SPIRIT of SANTA CLAUS



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

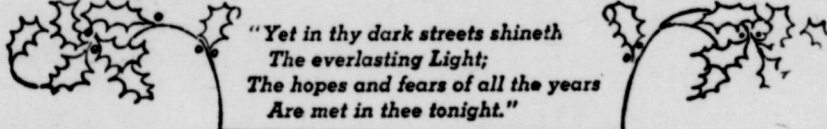
Christmas is the children's feast: has the Master not said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do also unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our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

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

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

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

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



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

Rep Eugene Worley Returns to Capitol

Rep. Eugene Worley left Shamrock Monday, for Washington, D. C. after spending several days in his district. He visited the major portion of his district and last Friday night from Amarillo, talked over KGNC. Rep. Worley planned to remain in the district longer, but received a telegram urging him to return to Washington as soon as possible.

ROGUE THEATRE HAS CHRISTMAS EVE MATINEE

Lee Guthrie, manager of the Rogue Theatre, has announced that the theatre will have a special Christmas Eve matinee this afternoon. The show starts at 2:00 o'clock.

The picture is Flying Fortress, a war picture of conditions existing in Europe today.

Times Wantads—5c a line.

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

RATION BOOKS

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 1—Used for sugar and coffee, will be required to obtain Book No. 2 soon. Those not having Book No. 1 may obtain them from the local board until Jan. 15, 1943.

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 2—To be issued early in 1943 and will provide for rationing on a "point system" instead of on a coupon basis.

MILEAGE RATION BOOKS—Books A, B, and C used for passenger car gasoline; E and R books, for non-highway uses; D, for motorcycles; T for trucks and commercial vehicles.

RATIONED FOOD COMMODITIES

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10 in Book No. 1 good for 3 pounds until midnight, Jan. 31, 1943.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 27 in Book No. 1 (for those 15 or older) good for 1 pound until midnight Jan. 3, 1943.

MEAT—Voluntary share-the-meat program sets limit at 2½ pounds per person per week. Meat will be rationed under the "point system" after Book No. 2 is distributed.

MILEAGE RATIONING

GASOLINE—Value of each coupon in A, B, and C books is 4 gallons. First 8 coupons in A Book are good until midnight Jan. 21, 1943. Those who think they are eligible for supplemental rations should see their local ration board.

TIRE INSPECTORS—All vehicle operators must have official tire inspections by Jan. 31, 1943. Thereafter, A and D (motorcycle) book holders must get inspections each four months. Holders of B and C books must get tires inspected every two months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

TIRES—If official tire inspector recommends a tire replacement or recap, apply to local ration board for tire or recap ration certificate. Tires and recaps will be rationed to all on the basis of tire inspections and county quotas available, with most essential mileage to come first.

OTHER RATIONING

Eligible purchasers needing new automobiles, bicycles, typewriters, rubber footwear, and other commodities on which sales might be restricted should see their local ration board.

KIDDIES ASSURED SANTA WILL VISIT WHEELER THIS AFTERNOON

IT'S A TINY XMAS CARD; WONDER WHO IT'S FROM

At this time of year millions of Christmas greeting cards change hands. There are clever ones, funny ones, serious ones, gaudy ones, some in detail and some more to the point like one received by The Times force this week. It simply said "Merry Christmas," and even though the sender forgot to sign his name, he was sure the card wouldn't be over-looked, for measured dimensions prove it to be 14 inches high and 24 inches wide.

RED CROSS KIT BAG FUND NOW \$101

The local fund for the Red Cross Kit bags has increased to \$101.05. However, a number of pledges have not been received, and anyone who can help in this worthy cause, is urged to leave his or her contribution with Miss Clara Finsterwald, treasurer.

Contributions have been received from Harry Wofford, \$5.00; Terrell Gunter, \$5.00; Dutch Value, \$1.00; S. W. Williams, \$1.25; Mrs. J. C. Moore, \$1.00; Mrs. Seidig, \$1.00; Mrs. Jim Risner, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, \$2.50; Helen Green, \$1.00; Blanche Grainger, \$1.00; Clara Finsterwald, \$1.00; Mrs. C. B. Witt, \$1.00; Shamrock Coca Cola, \$5.00; Leona Crossland, \$1.00; Willetta Smith, \$1.00; Inez Kennedy, \$1.00; Ina Fay Robison, \$1.00; Doris Forester, \$1.00; Mrs. Jno. Barr, \$1.00; Mrs. Buck Britt, \$1.00; Mrs. Sylvia McCracken, 50c; Mrs. Artie Lee Hunt, \$1.00; Mrs. Ira Passons, \$1.00; T. M. Britt, \$5.00; Clare Garrison, \$1.00; Mary Eunice Noah, \$1.00; Mrs. Max Wiley, \$1.00; Mrs. Elsie M. Hood, \$1.00; Mrs. C. C. Crowder, \$1.00; Miss Pauline Irons, \$1.00. The proceeds from the two 42 parties totaled \$52.80, which is included in the grand total of \$101.05.

The local chapter is responsible for the filling of 400 kits and each kit costs a little over one dollar.

Thirty Eight-Year Old Boys Register

Cliff Weatherly, clerk for the local selective service board, reported yesterday that the board has received notice of thirty registrations of Wheeler county youths who became eighteen years of age during the last half of this year. It is probable that several more than this have registered since registrations at Keller, Mobetie, Allison, Kelton, Briscoe and Shamrock are reported only once weekly.

Registration will continue for boys who reached their 18th birthday this year as follows:

Today, Thursday, is the last day for registration for those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924. Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, will register on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942.

SOLDIER'S NIGHTMARE CAUSES LEAP; DAMAGES BOTH ARM AND WINDOW

W. H. White, local hotel operator, encountered an unusual experience last Saturday night. Early that evening he rented a room to a young soldier and a little past midnight Mr. White was awakened by the crashing of glass and upon investigation found that his soldier guest had jumped through an upstairs window, opening on the porch.

The soldier, who was chasing Hirohito and Hitler in his dreams, was taken to the Wheeler Hospital, where a number of stitches were necessary to close arm wounds caused by the broken glass. Sheriff Swink then took him to Pampa, where he is stationed at the Air Base.

Joe Tilley, manager of the Wheeler Poultry & Egg, was a business visitor in Shamrock Tuesday.

Treats Are in Store for All Children

The announcement appearing in last week's issue of The Times regarding Santa Claus' visit to Wheeler has been confirmed and the jolly old fellow is scheduled to arrive here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday).

As has been the custom on his annual visit for the past several years, there will be treats for all children 14 years of age and under, and shortly after his arrival in town, he and his helpers will begin distribution of the treats.

Santa's visit and the treats he will distribute are made possible through the generosity of Wheeler business and professional men who are cooperating in this manner in showing their appreciation for the patronage afforded them during the past year.

Lions C. J. Meek and Harry Wofford are to be complimented on their efforts in the supervision of Santa's visit this year. Meek is helping Santa with all arrangements of handing out the big sacks of treats to the kiddies, and Wofford is credited with making the rounds seeing all the merchants and others who have contributed loyally for the Christmas event.

Firms, business and professional men and women and others contributing to the Christmas fund this year and who urge that all boys and girls attend the Christmas party are listed as follows:

Clark's Service Station, \$1.00; Wheeler Wholesale Company, 1.00; Joe Tilley, 1.00; Rufus Dodgen, .50; Puckett's Cash Store, .50; Cleoro Smith Lumber Company, 3.50; T. M. Britt, .50; A. B. Crump, 1.00; Citizens State Bank, 2.50; Farmers Cooperative Gin Co., 2.50; C. J. Meek, 1.00; Clay Food Store, 2.50; Ernest Lee, 2.50; M. McIlhenny, 1.50; O. Nations, .50; Jacob's Cafe, 1.00; Fred Farmer, 1.00; Nash Appliance, 1.50; R. F. Store, 2.00.

Jim's Cafe, 1.00; Permanent Wave Shop, .75; H. E. Young, 1.00; H. M. Wiley, 5.00; Levi Reid, .50; City Drug Store, 2.50; J. C. Woodridge Lumber Co., 1.00; Russ Dry Goods, 5.00; McDowell Drug Store, \$2.50; D. A. Hunt, 2.00; Homer Moss, 2.00; Harry Wofford, 2.00; T. L. Gunter, 2.00; Artie Lee Hunt, 2.00; Jess Swink, 2.00; R. H. Forrester, 1.00; Southwestern Public Service Company, 5.00; Wheeler Times, 2.50. Total, \$74.25.

