

Christmas Greetings

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QUIET CHRISTMAS TO BE OBSERVED

STORIES TO REMAIN CLOSED MONDAY

Practically all business firms in Wheeler will remain closed Monday, Christmas day. So far as is known, no special community service is planned for Christmas. The Methodist will hold their annual Christmas program Sunday evening. At 7:30 o'clock the young people of the church will be in charge of the program to be held in the main church auditorium. Everyone will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to the Methodist Orphan's Home. The Juniors will have a program and gift exchange at the same time in the church basement.

Most families will spend Christmas day at home or at their neighbors since few will travel many miles to visit under wartime conditions.

The Wheeler schools will dismiss at eleven o'clock Friday for the holidays and will resume classes Monday, January 1.

Mobeetie Churches To Have Christmas Program

In a joint Christmas program of the Methodist and Baptist congregations of Mobeetie to be given at the Methodist church there next Sunday night at 8 o'clock, pastors and members of the congregations invite the attendance of those of the community.

Numbers on the Christmas eve program will include: "Silent Night"—Transcription, Angela Duncan; Scripture Reading, Mrs. H. E. Matthews; Prayer, Rev. B. L. Higdon; "Joy to the World," congregation; "It Came Upon a Mid-Night Clear," Congregation; Double duet and choir, "The First Christmas," Mesdames Galmor, Davis, Godwin and Dyson; "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," Congregation; Sextette, "Oh Holy Night," Mesdames Flanagan, Higdon, Matthews, Godwin, Caldwell and Miss La Rue Flanagan; "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," Congregation; "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," choir; "Silent Night," Congregation; Duet—"Beautiful Bethlehem Star," Mary Belle Heare and Gene Matthews; Benediction, Rev. O. C. Evans; Accompanist, Mrs. Jack Davis.

Power Plant Employees Donate Flag Pole To Briscoe School

Employees of the Southwestern Public Service Company power station located in the Briscoe School District, have donated material and labor for the construction of a 45 foot flag pole on the campus of the school grounds. The pole is made of scrap pipe and painted, is set in concrete base and completely equipped with pulleys.

Mr. Candler, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Newman set the base last week and hoisted the pole to position Monday. O. C. Evans, school superintendent, in behalf of the school and its patrons, this week expressed his gratitude for the worthy contribution to the school and stated that a new 5 by 8 foot flag has been ordered to replace the smaller size flag raised when the pole was completed.

PING PONG TABLE WANTED

Any one having a ping pong table for sale, or knowing of anyone having one for sale is asked to contact Scoutmaster M. O. McKay since one is wanted for the Scout troop.

Curtis Pond, Dorothy, Henry and Billy Jean of Amarillo visited friends here Wednesday and today.

Hospital News

Mrs. L. S. Aderholt of Briscoe entered the hospital for treatment December 16.

Jess Mixon of Mobeetie entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Poole of Briscoe are the parents of a son born Dec. 16.

Mrs. Choice Bridges entered the hospital for treatment Dec. 16.

Pvt. and Mrs. Normal Dyer are the parents of a son, Stephen Dillon, born Dec. 19.

S-Sgt. Valton Sanders Back In States After Forty-Three Missions

Santa Ana, Calif., Dec. 20 — S-Sgt. Valton H. Sanders, husband of Mrs. Lois Sanders of Mobeetie, is currently assigned to the AAF redistribution station of the Santa Ana Army Air Base after having completed 43 combat missions as a gunner aboard a Flying Fortress in the European Theater.

Sgt. Sanders has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation. He entered the service on November 13, 1942 and went overseas in January 1944, with the 8th and 15th Air Force.

At Santa Ana, a station of the AAF Personnel Distribution Command, returned combat veterans from overseas air forces receive complete physical examinations, reclassification according to military skills and reassignment to domestic stations of the AAF.

Shamrock Man Wins Fiddlers Contest

Wallace Brown of Shamrock carried away first place honors from the Old Fiddlers Contest sponsored here for the benefit of the Scouts Tuesday evening. The Rogue Theatre was filled practically to its seating capacity as lovers of old time violin tunes gathered to hear the ten contestants entered in the event. Gross ticket sales amounted to \$74.90 and the net will swell the Scout fund \$45.20 after ticket tax and prize money are deducted from the total. Brown received an award of \$10 for placing first. Shorty Loter of Wheeler was awarded second place honors and a prize of \$7.50 and Dick Guynes of Wheeler third place honors and a \$5 prize. Mr. Guynes immediately donated his award to the Scouts.