District Court Ends Fall Term Here Monday

Following discharge of the grand jury Monday of this week the fall term of district court came to an end without any cases being tried by jury during the entire term, probably the lightest in the history of the county.

Two divorces were granted Monday and the jury commission met and selected jurors for the next term of court.

The grand jury's report reads as follows:

The grand jury of Wheeler county, Texas, for the November term, 1942, with Carl McPherson having been appointed as foreman, makes the following report:

We have investigated all matters presented to us by the officers of this county and have returned three bills of indictment, one being for theft and two for murder without malice.

We have been in session four days during this term of court.

We find that there has been very few violations of a felonious nature during the past several months.

We respectfully request that we be permitted to adjourn for the term.

O. C. McPherson, Foreman.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Monroe Seitz, Mobetie, underwent a major operation Dec. 12.

Mrs. R. F. Wofford of Twitty, underwent a major operation Dec. 13. Vera Lee Woodruff underwent a major operation Dec. 15.

Jane Ann Zybach of Gageby underwent a tonsillectomy Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gunter of Pampa are the parents of a son, born Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elmore are the parents of a son, born Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Allen are the parents of a daughter, born Dec. 22.

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If, as a writer suggests, women's sentiments are expressed by their clothes, they appear to have been becoming less and less sentimental during recent years.

The majority of American citizens will say "Amen" to the following quotation from a New York Times editorial:

"The quickest way to increase man-power is to increase man-hours. We must increase the national working week to an average of not less than 48 hours. What even counts more than man-hours as such is the total productivity of labor within those hours. We must end the feather-bed practices built up by the unions, the make-work, the unnecessary jobs. We must increase the efficiency of labor, management and organization. These are some of the things we must do before resorting to compulsory labor service, with the tremendous problems this presents."

Specifically, examples of "feather-bed" practices referred to by the Times, are rules and practices that limit production, such as extremely short hauls between division points on railroads which under present contracts, constitute a full day's work for the train crew, the limitations of soft coal miners to 35 hours per week, and the restrictions on most effective utilization of labor in the construction field in building trades contracts, which require the services of three or four men to do the job one could do more quickly alone.

There is no use in longer trying to dodge the fact that the length of the work week and rules and regulations that restrict maximum individual output, are today the heart of the manpower problem.

When most individuals in the land, and when every soldier in uniform has given up his normal living standards for the duration to help win the war, it is indecent, to say the least, for any group in this nation to use its power to try to maintain pre-war privileges and "feather-bed non-production" at the expense of our armed forces and the taxpaying public.

Good luck has a habit of always butting in while a man is hard at work.

A poster recently issued to retail merchants by the food rationing division of the Office of Price Administration, tells the consumer in words and pictures how to get coffee. The merchants are displaying these posters in thousands of stores throughout the land. They are doing their level best to make coffee rationing a little less onerous to the public.

Consumers who become impatient with the red tape in which necessities of life are now wrapped, have only to look at the coffee poster again—the backside. There they can see a little of the red tape which the merchant must unravel before he can enjoy the privilege of serving his customers. In this case it is merely the requirements to be complied with if the retailer is to restock a few bags of coffee. Other requirements which the merchant must

ROGUE THEATRE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The management and personnel of the Rogue Theatre wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere desire that each and every one of you enjoys a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year holds in store for you all that your heart may desire.

THE GUTHRIES.

BEERY'S BEST!

He's back in the saddle again

—in—

"JACKASS MAIL"

—featuring—

Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main
Fri. Dec. 24-25 Sat. Mat.

Bud Abbott

Lou Costello

—in—

"PARDON MY SARONG"

—with—

Virginia Bruce Robert Paige
Nann Wynne Left Erickson
Sunday Matinee begins at 2:00 p. m.
Pre-Sun.-Mon. Dec. 26-27-28

HUMPHREY BOGART

goes into action for Uncle Sam
as he travels—

"ACROSS THE PACIFIC"

Wed. Dec. 30-31 Thurs.

CUT THAT ROPE!



Do you have to pay an income tax? If so, and if you have some money on hand, you can buy "A" Tax Notes now and use them in '43 in paying your income tax (because these notes yield interest), you can thereby save a little on your income tax. This is just one of the securities being offered in the Victory Fund campaign. Individuals, businesses and associates will find such a variety on sale that the particular needs of each investor can be served. Let's do our part to finance the war; see the banker in your town—he'll be glad to advise you.

In this holiday season, the newspaper classic, "Is There a Santa Claus?" again becomes timely. Frank P. Church of the New York Sun wrote the article in reply to the letter of an 8-year old girl. The letter and the immortal answer follow:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?—Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if here were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

meet if he is to stay in business are so manifold and complex that the simplest of transactions has become a grim undertaking. Price fixing, quality and quantity of goods are all subject to complicated restrictions affixed with heavy penalties for violations. A \$10,000 fine and ten years in prison is a prominent tag on most of the laws. The public seldom sees these evidences of the growing handicaps on retail distribution. Unexcelled service is taken for granted, even as modern mass distribution is taken for granted.

A lot of behind-the-scenes hard work and competence is needed to keep hundreds of thousands of clean wholesome merchandising centers operating at top efficiency. And anything that slows that efficiency unnecessarily, cuts directly into our standard of living.

This is not to say that wartime regulations are not essential. It is simply an expressed hope that the already formidable task of feeding and clothing the nation will not be made more formidable by the failure to realize that a smooth working distribution system is vital to the war effort.

Pertinent Paragraphs from Panhandle Press

Items of interest culled from newspapers on the Times' exchange list.

A bit of advise that is going the rounds this season is to buy toys suitable for the child's age and not buy him toys that will please father. Many children are too young to enjoy mechanical toys that interest father. Christmas toys are for children and if dad wants something to play with, see that Santa brings him something for himself.—The McLean News.

Sincere and even bitter may be our differences with the President, over economic problems, but few of us can resist the thrill of admiration for him as war leader.

Knowing how he loves the joy of big time politics, we know how great must have been the temptation to hit back in the recent campaign, as his party was charged with losing the war, even in the moment when the greatest of our military moves was being made.

But the Commander-in-Chief of our forces never by word or hint gave an inkling of what he knew to be the great war news that would turn the tide.

Soldier Roosevelt let the gains of Political Leader Roosevelt be smashed on the rocks of adversity while he stuck to the job of landing troops in Africa. Well fought, Soldier Roosevelt, and a very sincere salute to your moral courage.—Bill Rutherford in The Moore County News.

Only a few days ago it looked like Rommel would take all of North Africa. The tide has changed and now Rommel's ragged band will be wiped out in a few days or few weeks. Only a few weeks ago a lot of Americans were cussing the English for retreating before superior numbers. The Germans have never fought a defensive war. So long as they can win, they win in a big way. When they start to lose, they are defeated in a big way. However, the fact must be kept in mind that after the Huns are driven back into Europe, they have fortifications which will be hard to take. The United Nations will

have the distinct advantage of thousands of miles on which they may attack at their own convenience, and Hitler will have to be ready to defend all sectors. We have shown that the United Nations can organize a large scale offensive and put it over successfully. There will probably be no more easy jobs like the one in Africa, but from now on the United Nations will choose the point of attack and Hitler will have to do the defending.—The Canyon News.

There is a very narrow margin between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out.



Christmas again! And we thought it would never come! Sixty joins hands with twenty and none escape the spell. We join in the general rejoicing as 1942 nears its end, and a very Merry Christmas to you!

Allen Kavanaugh
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



The holiday spirit of 1942 rules the land today. It is King of all, despite the wars of men.

May we take this brief, but sincere, time to wish you the happiest Holiday Season possible.

BOWEN IMPLEMENT COMPANY

W. E. BOWEN, MANAGER

SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO ALL THOSE WE HAVE KNOWN AND SERVED DURING THE PAST YEAR. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE WE SEND THESE GREETINGS. LET US SERVE YOU AGAIN IN 1943 AS SATISFACTORILY AS WAR TIME CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT

Southwestern Public Service Co.
PANHANDLE DIVISION

FRED ASHLEY ARLIE LEE DEWARD WOFFORD
AARON WILLIAMS

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. LOYD RICE, Preacher

Sunday Bible Classes10 a. m.
Preaching and Communion 11 a. m.
Evening Preaching7:30 p. m.
Wed. Eve Bible Class7:30 p. m.
Let us be busy in the service of the Lord.

METHODIST CHURCH

WAYNE COOK, Pastor

Church School10 a. m.
Morning Worship11 a. m.
Youth Fellowship6:45 p. m.
Wednesday Service7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

O. O. HOLLADAY, Pastor

Sunday School10 a. m.
Preaching Services11 a. m.
Training Union7 p. m.
Evening Services8 p. m.
Wednesday Service8 p. m.

BRISCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

W. M. WOOD, Pastor

Sunday School11 a. m.
Preaching12 m.
B. T. U.7:30 p. m.
Preaching8:15 p. m.

Briscoe-Allison Circuit

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REV. R. A. SALSER, Pastor

1st Sundays, Allison—
Morning Service11:00 a. m.
Evening Service7:30 p. m.
2nd Sundays, Briscoe—
Morning Service11:00 a. m.
Evening Service7:30 p. m.
3rd Sunday—
Washita11:00 a. m.
Gageby12 noon.
Allison7:30 p. m.
4th Sundays—
Gem11:00 a. m.
Briscoe7:30 p. m.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

In the midst of Iceland's preparation to defend herself against possible invasion from Europe, the foundations of a new Protestant cathedral have just been laid in the town of Reykjavik, now boasting a population of 39,000. The cathedral will be in the center of the business section of the town. Funds for the completion of the structure are being raised not only throughout Iceland, but among friends in Denmark.

The Protestant Episcopal Church has decided to hold its next General Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, from October 5 to 13—being one of the briefest sessions in its history because of the war situation. Also, because of the war, there will be no special conferences, mass meetings, institutes, or exhibits, such as usually accompany the Convention, but provision will be made for a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary and for a Convention of Youth.

Under the direction of Bishop Y. Y. Tsu, Chinese leader of the Protestant Episcopal Church in West China, a new mission has been started by the Rev. T. L. Song in Yunnan Province near the western end of the Burma Road, among the Min-Chia, a tribe

of some 300,000 people who are aboriginal inhabitants of this region and are now neighbors of thousands of Chinese church people who migrated recently from eastern China because of war conditions. Two houses and a farm have been rented as the first church among these rural tribespeople.

"Training children and girls has been the chief joy of my life," says Miss Ella M. Fieger, who has "mothered" some 20,000 Pittsburgh girls and women during her 36 years of active service as a deaconess of the Methodist Church. As director of Women's and girls' work at the Pittsburgh Goodwill Industries for the past 25 years, from which position she has just retired, she has acted as "parent, teacher, grandparent, nurse and advisor." During this time she has taught thousands to knit, sew and crochet, many of whom have sent their own children to her for instruction in later years. Pittsburgh-born, Miss Fieger sensed the needs of her home city and in Sunday-school teaching, class work, personal counseling and visitation in the homes, has contributed much in service to make her native city a better place in which to live.

Because no medical man is available for the post, the Rev. C. Bertam Rappe, of Chicago, missionary of the Methodist Church in Chungking, West China, is serving as superintendent of the Methodist Union Hospital in that city, while the surgical and medical work is carried on by Chinese doctors and nurses. The Hospital is carried on in three widely separated places. Within the city limits is the old hospital, used as a clinic and receiving ward; patients gladly stay in its doorless and windowless rooms until they can be moved elsewhere in an ambulance donated by Madame Chiang Kai-shek; six direct hits by Japanese bombs have ruined the buildings, but not the service. Twenty-one babies were born in two months in a dugout of this compound during air raids. In a suburb of the city is the Emergency Hospital, and

the surgical department where air raid victims are cared for. In a mountain retreat, 20 miles outside the city, the Hospital has set up bamboo and plaster buildings caring for 150 in-patients. A recent improvement is a delivery and operating room deep underground.

Ever since the Japanese army began its invasion southward and westward into central China, a number of missionary and government universities and colleges have "migrated" ahead of the enemy, and many of them are now on campuses in Chengtu, Chungking, and elsewhere in Free (West) China. Practically every campus in the west houses two to four schools, some of which have moved hundreds of miles with their faculties and parts of their student bodies. Now comes word from the National Christian Council of China that Yenching University (formerly of Peking or Pieping) is opening a new center in Chengtu; that the Law School of the University of Soochow is moving to Chungking; that Canton Theological College is to work in cooperation with Lingnan University at Pingshek. Of the trials of migration, Principal Kunkle, of Canton Theological College, says: "The truck we finally secured was in very bad condition. We have been using

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENTERTAINED BY TEACHERS

Mrs. J. L. Gilmore and Mrs. J. M. Porter entertained their Sunday School classes Tuesday evening in the home of the latter. Mrs. W. W. Adams' class members were additional guests.

Games furnished a part of the evening's entertainment; Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Porter each gave a reading and at the close of the program, the group enjoyed an exchange of gifts.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Crowder, Bryant, Green, Farmer, McIlhenny, Hubbard, Callan, Hampton, Johnston, Hutchison, McCleskey, Gilmore, Flanagan, Robison, Nicholson, Clay, Davidson, Meek and Porter.

Earl Gilmore, a student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilmore.

vegetable oil and our load is too heavy. We were 17 days in a little mountain village of four houses, waiting for parts to replace broken machinery. We were walking up a steep grade when the truck got out of control and landed in a bank. Fortunately no one was injured."

DOW WILSON LISTED ON ACC HONOR ROLL

Dow Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilson of Briscoe, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College, which has been compiled by the registrar from the second six week's reports. This honor roll is composed of students who are in the upper ten per cent of the class in one or more courses.

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Mrs. H. S. Hutchins came last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley. Her husband, Lt. Hutchins, finished his flight training at the Lubbock Army Flying School December 11 and was transferred to Long Beach, California.

Mrs. G. O. McCrohan visited Tuesday in Wheeler with friends enroute to Denver from Bomarton, where she was called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. S. L. Phillips, who is somewhat improved.



YES, there IS a Santa Claus. There were times during this year of 1942 when we had begun to doubt it, and no doubt YOU had begun to doubt it, but now, when the Christmas spirit steals over the land we know that the Christmas story is true and that Santa Claus will come again, as he has always done. And so, with this cheering thought, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

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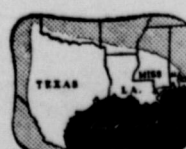
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MOBEETIE HAPPENINGS

(By Times Correspondent)

Mrs. Clarence Lee and daughters, Mrs. Bill Dart and Mrs. Jim Hathaway and son Roy, who have been living in the Mountain View community, are moving to their home in Mobeetie this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Beck of Borger, visited in the M. S. Beck home, Monday night.

Mrs. Leeta Coleman and daughter, Kathryn Ann of Borger, and Mrs. Tom Arnold of Dumas, are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ing, and other relatives and friends in Mobeetie this week.

Miss Mary Groom was in Pampa, Saturday night.

Miss Geardean Sims of Pampa, visited relatives and friends in Mobeetie over the week end.

Miss Augusta Matthews is in Perryton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Matthews, and other relatives and friends during the holidays.

Dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway Sunday were: Mrs. Arlie Jeffus and Arlette, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Greenhouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Greenhouse and family, St. Sgt. William E. Greenhouse, Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Hathaway and Mrs. Ethel Johnson of Harrison, Arkansas. Sgt. Greenhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Greenhouse, and brother of Mrs. Hathaway, arrived about the first of December from overseas, after seeing action on several occasions, and reached Mobeetie on Dec. 14. He will report for duty in San Diego, California, on January 7.

Mrs. Arthur Carmichael, who is attending school in Chickasha, Oklahoma, arrived Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller.

Stanley Beck of Magic City, who has been visiting in Mobeetie for the past week, returned to his home Friday night.

Mrs. Belle Red of Amarillo visited in Mobeetie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of Wheeler visited in Mobeetie Sunday.

H. E. McCarley of Pampa was in Mobeetie Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Zell and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Mixon and children, moved to Pampa last week where Mrs. Mixon is employed.

A community affair of singing Christmas carols will be held Thursday evening. All young people are invited. It will consist of a hayride and serenading of both old and new towns.

Mrs. F. H. Waldrop of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ted Ewing and Rev. Ewing, during the Christmas holidays.

A Christmas program, under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Flanagan, consisting of a choir singing Christmas songs, a duet by Misses LaRue Flanagan and Vera Mixon, a solo, "Star of the East," by Miss Mary Belle Heare, and a quartet, "First Noel," was given Sunday evening at the Baptist Church. Mrs. Ruth Ewing, assisted by Mrs. Jack Davis at the piano, played the cello for the offertory, which will be given to the orphan's home as a Christmas offering. Mrs. Davis was pianist for the evening and members of the Methodist Church were guests of honor. The program was concluded with the song, "Joy to the World," sang by the congregation. The Methodist Church, in turn, is giving a short miscellaneous program Wednesday evening, including a Christmas tree and gifts for the kiddies, at which the Baptists are to be guests.