W. W. Sipes, M. W. Bennett, Geo. Cockrell and Jack Bennett of Canadian were also on hand to lend their talents to the musical program as were J. D. Merriman of Wheeler, T. C. Helton of Allison, W. R. Seals of Shamrock, Leroy and Horace Conner and Albert Anderson of Wheeler. Jack Bennett, Seals and Horace Conner were guitar accompanists to the violin players while Bennett and Conner also favored the large audience with a few selections of popular vocals. Harry Wofford was master of ceremonies.

As is usually the case when so many old time fiddlers gather for such an occasion, some very highly treasured instruments, some of them hand made by their possessors, were represented. Mr. Merriman, 83-year-old contestant, played a violin that bears an inscription which translated reads "His Italian Nicolo Amati Stardivarious, made in the year 1716." He has branded this old violin and on the scroll reveals the fact that he has owned the instrument since 1887.

Guynes, himself a maker of violins and player and lover of old time and popular tunes, contacted most of the contestants and is largely responsible for making the program, a very successful one.

Awarded Good Conduct Medal

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England — Technician Fifth Grade Rufus W. Beck, of Mobeetie, has been awarded the good conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" at a P-51 Mustang base in England.

The station to which he is assigned is a base for long-range fighters engaged in escorting heavy bombers to their targets, ground strafing and bombing behind German lines.

TJ Beck, whose wife, Mrs. Margaret Beck, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Beck, live at the above address, has been serving overseas for 15 months with a signal company. He is a wire chief.

FIRE DESTROYS ABOUT 25 ACRES GRASS MONDAY
Approximately twenty-five acres of grass were destroyed Tuesday on the W. L. Williams farm south of Wheeler when fire spread from a neighboring pasture where the Shamrock water pumps are located.



FOR THE TWELFTH TIME WE SAY

Merry Christmas!

Not only is this week before Christmas an occasion for the publication of Christmas messages for practically all of the business firms of Wheeler, it also marks another milestone since The Times with this issue starts a new volume and enters its twelfth year of existence as the county seat newspaper of Wheeler county. Eleven years ago to the day, December 21, 1933, the first edition of The Times was published. Until March, 1942 the paper was edited by C. G. Miller except for a brief period in the early part of 1937. Since March 1942 the paper has been edited by Bill and Gladys Dison who want to take advantage of this season of well wishing to thank both advertisers and subscribers for the splendid patronage enjoyed since taking over the reins of management and ownership. And may we state that we desire very highly the continued co-operation of everyone since we well know that any weekly newspaper is only as good as the people of the community make it. Especially do we desire reports of any community and county happenings such as new improvements, deaths, socials, club news, fires, visitors, lodge doings, church news, news from the boys in service and other untold stories of local or historical interest.

For these bits of information that go to make your newspaper a newsy one we will be ever grateful and with all past similar courtesies in mind it is our desire to offer to the citizens of Wheeler county our best wishes for the holiday season. Because of their willing efforts in war drives and war work, the citizens of this community deserve true enjoyment of Christmas time. With the victory they're working for, closer than before, they well deserve the most sincere wishes of the season and have them from The Wheeler Times and the merchants whose messages appear in this issue of your weekly paper.

'Tis true that it is still a war-time Christmas made less merry by the absence of those who have dedicated themselves to the task of making this a better world in which to live. But at a time like this we are sure they would have us remember the things that are Christmas — the familiar Christmas carols — the child-like traditions which young and old enjoy — the stockings at the fireplace — the Christmas poems — the tree gleaming in the living room — the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces — the last minute rush in everything we do — rushing to the post office — rushing to meet the bus — attempting to get more tree decorations and lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful-of-all seasons — the beautiful spirit of giving — giving not only presents, or money to the poor — but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all.

These things will always be Christmas — peace or war. Our boys on the battlefronts are fighting to preserve these traditions — and whether they be soldier, sailor or marine, we hope that the good cheer of the holiday season reaches them wherever they are.

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BILL DISON

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M. O. McKay

Wheeler County Forms Tuberculosis Association

Harry Wofford has been named temporary chairman, Helen Barkley vice-chairman, Mrs. Lee Barry, vice-chairman and Mrs. Ernest Zybach secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Wheeler County Tuberculosis Association. Counties having an association are allowed to keep 80 per cent of the funds derived from the annual sale of Christmas seals while it is understood that the local association will also receive 50 per cent of funds mailed the Texas Tuberculosis Association from citizens of this county for this year.

The Christmas Seals are sold in 46 countries and this year, as usual, funds derived from their sale will be used for the fight against tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is on the increase since the steady progress of medical science in the treatment of the disease has not been sufficient to stem the debilitating inroads of war. Crowded war production centers, overwork and nervous exhaustion have been an open invitation to the dreaded disease.