A very Merry Christmas to all!

Now is a good time for all business men to take a good look at the last syllable in industry.

And speaking of dollars reminds us that a dollar is the only thing we know of that goes faster after it is broken.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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And now let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas in 1942.

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Spirit of Christmas, 1942



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

MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS

(By Times Correspondent)

Mrs. E. V. Herd and Neil and Imogene were shopping in Pampa Wednesday.

Monroe Seitz had an operation on his foot Sunday.

Wendell Seitz has a bad case of tonsillitis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tabor visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Roberts.

Those visiting in Pampa from this community Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz, A. B. Lancaster and son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams.

E. V. Herd was in Wheeler on business, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carter and son Joe, spent Sunday with the E. V. Herd family.

Mrs. O. W. Elliott of Pampa is quite ill and her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Seitz, is with her.

Jimmie and Sandra Coward spent last week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Durham of Twitty. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward, visited in Twitty Sunday and brought them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway and Mrs. Marvin Roberts were shopping in Pampa, Thursday.

EARL HOWARD GILMORE IS MEMBER OF ALPHA CHI SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

Earl Howard Gilmore of Wheeler is one of the 84 Texas Technological college students chosen this fall for membership in Alpha Chi, national honorary scholarship society. Qualifications for membership include scholastic rating in the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior classes, and outstanding qualities of leadership.

Earl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilmore and is enrolled at Tech as a senior chemical engineer.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Gearldine Williams and sister, Patsy, came home Saturday from Amarillo. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Williams, met them in Pampa.

Bill Dart left for Higgins for the Ft. Sill Induction Center via bus last Friday after having passed his physical examination at Lubbock the previous week. His wife will be at home with her mother, Mrs. Clarence Lee, in Mobeetie for a few days before getting work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shearer and son David were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trout and Mrs. C. S. Bright, Saturday.

Miss Betty Finsterwald arrived Saturday from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her father, A. Finsterwald, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. J. Dyer and daughter, Margaret Helen, are visiting in Granbury, Texas, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington and his father, W. E. Pennington, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Risner, visited Sunday in Ft. Sill, Okla.

Betty Riley arrived from Canyon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Riley near Briscoe.

Allan Kavanaugh, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays in Wheeler and in Shamrock, where he will visit his mother.

Mrs. Sadie Pollard made a business trip to Pampa last Thursday.

Mrs. Stella Wheeler of Shamrock, transacted business in Wheeler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashley and son, Oscar, were Shamrock visitors, Monday morning.

Mrs. Albert Hayter narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday morning when she slipped and fell in the kitchen of her home. She received a badly bruised face and was severely shaken up.

It is as hard for a rich man to enter heaven as it is for a poor man to live on earth.

MOVIE CHATTER

(By a Rogue)

Wallace Beery

For Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25-26, the Rogue Theatre offers Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main in their newest and best picture of all times. Jackass Mail is the story of America when it was young, when men were men, when women were real pioneers, and when the mail was carried by stage coach and often upon the back of the so-called "Bible Horse." Yes, you will see Wallace in a role that fits like a glove, and Marjorie was never better. Regular admission prices will prevail.

Abbott and Costello

For Preview, Sunday, Monday, Dec. 26-27-28, the picture will be Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in Pardon My Sarong. These two boys are holding their popularity as the best comedy team on the screen today. If you have seen them in any of their past hits such as In the Navy, Buck Privates and Ride 'em Cowboy, you will be on hand for the fun-feast of a lifetime when the curtain rises on the preview Saturday night.

Humphrey Bogart

Humphrey Bogart goes into action for Uncle Sam as he travels Across the Pacific in one of the most thrilling stories to come out of Hollywood. This time Bogart is the super-sleuth who is working for the glory of the American flag. You will marvel at the uncanny things he does in order to serve his country as every good American should do. The picture is Across the Pacific and the play date is Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 30-31, at the Rogue.

Christmas Eve Matinee

You may not read this notice in time to do any good, but anyway we are going to have a matinee starting at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Christmas Eve. The picture is Flying Fortress, which made in connection with the R. A. F. and shows actual war conditions as they are in Europe today. It is authentic in every respect. You will witness the blitz on London and other cities. You will actually see the horrors of modern warfare, and will come away a better citizen.

WHAT SAY YOU?

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb: I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth myself; that frustrateth the tokens of liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.—Isaiah 44:24, 25.

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JOWETT JOTTINGS

(By Times Correspondent)

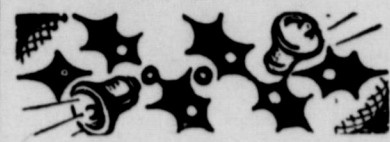
The Red Cross met Tuesday. Those present were Mrs. Bill Finsterwald, Mrs. C. H. Candler, Mrs. H. E. Matthews, Mrs. Ralph Oldham and Mrs. A. J. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bradford of Borger visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Adams.

Joan O'Brien will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Finsterwald and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and Patsy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oldham went to Borger Sunday to visit relatives.



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and a
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I pray thee then
Write me as one that loves
his fellow men.

—Abou Ben Adhem

Let us all write that down,
that our names, too, like Abou
Ben Adhem's, may appear
among the names of those
"whom love of God had blessed."

As 1942 draws to a close
we say

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WOMEN'S CLUBS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

BUSINESS WOMEN GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Mrs. Max Wiley entertained the Business Women's Club Monday evening, December 21, with a lovely Christmas party. After a two-course dinner, the group played bridge. Mrs. Inez Kennedy won high score and Miss Arlie Lee won low score.

The following members and guests were present:

Mesdames Neva Sampson, Artie Lee Hunt, Clare Garrison, Inez Kennedy, R. H. Forrester, C. B. Witt, J. L. Gilmore, H. S. Hutchins, J. T. Dill, Misses Pauline Irons, Melba Wiley, Arlie Lee, Mary Eunice Noah, Ina Fay Robison, Leona Crossland, Helen Green and the hostess. Gifts were exchanged.

STITCH AND CHATTER GROUP MEETS WITH MRS. BOWEN

The Stitch and Chatter Club met December 18 at the home of Mrs. W. E. Bowen for a covered dish luncheon. A gift exchange and Christmas program was enjoyed and in the afternoon officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Those enjoying the holiday party were Mesdames F. J. Noah, H. E. Young, Bob Rodgers, J. F. Witt, W. H. Black, S. P. Hodnett, D. O. Beene, J. D. Johnson, Allie Green, H. H. Walser and the hostess, Mrs. W. E. Bowen.

The club will meet with Mrs. Allie Green, January 5.

MRS. H. E. NICHOLSON IS KAPPA BETA HOSTESS

Mrs. H. E. Nicholson was hostess for the Kappa Beta Club at her home on South Main Street, Friday night.

Following the delicious dinner, gifts were exchanged, and various table games furnished the evening's entertainment.

Those present were Mrs. Ruth Wiley, Mary Eunice Noah, Evonne Hubbard, Ina Fay Robison, Leona Crossland, Helen Green, Elva Willard, Mrs. Bonnie Harmon, Mrs. Lois Helton, Arlie Lee, LaVerne Savage, Mary Helen Jones and the hostess, Mrs. Nicholson.

Johnson-Rust Vows Read December 11

Miss Naomi Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Johnson of Wheeler, became the bride of Tech. Sgt. Claude W. Rust, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rust, of Arkansas, December 11 at 7 p. m. at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in San Angelo. The single ring ceremony was read by Rev. K. P. Barton.

The bride wore a powder blue dress with black accessories. The groom wore full military uniform. Attendants of the couple were Pvt. Harold Johnson, Pvt. Marvin Hubbard, uncle of the bride, and Misses Catherine Brackney and Doris Horan.

Sgt. Rust is stationed at Camp Barkley, Abilene, and Mrs. Rust, who is a granddaughter of Mrs. Ollie Hubbard, will continue as a student nurse at Sanatorium.

RUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HOLDS MEETING

The Ruth Sunday School Class met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. George Porter, Tuesday evening, December 15, for their monthly business meeting and Christmas party. During the business session, the class decided to pack a basket of fruit during Christmas for some family. The theme of the program was "The Christmas Star." During the social hour, various games were played.

Following the gift exchange, refreshments were served to the following: Edna Helen Farmer, Dolores Watson, Hazel Faye Lee, Dorothy Pond, Louise Gill, Virginia Rose Marrs, Margie Esslinger, Coene Carter, Mozell May, Dollie Douglas, Joeline Witt, Betty Richardson, George Gaye Porter, Jo Ann Porter and the hostess, Mrs. Porter.

SUNSHINE CLUB HAS GIFT EXCHANGE AND SHOWER

The Sunshine Club met December 17 with Mrs. Edd Garner for a gift exchange and shower for Mrs. Billy Wayne Wagner.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. G. Davidson, T. M. Bradstreet, G. W. Mason, Lloyd Davidson, Weldon Weatherly, Floyd Davidson, Cliff Mason, Arnold Waldo, Roy Herd, Billy Wayne Wagner, Jess Moore and Misses Juanita Garner, Iva Davidson, LaVerne Cox, Alpha Gaines and the hostess, Mrs. Garner.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Ira Passons, Olen Pendleton, Harold Hill, J. B. Rogers, Claud Cox, W. E. Gaines, Fate Gaines, J. L. Shumate, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Orblee Gaines and Miss Evelyn Mason.

Dear Santa: Bring Present, or Else . . .

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

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

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

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

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"Here is the living tree with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and song and rites of love."

This is a statement attributed to St. Boniface, the English-born apostle of Germany who had saved a young child from sacrifice in the early days when Thor was worshipped by the Germanic peoples. The tree the Saint referred to was a young fir, growing nearby.

Such is just one of the many stories connected with the origin of the Christmas tree. The origin of the Christmas tree custom is obscure, notes Dr. Donald Bond, instructor in English at the University of Chicago, for he can quote authorities claiming the Christmas tree's origin in France, Scandinavia, Egypt, England and also Germany.

Only one of all the legends connects the Christ Child with the Christmas tree. This story goes back to the manger at Bethlehem where trees from all over the world had come to do honor to the new born babe. Very little attention was paid to the diminutive fir by the other more beautiful, statelier, and majestic trees. Suddenly, though, star upon star fell upon the little fir until it shone with all the brilliance of heavenly light.

A Scandinavian tale of woe traces the Christmas tree to that land. Two star-crossed, unhappy lovers dramatically died. From the spot where they died, it is related, a tree grew which on Christmas night gleamed with brilliant lights.

German immigrants to the United States in 1843 are said to have introduced the decorated Christmas tree.

According to claims of historians, the practice of decorating the tree at Christmas time originated in Alsace in 1605. At that time the natives brought fir trees into their homes and decorated them with homemade decorations and sweets.

Despite the origin of the Yuletide tree, the sale of trees has developed into an extensive, profitable business. Likewise, tree furnishings becoming an enormous business in itself. From records available, it has been learned that over 111,000,000 electric Christmas tree bulbs were sold in America every year. Possibly the amount will not be as large this year as last, but you can be sure that Americans will have their Christmas tree with decorations and lights on them.

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

Community Christmas Tree



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

HEALTH OFFICER WARNS AGAINST HANDLING RABBITS INFECTED WITH TULAREMIA

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

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

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

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

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

J. D. HERD TO COMPLETE BOMBARDIER PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING JANUARY 3RD

Word has been received here that J. D. Herd, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Herd, will complete his bombardier pre-flight training at Ellington Field, Texas, January 3, and is to go to an advanced school from there. When he finishes he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Young Herd attended school at Wheeler and has been in the army since Feb. 6, 1941. He transferred to the Aviation Cadets last February.

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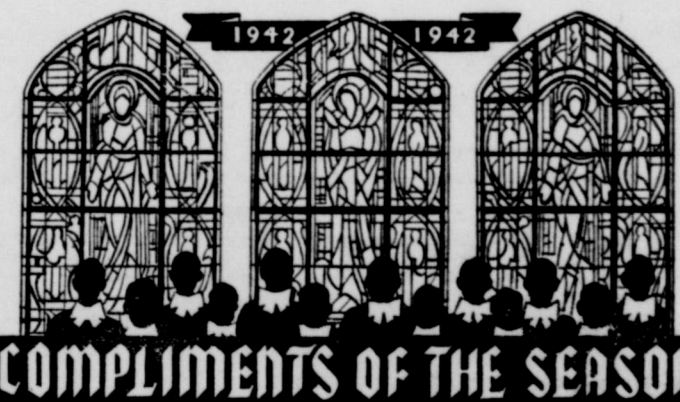
At this time, when common tasks begin to glimmer with new glory, we pause to wish you all the Christmas joys this joyous season can bring.

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The favors you have so generously bestowed upon us during the past year are cause for deep gratitude on our part, and at this glad Christmas season—with a new year soon to begin—we want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks are extended to all whom we have had the opportunity of serving in 1942 and previous years, and we hope our service and efforts have met with your approval to the extent that our pleasant relationship may continue for many years to come.

Finally, the management and employees of this store wish you and yours an abundance of life's richest blessings, including a liberal and overflowing measure of happiness, contentment, peace and prosperity during 1943.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



"Peace on earth—good will toward men" . . . That is our Christmas wish—and that this Yuletide season will bring an abundance of happiness and good cheer to you and yours. . .

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Season's Greetings

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1943 AAA Program Is Geared To War

Failure to plant at least 90 per cent of special crop allotments for cotton, wheat and rice will result in payment deductions at the rate of five times the compliance rate, which means that a farmer's crop payment would be wiped out entirely should he plant only 70 per cent of his allotment. Under certain conditions, however, farmers will be allowed to substitute special war crops or designated feed crops for their allotment crops and still remain in compliance.

Failure to achieve 90 per cent of war crop goals for a farm will incur crop payment deductions at the rate of \$15 per acre, Slaughter said.

"The 1943 program is aimed entirely at getting the maximum production of needed products from the American farm," he declared. "I am certain that Texas farmers will accept and achieve their goals and will contribute their full share towards the agricultural productions we need."

Miss Melba Wiley came Friday from Denton, where she attends school at T. S. C. W., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley.

Wheeler Times Wantads are result getters and cost only 5c a line.



"For Christmas comes But Once a Year"

THANKS,

one and all, for your kindness to us during 1942.

We are closing our place of business due to circumstances beyond our control, but that doesn't keep us from wishing everyone a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SERVICE STATION

War Crops Designated By AAA for 1943

Peanuts for oil and soybeans for beans head the list of farm crops designated as war crops for Texas, the state AAA office has announced.

Other war crops grown in Texas include American-Egyptian cotton, tomatoes for canning, peas for canning, and dry edible beans, and others that may be announced later, George Slaughter, state AAA committee chairman, said.

Production goals for these war crops will be set up for individual farms. Failure to reach at least 90 per cent of goals will result in deductions from AAA production adjustment (commodity) payments at the rate of \$15 for each acre by which the war crop goal for the farm is not reached, Slaughter said.

Although the AAA requires that at least 90 per cent of the allotments of basic crops (cotton, wheat, rice and peanuts) be planted for the farm to earn full production payments, either war crops or essential crops over and above the normal acreage may be substituted acre for acre for the basic crops to earn the payments. The full list of essential crops has not been announced, but it will include corn, oats, grain sorghums, barley and certain other crops.

Peanuts planted in excess of allotments will qualify as war crops to meet production goals and to substitute for cotton, Slaughter pointed out.

To encourage full use of all available cropland under the 1943 program, production adjustments will be made to cooperating farmers.

Rates of payments, based on the normal yield of allotted acres, include: cotton, 1.1 cents per pound; wheat, 9.2 cents per bushel; rice, 3.2 cents per barrel, and allotment peanuts, 5.5 cents per 100 pounds.

In addition to the crop production adjustment payments, farmers will also be able to earn a production practice payment by carrying out specified agricultural practices which improve soil, help prevent erosion and increase yields of needed war crops, Slaughter said.

W. C. NOAH HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

A birthday dinner was given Tuesday, December 21, by Mrs. Frank Noah in honor of her son, W. C.

Those served at the dinner were Bill Cosper, Adrian Risner, Floyd Sheffield, F. B. Craig, Charles Sandifer, John Noah, Frank Noah and the honoree, W. C. Noah, who received many nice gifts.

Bill Wiley arrived Thursday morning from Arlington, where he is a student at North Texas Agricultural College.

Miss Maurine Hunt arrived Tuesday night from Lubbock, where she is a student at Texas Tech College, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Artie Lee Hunt.