With the set up of a local organization it will mean that the majority of the money contributed by Wheeler county residents can be kept at home to properly combat the disease in local communities. It will provide funds for X-rays, other examination and treatment of children and others who reside in Wheeler county.

Pfc. Richard E. Wright Complimented

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Wright have recently received a letter from Commanding Officer Major A. D. Larson of the First Field Artillery Battalion, telling of the courage and stamina of their son, Pfc. Richard E., who has been in New Guinea for the past year. Pfc. Wright attended school at Kelton and Sweetwater and has been in the army since Sept. 20, 1940.

In his letter dated Sept. 10, Major Larson said:

"Pfc. Richard E. Wright, Wheeler, has been with this Field Artillery Unit a considerable period of time. I am taking this opportunity to notify you and his friends that he has been in the Southwest Pacific theatre several months, many of which have been spent in actual combat. He has stood up under the rigorous hardships of battle in a brave and courageous manner. His conduct reflects credit to himself and is a compliment to you and his many friends of the home community.

Although he has not had the opportunity to particularly distinguish himself by receiving an official decoration, I want you to know that he is doing a splendid job in the service of his country."

Lewis Craig of Arlington arrived today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Craig.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Training At Carlsbad

Aviation Student William E. Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington, Wheeler, has reported at Carlsbad, New Mexico, Army Air Field, where he will receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation.

The Carlsbad Army Air Field is the largest bombardier school in the Army Air Forces Training Command.

During the twenty-four weeks training course Student Pennington will study bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation under simulated combat conditions. On graduation he will be awarded silver bombardier's wings and will be ready for active duty as an officer in the Army Air Forces.

He is a former student of Draughton's Business College, Oklahoma City.

In Philippine Invasion

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Powell of Mobeetie, whose sons, Robert and Lonnie, have been together since entering the army four years ago, have received a letter from Robert stating that they are now in the Philippines. The letter dated Nov. 29, states:

"I will write you a few lines and hope that you are both well. I am just fine. We have had good luck so far and hope it will continue. I haven't seen very much of the Philippines, but what I have seen I like fine. The Filipino people are nice to us and will help us do any thing. They were happy when we came to the islands and we have God to thank for the luck we have experienced. We had six hundred ships in the convoy — the ocean was black with them as far as you could see and when we pulled into the harbor those battle wagons opened up and those big guns sounded like thunder. We took what we wanted in four days, but I suppose all of you have heard about it. We still have those Jap planes to look out for — not so much in the daytime but they come over every night. I will close, wishing everyone in good old Wheeler county a MERRY CHRISTMAS and may victory come soon."

Fighting In Leyte

With the 96th Infantry Division on Leyte, P. I., Dec. 5 (Delayed)—When word comes back from the front that Yank firepower has driven the Japs further along the road to Ormoc, Pfc. Albert Gunter of this division's light ordnance company knows that his toll is helping to win the war.

Gunter whose home is in Wheeler, is a member of a maintenance unit helping to keep Garand rifles, Browning automatic rifles and machine guns operating when something goes wrong. He's the man behind the man behind the gun. He hit the Leyte beach on A-Day in back of the infantry assault and has been in the thick of things ever since.

When swamps and almost impassable roads made it difficult for infantrymen to send back vital weapons for repairs, Gunter had a hand in organizing contact parties to transport the rifles to and from the front. Some of the weapons Gunter has repaired are of American make and were captured by the Japs on Bataan and now have been retaken by Yanks liberating the Philippines. These are helping to defeat the Japs on Leyte, Gunter says.

Sends Greetings

Philippine Islands
The People of Wheeler and Wheeler County:

Christmas cards are scarce in this part of the world. So I wish to take this time and opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Very Victorious New Year.

Sincerely,
Cpl. Jeff A. Griffin
In the Philippines
P. S.—Out motto here is "Back Home Alive in '45."

Sgt. Hiram Whitener has been given a 30-day convalescent furlough and is visiting relatives here.

WAR BOND SALES OVER THE TOP IN SIXTH WAR LOAN

County War Finance Chairman Robert Holt, after totaling Bond sales in the county, reported this morning that the county has reached its goal of \$335,000 in the sale of bonds during the Sixth War Loan, and more heartening still, is the fact that \$158,687 have been invested in E Series Bonds surpassing a quota of \$155,000 for this type bonds. Tabulation of sales of all type of bonds show that \$333,991.60 has been spent for the purchase of bonds in the county since the Sixth War Loan got under way Nov. 20, and this does not include the recent sales made by the post offices.

Holt praised community chairmen for their efforts in the drive and expressed his appreciation to all purchasers who have made possible the attaining of the goal placed upon the county. Few counties have yet attained their quota of sales for E Series Bonds and it is the smaller purchasers that are to be especially complimented for already surpassing the local E Bond quota by some four thousand dollars. "Even though we have surpassed our quota, it is hoped that everyone will continue the purchase of bonds to the greatest possible limit," Holt said in urging persons on the home front to continue backing the men on the battle front by investing their money in war bonds.

Kelton-McBee Sells \$26,000
A report this week of Bond sales in the Kelton-McBee communities reveals a total of \$26,000 invested in War Bonds by citizens of those communities. A large portion of these were sold at a rally held at the Kelton school Thursday night. The film for the picture show scheduled on the program failed to arrive in time and was shown at the school gym Monday night.

Pfc. Alvin Hefley In Temple Hospital After Enemy Engagement

Pfc. Alvin H. Hefley of Briscoe has recently returned from active overseas duty and is now convalescing at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

Pfc. Hefley has been fighting with the 363rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the (Continued on Last Page)

District Court Case Is Turned To Jury

In District Court here this week the case of Jack Bingham vs. Aubra Bowers was turned over to the jury at noon today. Hearing of testimony got under way Tuesday afternoon after selection of a petit jury. Lawyers argued the case this morning. In the case Bingham is suing for damages allegedly resulting from an injury received in a rodeo in Allison in Sept. 1940. Grim, Hoover and Cousins are acting as attorneys for the plaintiff while Stennis and Cocke represent the defendant.

METHODIST GROUP ATTENDS AMARILLO MEETING MONDAY

Rev. Hugh Hunt, Mrs. J. M. Glover, Mrs. J. M. Porter, Miss Patsy Wiley and Miss Bettie Hix of the local Methodist church attended a meeting in Amarillo Monday pertaining to The Crusade for Christ movement getting under way over the nation.

The crusade is a national movement divided into four phases and covering a four year period. Its purpose is that of (1) raising \$25,000,000 for world rehabilitation of Methodist enterprises and relief of suffering; (2) evangelistic crusade for increasing membership of the church; (3) increase of church school members and attendance and (4) projection of new missionary emphasis and enterprises.

Roy L. Smith, editor of the Christian Advocate, Chicago, was the chief speaker of the occasion Monday. Leader was Bishop Charles C. Seeman, resident Bishop of the Dallas area, South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

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A Heartache

Ads, radio and neighbors remind us of the number of shopping days left until Christmas. Our thoughts stray to other countries where time is passing and approaching the holiday as surely as right here in Wheeler. Over there the tiny tots are as hopeful of Kris Kingle and Dunder and Blixen, as any local youngsters. The great joy this day brings is going to be lost to many a foreign child whose land has been invaded by the enemy, who home has been broken, whose parents are lost. War's hardships are more pronounced at such a time as Christmas, the pity of the disillusioning of the world's children, is particularly distressing. Those here who have been buying toys and books and clothes for their own children, are fortunate folk. Our stores hold many of the gifts to gladden the childish heart and make this a normal Christmas for American youth. How fortunate, indeed!

They Meant It

It isn't just hearsay, just another appeal to patriotism, just words without point to make conversation, not an exaggeration or unfounded rumors—it is a sure thing! General Eisenhower tells us so. War Mobilization Director Byrnes has warned us. The war is prolonged because of inadequate supplies. The shortage is in heavy bombers, artillery, trucks, tires, cotton duck and radar equipment. Naturally the advance into France has been with transportation lines greatly impaired. There are excess supplies in some lines of equipment here, and shortages in others. This changes because of the type of war front and of the fighting itself. Time is needed to produce this short equipment. Then too, the manpower shortage has made it more difficult. A constant drifting from war jobs has become serious. Strikes are adding to the trouble. Wage increase has been troublesome due to slowness in meeting the problem for decisions. Reconversion must not interfere with winning the war. In many minds there is the thought that the war will soon be over and we can let up somewhat. We do not hesitate, here in Wheeler to repeat each day that we will back the attack until the victory and peace is ours. We do not need to be SOLD on the IDEA of buying War Bonds. We are holding the line as long as the line needs us, and that is our pledge to those who are depending upon us, over there.