Farm Mobilization Day Is Announced

Kick-off of next year's agricultural production program will be staged throughout Texas on January 12.

Proclaimed as national Farm Mobilization Day by President Roosevelt, all farm communities are being urged by the Texas USDA War Board to hold appropriate meetings on the designated day and lay plans for next year's production program.

In county-wide and community meetings, agricultural leaders, farmers and ranchmen will discuss ways and means of insuring maximum production of vital foods needed in the war program, the board said.

"In the president's proclamation, he recognizes the fact that food is just as essential to the war effort as are munitions and that's the way it should be," B. F. Vance, chairman of the board, said.

Immediately following the agricultural meetings throughout the state, the biggest job agriculture has ever undertaken will get under way, Vance said in explaining that every rancher and farmer in the state would be contacted between January 11-31 as to production plans for the 1943 program.

Sign-up of individual farm plan sheets will be conducted by county USDA War Boards in every county and community in Texas.

When all data is completed on Texas' approximate 400,000 farms, the state USDA War Board will have a blue print of next year's anticipated production for the war program, the chairman said.

Plan Sign-Up for Farm Production

Agricultural leaders from all over Texas were scheduled to meet in College Station December 22 to study plans for the 1943 farm production goal sign-up.

Following the state meeting, sub-district meetings will be held at various points in the state to acquaint county USDA war board members with details of the 1943 production program. County war boards and county and community AAA committeemen will conduct the sign-up campaign in January, contacting every farmer in the state.

The farm plan work sheet which will be filled out for every farm will show the number of war units of farm production each is producing. It also will show prospective or immediate needs for fencing, machinery, fertilizer and credit for the farm.

At the same time, the interviewers will take a farm manpower inventory of each farm. This inventory will disclose labor needs on the farm or any excess of labor supply. Information obtained on manpower will be used by the war board in helping solve labor shortages and in informing Selective Service boards concerning deferment of essential farm workers.

The work sheet sign-up and the farm plan sign-up must be completed by February 1, B. F. Vance, Texas USDA War Board chairman, said.

Cotton Marketing Quotas Continued

Eighty-four per cent of the Texas cotton farmers voting in the cotton marketing quota referendum favored using quotas on the 1943 crop, George Slaughter, state AAA committee chairman, has announced.

Virtually complete returns indicate that 89,654 farmers voted "yes" and 16,121 voted "no," Slaughter said.

Since quotas were approved nationally, they will be in effect during 1943. Loans at 90 per cent of parity also will be applicable on next year's crop.

By limiting the number of acres which they can plant to cotton in 1943, farmers are making certain that all available land, labor, equipment and fertilizer will be used to the greatest advantage in the production of more essential war crops, he said.

Capt. Paul Wiley, who has been stationed at Foster Field, Victoria, as assistant adjutant, has been transferred to the Eagle Pass Flying Field, where he will act in the same capacity.

Disillusioned Santa Reveals Everything In Last Appearance

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

As he pulled off his white whiskers wearily, he continued: "Besides, this business of being a jolly old fellow is highly seasonal work. Just a couple of weeks' work in December, then something over 11 months' vacation. It is a good thing I am an electrician. I'd possibly starve to death." (The kids should have heard such heresy!)

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

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

SETTING NEW RECORDS FOR PASSENGER SAFETY

The current record of the railroads for safety to passengers is very much better than it was in 1920, the last previous year in which a correspondingly great volume of passenger service was performed. In 1920 there was only one passenger fatality for each 205 million passengers carried one mile. In the first seven months of 1942 there was only one passenger fatality to each 496 million passengers carried one mile.

Pvt. A. L. Douglas of Camp Carson, Colorado, visited friends and relatives in Wheeler and Shamrock over the week end.

Miss Lura Flanagan of Santa Fe is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Flanagan, and will remain through the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Rupert Faust is also visiting her mother.

Second Lieut. Henry W. (Billy) Hise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hise of Shamrock, visited Tuesday in Wheeler with his sister, Mrs. Helen Hise Blake.



NOTICE

TO OUR MEMBERS AND PATRONS

On account of weather conditions and crop shortage, we have been operating our gin at a loss most of the season, and have been compelled to shut it down for the remainder of the season.

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To all our old friends and acquaintances, and also to the many fine new ones we have made during 1942, we send sincere Christmas greetings and the wish that the holidays will be as happy as possible.

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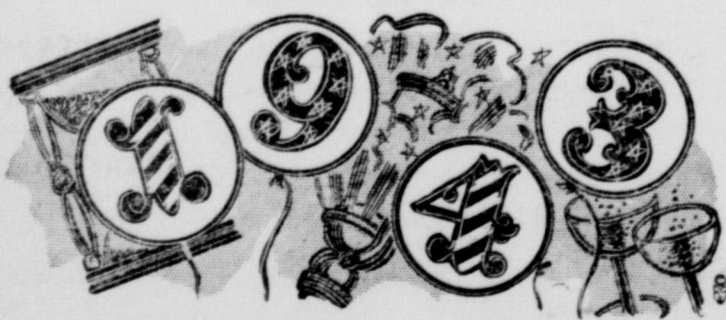
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHEELER GAS COMPANY

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MAX WILEY





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TEXAS

Miss Beulah Hubbard of Amarillo, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ollie Hubbard and family and will remain thru the Christmas holidays.

Lowell Farmer, who is employed by the Cabot Company and located in Pampa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Farmer.



Once again a Christmas! May its message of peace and happiness abide with you throughout the Yule Season of 1942, and carry its benign influence to you and yours.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Dudley Callan returned Thursday night from Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she had spent ten days visiting her husband who is stationed there.

Harold Callan, a student at the University of Texas, Austin, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Callan, for the past ten days and will remain until after the Christmas holidays.

Pfc. Wm. T. McClain came Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. R. L. McClain. He received a telegram Tuesday that his furlough was cancelled and he returned Wednesday to his station at Fort Benning, Ga.

Misses Marcelle Farmer and Margaret Helen Dyer, students at W.T. S.C. Canyon, came home Friday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dyer, respectively. Mr. Dyer drove to Canyon for them.

Max Britt, student of Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt and brother, Sam.

Mrs. Nelson Porter was a Pampa visitor, Thursday.

Miss Louise Britt, a student of Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britt.

Fred Ashley made a business trip to Statford and Dumas last Thursday and returned Friday.

Harry Wofford transacted business in Pampa, Thursday.

Mrs. Glenn R. Walker and Miss Beth Stiles were Pampa visitors Thursday.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, some candy, fruit and nuts. Bring my little brother a big truck and don't forget grandma. Please don't forget big Johnnie.

Charlene and John Henry Ladd.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl only three months old and for Christmas please bring me a rubber doll and a rattle, and don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Your little girl,
Barbara Sandra Wheeler,
Mobeetie, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 18 months old, and because of the war I only want a little red rocking chair, doll, set of three cars, a trailer truck, broom and a chinese horse and lots of fruit, nuts, and candy.

Your little boy,
Jimmy Randall Keeton,
Mobeetie, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want an ice box, a little doll, little piano, typewriter, doll crib, wagon, truck, and I will close hoping you will bring these things.

Cleaven Johnson,
Briscoe, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3½ years old. I have tried very hard to be good and mind daddy and mother. Please Santa, bring me a farm tractor set, auto transport truck, barn yard set, nuts and candy. Please remember all my little pals and especially my uncle who is in the army in Hawaii.

Your little friend,
Jimmy Dewayne Selby,
Mobeetie, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am three years old and have been a good boy. Please bring me a football, wagon, a doll and some candy. Don't forget mother and daddy, please.

Your friend,
Dale Wofford.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good girl. I wish I had a few presents for Christmas. I want a big doll with blue eyes and red hair and a piano. Of course that won't cost much, but I want it, and a Monopoly game and I hope I will get a lot of other gifts that I want that I can not think of and I hope that Santa comes to see me on Christmas Eve and I hope lots of other people get a lot of nice packages too.

Bonnie Ray Tilley.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I may not be such a good boy, but I am sure counting on you bringing me a pair of cowboy boots with rubber heels and a gun with a scabbard, also a desk and a chair. Santa, please be good to the other boys and girls.

Your best friend,
Rondall Cole.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll house for Christmas.

Janet Russ.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. Will you please bring me a truck, wagon and a shovel. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Donald Edward Oglesby.

Dear Santa,
I am a very small girl as this is my first Christmas, but I wish you would bring me a little rubber dolly and a cuddle toy. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Thelma Louise Reed.