Academic Freedom

The University of Texas with its quarrel among students, professors and the trustees or board of regents as they are called, is one dealing with the principal of academic freedom. The controversy involves whether the trustees should act as private employers "bossing" private employees and voicing their own personal opinions in the teachings of the school, than to consider rather the interests of the public. The dismissing of professors for purely personal reasons, cost one-time Governor Tammadge of Georgia his office when he ran for re-election. The trouble at the University of Texas is going to go further for its outcome in this controversy will probably affect the decisions in other schools later.

Why is it, a reader asks, that the less a man knows about politics the harder, faster and louder he talks?

Unlike women and their operations you don't find returning soldiers bragging about their vaccinations.

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Pertinent Paragraphs from Panhandle Press

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

This is the Era of Confusion. Was there ever a time within the memory of living men when this poor old world was in such a mess as it is now? Wars break out and spread, perhaps for some reason and perhaps for no reason at all. Maybe it should be blamed on the planets, as in olden times, but even that wouldn't make things much clearer. We can properly blame most of it on the Germans and Japs; but the question still remains — how did they get that way? And then the further question — how can they hope now to get anything out of it? And looming up in the distance is the climactic question, how can it be stopped?

Must the struggle continue, as has happened more than once in human history, until all the participants are exhausted?

If it came to a definite test of exhaustion and survival of the fittest, probably our own nation would last longest, with Russia a close second. We two would then be masters of the earth. But it is not likely that we would enjoy our victory. Nations, like individuals, need and want company. —Amarillo Times

Courtesy pays dividends. The individual who is courteous has friends; the individual who is devoid of the common decency of courtesy is usually devoid of friends. The business firm which extends courtesy reaps a reward of many friendly customers. Likewise, the town which is friendly, has people coming there to trade, because people like to trade where they are made to feel at home. Public officials are sometimes the crustiest in the community. Often-times they feel that their jobs are secure, regardless of the manner in which they fail to serve the public—which pays their salaries. The war has brought

on hard conditions for every firm and every individual. People are more nervous and excitable these days. Sometimes they use the war to excuse their lack of courtesy and indifference toward the public. It is a good time to check up and determine that we shall curb our desire to show our caginess, when as a matter of fact we are displaying our pure cussedness. —Canyon News

Teaching religion in public schools is one of the most important tasks facing civilization today. Dr. Frederick Eby, University faculty member, told the Austin Kiwanis Club Monday at their annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

According to statistics that he has gathered, more than 26,000,000 boys and girls of scholastic age are growing up without an hour or a day of religious instruction unless received in the home.

"Those figures are the most pathetic, the most startling, the most challenging of any that I know," asserted Dr. Eby.

Dr. Eby also said that as far as he could see, there had never been a plan in America to teach religion in the public schools and as yet none have been volunteered.

—Daily Texan

Sometimes I wonder if any place on earth can ever be "home" as is the place where you were reared as a child. Hundreds of letters in the last two years from former Collingsworth boys and girls have caused this to be something of a fixed opinion on my part. Here is a case in point. The note came with a subscription renewal from Beth O'Neil Roberts. It said: "Thank you very much for your 'touch of home' every week. It helps me keep in touch with my friends there." Notes and letters like that sure do buck up the spirits of every person on the Leader staff. We have quite a number of problems in keeping the paper going during these times; but when we get one of these letters it does something to us. We rear back and start in all over again to try to keep the paper interesting



The Times War Time Reporter Says

Folks I'll tell you my Grandpa weren't what you would call a giving man, but when he did give little gifts he would always wrap them in big packages. I reollect one time he give Grandma a stick of peppermint candy for Christmas and he thought he saw a little tear in her eye and he said, "Maw I didn't know you was centimental." She said, "It ain't that—a hunk flew offen that candy while I was chawing it and hit me in the eye."

My little poem today will be a sorter warning:
It's the week before Xmas
That Daddy is King,
When the folks plan out loud
To give him everything.

And they whisper and hint
In their modest way,
That Dad should have everything
Christmas Day.

But Dad has weathered so many before
That he knows without thought,
How high he will score
So he sits and dreams of turkey
and pie
For he knows he'll get red socks
and a tie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harl Etter and Nancy of Shamrock were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. C. N. Wofford and Reba.

for one more year at least.
—Wellington Leader

Louise Tillman of Abilene arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tillman.

Mrs. Ted Clay of Phillips is ill at the Henry Miller home this week. Mrs. R. J. Holt and Margaret Ann were Pampa visitors Saturday.

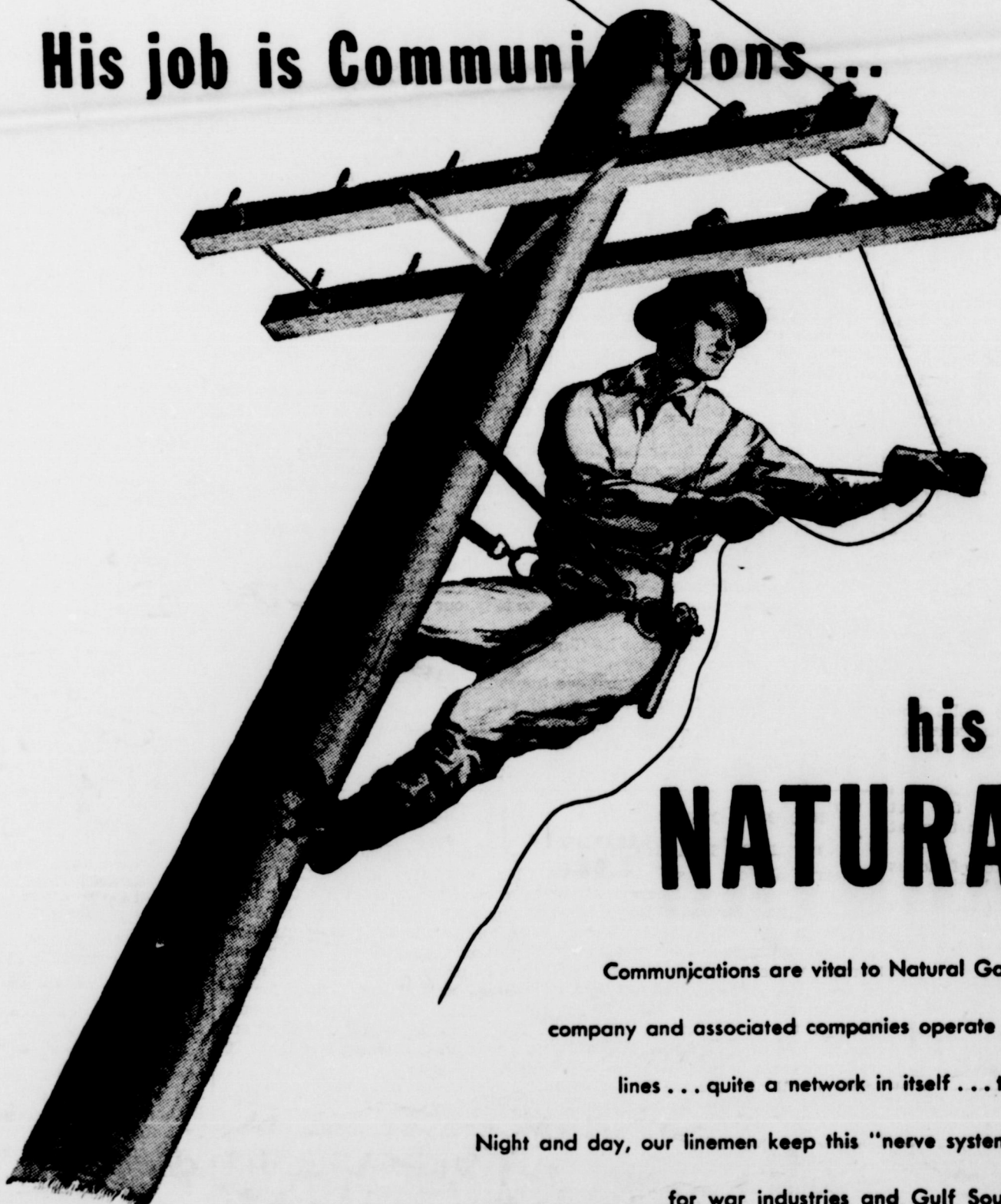


WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

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Items of interest pertaining to the Kelton School

Staff

Editor ----- Mildred Henderson
Assistant Editor ----- Boyd Neal Austin
Reporters: Fern Carver, Virgil Simmons, David Britt, Edwanda Simmons, Dortha Nell Mason, Nell Pool.

Senior News

It is time to think of the senior play. We've been thinking of it too. We have ordered some plays to make our final selection.

Does everyone have the Christmas spirit? We are very proud of our tree in our home room. We decorated it Tuesday morning and we think it is the prettiest of the entire school.

We were sorry to lose a member of our class, Margie Faye Wallis, who has moved to Amarillo.

Sophomore News

The sophomores seemed glad that school had resumed. It was said of us, "They think they are too dignified," because we didn't draw names for Christmas, but we showed them. It is a mystery not to know who got your name. After all, gifts express our appreciation of the meaning of the holiday.