Don't waste your time wondering why a black hen lays a white egg—get the egg.

Enemies are friends you make the mistake of losing.

If men had no faith in one another all of us would have to live within our incomes.

Some people don't care whether they are on top of the world or not so long as they can just keep sitting.

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Ancient Yule Customs Still Live in England

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

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

Christian Scientists Support War Relief

BOSTON, Dec. 16. (Sp.) — The Christian Science War Relief Committee of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, which was established in September, 1940, has recently released its second annual report. This shows that it now has more than 1,500 branch units active in the United States of America besides many more in Great Britain, Canada, Australia and the Union of South Africa.

The committee has assembled since Pearl Harbor over 66,000 pounds of durable clothing and bedding, in waterproof, mothproof, wooden cases, at convenient locations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, ready for instant use should emergencies arise because of local enemy action.

More than 32,800 garments have been distributed, through military distribution centers, to men in the United States forces. A large British transport vessel which had arrived from tropical waters and was being repaired at Boston received 100 overcoats for officers. Folding coats have been given to overcrowded seamen's clubs. Civilians arriving in the United States suffering because of war conditions or action have been provided with clothing and other forms of relief. Among them are refugees from the Far East, who landed in California; and merchant seamen rescued from ships torpedoed along the Atlantic coast have been similarly cared for. This work is carried on by the committee without regard to creed or race.

One of the most impressive branches of the work from the start, before America entered the war, has been the distribution of clothing and comforts to bombed-out people in Great Britain and to refugees from Holland, Norway, Russia, Poland, Belgium and other European countries. Clothing has gone direct from Boston to Russia, and knitted goods have been sent there from branches of the committee in England. One example is the preparation, within six weeks, of 1,820 knitted garments for the Russians. Overseas workers have won the commendation and co-operation of local authorities by their prompt arrival on the scene of trouble. In cities heavily bombed, such as Plymouth, Coventry, Bristol and Southampton, they have got there with food and clothing, ready to go to work, even before the "all clear" sounded.

The wide range of the distribution is indicated in the annual report from the United Kingdom. One worker reports that an English physician, "totally bombed," was fitted out with suitable professional clothing by the almoner. A Scottish center states that Commandos who at one time raided the Norwegian islands were equipped on the expedition with comforts from Boston, and that the center provided clothing for the refugees whom the Commandos brought back.

Throughout the entire Christian Science movement workers are making and collecting clothing of all kinds and sending it to the depots, where it is carefully inspected, sorted and packed in waterproof cases for shipment. One of the most recent of the committee's activities has been the sending of weekly food packages to British prisoners of war in Germany and Italy. This can be done according to the Geneva Convention. Only

an occasional parcel has gone astray. Correspondence has been started with many of the prisoners and with their families in England. Some packages have been sent to civilians in Occupied France. It has not been possible to reach prisoners in the Far East.

Figures presented for the two-year period ending the first of October, this year, include over 1,600,000 pounds of clothing and bedding sent to the British Isles, more than 8,700 pounds to Russia, and more than 10,500 pounds to Finland, previous to that country's alliance with the Axis.

The yearly shipment to England from the Boston depot alone has totaled between 4,000 and 5,000 crates, each containing about 200 garments. The loss in shipping has been negligible. During the first year of the committee's operation at least 30,000 people in Great Britain received clothing, food or other comforts, and about 240 were assisted financially. In addition to shipments from the four depots in the states—at Boston, New York, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon—crates have gone forth from Christian Science workers in Canada, Australia and South Africa. In Great Britain alone 300 almoners have been at work distributing relief.

The total value of material in clothing distributed is estimated at \$1,533,300. In addition to this money, gifts have been sent to China and other needy countries, and three motorized canteens have been sent to England; they are located in London, Sheffield and Rochester.

The committee is ready to aid in relieving human suffering caused by

war wherever it can; and it co-operates with many other officially recognized relief agencies when sudden needs arise, readily contributing whatever of its supplies are available.



Being the fine friends and acquaintances you are we would not want to miss this 1942 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings.

A Happy Christmas to You and Yours!

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Now is the time when all of us are more fully conscious of the goodness that should pervade all mankind. Permit us, then, to thank you for your good will in 1942; we wish you all the merriest Christmas possible.

Harry Wofford

COUNTY CLERK

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A representative will be in MOBEETIE on Saturday, January 16, one day only, to receive tax payments. Those wishing to pay on that date may do so at the First State Bank of Mobeetie.

A representative will be in SHAMROCK on Friday and Saturday, January 22 and 23. Those who wish to pay their taxes on these dates may do so at the City Hall.

Persons who have become 21 years of age after Jan. 1, 1942 and before the time the elections are held during 1943, also persons who were not a resident of this state on the 1st day of January, 1942, but have since become eligible to vote by length of residence, must obtain a certificate of exemption on or before Jan 31, 1943, if they desire to vote.

T. L. GUNTER

TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR
WHEELER COUNTY, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS! The Season of Peace since the angel choir was first heard over the fields of Bethlehem! Even amidst the thunder of war the magic of Christmas has, during all the centuries, sent its streams of good will around the world.

During this Season of Peace we wish for you all the rich spiritual joys that are our divine heritage at Christmastime, with an abundance of material blessings, too!

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THE NORTH GIN

FRANK COCKE, Manager

Here Is a Festive Hard Sauce to Go With Yule Pudding

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

Hard Sauce Pinwheels

1/4 cup butter.
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1/2 teaspoon cream
2 teaspoons orange juice
1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind
Orange food coloring

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

ON THE HOME FRONT

Official Press Release from the Office of War Information

While military planning charts the future on battle fronts all over the world, economic strategy on the Home Front is being designed to advance the war at the least possible cost to civilians in discomforts and dislocations. But both are primarily intended to win the war—at whatever cost.

Probably the most important of the Home Front planning now is in agriculture, with every effort bent to meet the huge production goals of food and fiber next year. Meetings with farmers already are being held by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and many more are planned before the start of the planting season, to encourage more acreage of foodstuffs.

In this connection, definite action was taken by the Office of Price Administration to encourage poultrymen to meet the Food-for-Freedom goal of a record production of chickens and turkeys, third to beef and pork in American diet.

Specific price ceilings at wholesale have been issued on all types of domestic fowls at levels slightly higher than have prevailed at any time this year. Fixed margins over net costs for poultry at retail will be provided soon, as has been done for turkeys at retail.

Dollars-and-cents price ceilings also were established on lamb and mutton when sold by packers and wholesalers, as part of a plan to encourage fair distribution of available civilian supplies of meats. The new order cuts lamb ceilings back slightly, but advances mutton about 3 cents a pound over the level at wholesale in the September 28-October 2 "freeze" period.

Adjustments to cover added costs of packaging and transportation also were authorized at some, but not all, wholesale and retail levels for rice, dried fruit and dry edible beans. The OPA said this would allow a slight price rise in some retail stores, but would eventually assure housewives of supplies from low-price, low-margin outlets.

Important to producers and consumers alike also was the OPA action of the last week to relieve local meat shortages. First, beginning December 20, slaughterers were allowed to start delivering meat on their first quota period of 1943. The OPA also established what in effect are monthly quotas for the first quarter of the year to prevent too heavy deliveries early in the quarter such as resulted in acute meat shortages in some areas in December.

While the OPA was coping with meat shortage in control over slaughtering, it should be pointed out that there are no restrictions on the amount of slaughtering done on farms for home consumption. Farmers also may continue to sell home-killed meat up to amounts equal to such sales last year.

In the process of adjustment to a strict wartime economy, details of what has happened to the average family food bill are important. Although price control is effective over most home expenditures, the average family food cost rose by 1.2 per cent between October 13 and November 17. That means that on November 17 every American family was paying \$1.41 for every dollar of average food expenditure for the period of 1935-39.

During this same month, prices of foods directly under price control rose but half of one per cent, chief-

Roving Reporter Checks Oldest Christmas Gifts

In Chicago, a roving reporter for a daily newspaper was given the assignment to go out and ask various persons what were the oldest presents they had saved from past Christmas holidays.

What he learned from a young musician was that when he was 12 years old his parents gave him a red, white and blue decorated snare drum. That very drum started him on his professional music career. The musician said it was more than "just a gift" for it had influenced his whole life.

Then the roving reporter asked a housewife what gift she had saved from her early days. She replied that it was a doll given by her mother. Since her mother is dead, she keeps it in her memory for it has great sentimental value.