Freshman News

We are sorry to have lost two members of our class, Fern Powell, who is moving to Granbury, Texas, and Faye Cain who is now in California.

We have been turning in book reports and poetry, and best of all we have to write a 10-page research theme by mid-term.

Sports

The girls basketball team got off to a good start by defeating the Wheeler six by a score of 29-2. Kelton girls outclassed the Wheeler girls from start to finish, with no opposition. The Wheeler girls scored in the last minute of the first half. That was the only score for them.

We have made slight changes in the teams this year. They are as follows: forwards, Virginia Dale, Fern Carver, and Betty Whiteley. Guards, Helen Whiteley, Patsey Worley, and Wanda Chavado. The substitutes are Wanda Jean Shaffer, Joyce Mills and Grace Geyer.

We hope to win many other games during the season.

The basketball boys got off to a bad start in their first games of the

KHIVA HOSPITAL FUND DONORS ARE INCREASING

Khiva Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has a strong possibility of leading the nation in the percentage of memberships in the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children. Khiva Temple, aided by Masonic and non-Masonic friends, has risen from near the bottom to close to the top in standing in two years. Starting with 68 memberships two years ago, Khiva Temple now has 1121 on its Ladder of Baby Smiles. If the Temple can secure 294 purchasers for the hospital memberships before January 1, it will have achieved 1415 or 100 per cent based on its membership of a year ago.

The memberships cost \$61.50 and the amount is a deductible income tax item. The donor's name is printed on a red and gold ladder which is rapidly filling the walls of Khiva Temple's auditorium in Amarillo.

Khiva Temple, which now has almost 2000 members, has jurisdiction in 41 counties. Each of these counties has been assigned a quota of eight memberships on the Ladder of Baby Smiles.

Dr. H. E. Nicholson Potentate Aide for Wheeler County, said this is one of the greatest humanitarian activities known to man and that more than 80,000 children, regardless of creed or color, have been treated in the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

You don't have to be a Shriner to buy rungs on the Ladder of Baby Smiles—any person, family, firm, or organization can purchase rungs and have their names on the Ladder.

season. In our first game we played Sweetwater on the local court. The game was nip and tuck from the start to the finish. The final score was 29-28 in the visitors favor.

In our second encounter of the year we went to Wheeler to play the cagers of that school. It was a close game but Wheeler won 16-15. The boys were "off" that night as they couldn't seem to hit the basket. The boys have resolved to do much better when we play them at home.

The night of our first game we elected Vernon Garner captain and Bud Harris co-captain. Members of the team are: Boyd Austin, David Britt, Bud Harris, Kenneth Killingsworth and Virgil Simmons.

Eighth Grade News

The eighth grade class was sorry to lose two of their members. Oleta Carver started to school at Twitty Monday. Jay Willis moved to Amarillo.

We are working on a Christmas program.

Seventh Grade News

The seventh grade is proud to have two new scholars, Ralph Krug and Charlie Blevins. Our class has 12 students enrolled. We are planning singing as our part in the Christmas program. "The Golden Rule Citizenship Club" will meet Friday, Dec. 15, 1944.

We are sorry to have lost Barbara Frye from school. Barbara is now attending school at Allison.

Sixth Grade News

The sixth grade has a new pupil, her name is Lucille Richardson. Some of our class is staying out and pulling bolls. We are awaiting their return eagerly. The sixth grade is practicing on their Christmas song.

Fourth Grade News

The Fourth grade organized a citizenship club last Friday. Charles Brittan was elected president and Joyce Anderson was elected secretary. Committees on safety first, thrift, character study and good manners were appointed.

Earl Peterman has returned to school after spending five weeks in St. Anthony hospital in Oklahoma City where he underwent plastic surgery.

Primary News

The first, second, third and fourth grades are working on their part of the Christmas program, which will be singing and pantomime. Names have been drawn for Christmas and the tree will be in the home rooms after the program.



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

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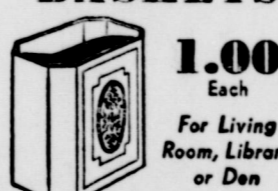


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BRISCOE BRONCO

Items of interest pertaining to the Briscoe Schools

Freshman Fish Pond

The Briscoe freshman team is hoping to beat the Booker freshman team Tuesday night.

We are wondering if Bobby and R. J. are making any progress with their scientific experiments.

We wonder why Dortha and Virgil Lee had such a good time Saturday night.

Broncos Take Mustangs

The Briscoe boys outscored the

Wheeler Mustangs Tuesday night 39-17. Wheeler scored first but the Broncos came right back, tied the game and then took an undisputed lead. The high scoring Broncos showed great initiative on both the offensive and defensive sides of the game. We Broncos claim to be the greatest team to ever wear the Green and Gold of Briscoe High School, and in the coming games we hope to prove this fact to you skeptical fans.

Briscoe Wins Second Battle

Led by Bessie Davis, the Broncoettes chalked up a very impressive victory over the Wheeler sextet. It was the second victory of the season for the girls. All members of the squad saw action. We meet the Book-

er girls here Tuesday night. The outcome of the game will be announced in next week's paper.

Presentation of the Flag Pole

We, the members of the Briscoe school, wish to thank Mr. Candler and the Southwestern Public Service Co., for the new forty-five foot flag pole erected in front of the school building and to the left of the walk. We are planning to get a new large flag for the new pole.

Senior Scents and Non-scents

The seniors were rather unhappily surprised at the outcome of their daily grades in English Friday.

Two of our senior boys have, over the week end, become beautiful red heads. Bobby and Ewing look lovely with red hair, don't they girls?

Seventh Grade News

The seventh grade has been working on a Christmas play. We will give it this Friday.

We have finished all of our tests, and are very glad of it.

We started our prose and poetry Monday. We think it will be interesting but we may change our minds.

Social Events

Emillie Seedig spent Sunday with Rosemary Finsterwald.

Mozelle Wilson spent Sunday with LaVerne Finsterwald.

Mary Riley spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Doc Wilhelm, of Allison.

Rozena Helton spent Sunday night with Roberta Zybach.

What If—

We beat Booker?
Bobby and Armell had a "spat"?
Mrs. Stoneman were tall and fat?
Bobby didn't pick on (little) girls?

Assembly Program

The assembly program was under the direction of the senior class Friday, December 15. A "Truth or Consequences" radio program was enjoyed by the student body. The senior sponsor, Mr. McAnally, acted as master of ceremonies with Ewing Barnett and Bobby Candler acting as directors in the audience.

A Christmas program will be presented Friday, December 22, by members of several classes.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS

(By Times Correspondent)

Pvt. Carlton Murrell is home for a thirty day furlough. This is Pvt. Murrell's first furlough since he went into the armed forces almost four years ago. Pvt. Murrell has served in the Pacific for the past three years. He was sent over immediately after Pearl Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totty were in Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Carter and Miss Juanita Walker were in Pampa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totty and Mrs. Charlie Seitz were in Shamrock Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murrell moved to the R. D. Ford place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Trimble were in Shamrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Thomas and baby of Borger are visiting in the W. B. Thomas home.

Mrs. Fay Smith was a caller in the C. V. McCraw home at Gageby Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Roberts of Briscoe visited in the W. H. Roberts home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Walker and family were in Pampa Monday.

Mrs. Doc Trimble visited in the A. C. Rhody home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright visited in the Tom Hathaway home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway spent Saturday evening in the A. C. Rhody home.

Fayette Seitz and Clebe Turner attended to business in Pampa Thursday.

Mrs. Doug Baird visited in the Frank Totty home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz visited in the Frank Totty home Friday evening.

Pvt. Carlton Murrell and Mrs.

Nora Murrell visited in the Ransom Carter home Sunday evening.

Times Want Ads get Results!



Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine;
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."

—Phillip Brooks.

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Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
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We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

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That's the way to have the Merry Christmas we wish for you.

CITY BARBER SHOP



Christmas GREETINGS

THE nearness of Yuletide is unmistakable. Whether the snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year, and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

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STUDY CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Mrs. H. M. Wiley was hostess to the Study Club when they met for a Christmas social Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. D. Holt was in charge of the program and Mrs. R. J. Holt reviewed the book "Grandmother Drives South." The group enjoyed a gift exchange off the tree.

Those attending were Mesdames J. W. Barr, M. L. Gunter, Lee Guthrie, R. J. Holt, D. A. Hunt, Joe Hyatt, R. D. Holt, Jimmie Mitchener, Ansel McDowell, J. M. Porter, Glen Porter, T. S. Puckett, H. M. Wiley, Harold Nash, Geo. Porter, Ed Watson, Hugh Hunt, Gordon Whitener, C. J. Meek and Miss Amy Sue Beckett.

MRS. H. E. NICHOLSON IS HOSTESS TUESDAY

Mrs. H. E. Nicholson honored the Kappa Betas and their guests with a lovely formal dinner party Tuesday evening. Decorations and the centerpiece for the table were of the traditional Christmas theme. The entertaining rooms were lighted by Christmas candles.

Evonne Hubbard was in charge of the program and was assisted by Mesdames