Another woman, a "collection correspondent," told the reporter that when she was eight years old an aunt gave her a doll. She, too, as a fitting remembrance of her aunt, has kept the doll even though little of the original remains, having had to replace its head and clothes. It still retains its charm, she said.

Another young man, a cutter by trade, was stopped and asked what he had saved. He said that the Christmas following the death of his mother, his father gave him her ring. He had it made over to fit his finger and has worn it ever since. He has hopes of passing it on to a child of his own.

ly resulting from OPA price adjustments on the basis of increased costs. During the same time, however, prices of foods not directly under price control—mostly fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and fresh fish—rose by an average of 6.6 per cent, and these foods were 21 per cent higher than in May of this year. Comparison of the controlled and uncontrolled prices show how the OPA program is preventing rapid spirals upward.

For 1943, far-reaching changes are to be felt in our buying and budgeting habits before spring, the "point" method rationing will be in full swing, and families must then decide whether to use up more points of Ration Book Two by purchasing scarcer articles, or use less points by buying more plentiful ones.

By next summer there'll be fewer kinds of canned goods in metal tins on store shelves than at present. Tinned meats are needed for our war machines. The bulk of our canned food products, if they continue to be sold, will come in glass or other metal substitute containers. Many of the "fancy" canned goods and delicacies will be unobtainable, and the housewife will be cooking more products sold in bulk or brought in fresh from the farm without passing through a cannery.

The wartime demand for labor of all kinds will be felt in almost every home in the country, partly in the absence of familiar articles for the manufacture of which neither labor nor materials can be spared. The greatest change, however, will be in the number of members of families at work. It is expected that by the end of 1943 about 70 per cent of all persons in the United States between the ages of 15 and 65 will be employed or in military service. Around 20 million of these will be in war industry, to secure millions of new workers and train them for skilled operations in war plants will be a stupendous undertaking—yet it must be done if we are to meet next year's production schedules.

Times Wantads—5c a line.

SHAMROCK SAILOR REPORTED MISSING

W. N. Willingham, machinist mate in the U. S. navy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Willingham of five miles south of Shamrock, has been reported as "missing in action."

The news was received by the Willingham family, prominent farmers of the Dozier community, on Thursday, December 10, in the form of a telegram from the navy department.

Machinist Mate Willingham was seen at South Pacific station by Buford Young, son of Jack Young of the Lutie community, who was home recently on furlough. His parents received a letter from him nine weeks ago, but he could not reveal his location.

W. N. was 18 years old on August 18. He enlisted in the navy on Armistice Day 1941, and received his training at San Diego, Calif.

He had been in foreign service for several months.

The youth attended school at Hackberry and later was a student at Samnorwood High school.

The Willingham family has resided in this area since 1905. Brothers and sisters of the missing young man are:

J. P. Willingham, Harold Willingham, Arvil Willingham, Mrs. Oleta Davis, Mrs. Etlee Moore and Doris Willingham.

Not Santa, but 'Nisson'

Visits Danish Children

The Danish children do not have a Santa Claus, but instead a Christmas brownie, called "Nisson," a little old man with a long, gray beard who supposedly lives under the ground.

The chief features of a Danish Christmas dinner are roast goose, rice and apple fritters.

When the storks have left their nests in autumn, boatloads of coarse brown crockery in the shape of little pigs, with a slit in the back, are brought to Denmark and bought by the children. They are savings banks into which the children drop their pennies. The image is not broken until Christmas time.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Congoleum and Dupont linoleum rugs and Dupont yard goods. Brighten up the floors with these excellent floor coverings. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 2tfc

FOR SALE—10 pigs, \$65. Choice, \$7. Lee Black, Wheeler. 2t1p

FOR SALE—12x24 shack house. U. B. Trayler, Wheeler. 2t1p

FOR SALE—One 2-year-old mule and one 3-year-old mule, medium size; also a few head of horses and mares. H. Grimes, 6 miles south, 3 east of Wheeler. Mailing address, Twitty. 1t2p

FOR SALE—3 good used electric refrigerators; 1 completely overhauled and the other 2 in good operating condition. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 2tfc

FOR SALE—25 good blooded, well matured White Leghorn roosters, \$1.00 each. Call at Times office. 1tfc

FOR SALE—Kerosene heaters, new and second hand; also some gas heaters. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 2tfc

FOR SALE—15 nice feeder shoats, also 6 pigs. M. C. Jaco. 1t2p

FOR SALE—Complete line of new DeLaval and Iowa cream separators; get more profit from your milk cows. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 2tfc

WE NOW have equipment for vulcanizing your tires and tubes. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 46tfc

FOR SALE—Good stock of electric fences. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 2tfc

WANTED

WANTED FURS—Furs in good demand at about last year's prices. Bring or ship your furs to Canadian. Write me for prices. Alton Hendershot, Canadian, Texas. 1t6p

WANTED TO BUY—Light weight turkey hens. W. H. Frye, Rt. 1, Wheeler, Texas. 1t2p

WANTED—Feed grinding to do afternoons and Saturdays. Charles B. Sandifer, Wheeler. 49tfc

FOR RENT

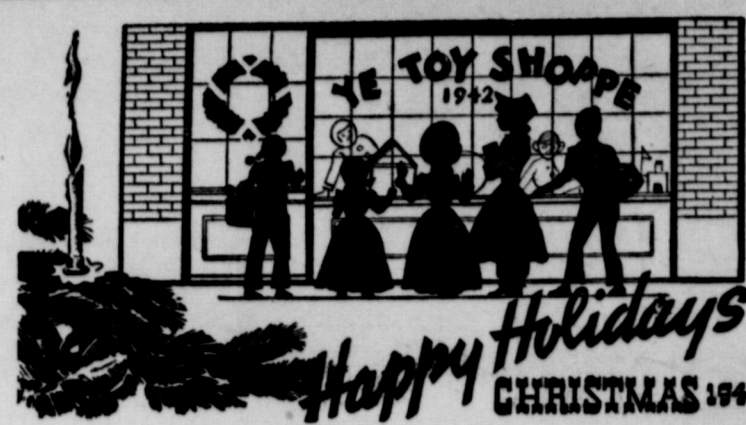
FOR RENT—Attractively furnished apartment, all bills paid including refrigeration, conveniently located, rates reasonable. H. M. Wiley. 49tfc

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom, with or without kitchen privileges. Call 156. 51tfc

MISCELLANEOUS

COAL—Let Crump-Mundy supply your coal needs. Crump-Mundy Service Station, Wheeler. 22tfc

PUBLIC enemy No. 1—ALCOHOL 3t50p



Good Will, Music, Happiness, Health—a four-some without a peer—our wish for you and yours as Christmas comes this fateful year of 1942. Your kindness has meant a great deal to us, and we thank you most cordially.

McDowell Drug Co.

We Fill Any Doctor's Prescription
ANSEL McDOWELL, Manager-Pharmacist Phone 11—Wheeler

WHEELER FOOTBALL BOYS NAME QUEEN AT SOCIAL

The football boys and pep squad enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday night at the gym.

Games and contests furnished the evening's entertainment and Ada Dell Goad was selected football queen by the group. Mary Elizabeth Marrs, Louise Whitener, Marjorie Hefley and Billie Jean Anglin were runners-up for the title. Josephine Noah told a Christmas story and the entire group

sang Christmas carols.

Toy gifts were exchanged and Christmas treats were served as refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tilley closed out their grocery stock this week and in the future will handle a bigger line of feeds of various kinds. They will also continue with their poultry and cream business.

Times Wantads—5c a line.



Rising about the turmoil and cares of the world is the majestic story of Bethlehem. May the star that shone then still cast its light for you and all of us, revealing new pathways to happiness and achievement. Our entire organization joins with us in thanking you for your good will and patronage during 1942, and in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Nash Appliance & Supply Co.

Zenith Radios—Case Farm Machinery
Firestone Tires and Auto Supplies

Phone 68

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REGARDLESS of what has happened to this queer old world in 1942, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season.

We want to say that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide, all the happiness it can possibly bring.

CITY DRUG STORE

LONNIE LEE, Manager—ALBERT HAYTER, Pharmacist

Phone 33 "Where It Is a Pleasure to Please" Wheeler

To each and all of you we say "Merry Christmas." We say it—yes—in the very same spirit that we have said it in the past, knowing that the full enjoyment of Christmas is an affair of the heart and the spirit. Pausing for a moment in the twilight of 1942 we look forward with our friends hopefully to the future.



A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL

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"ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW"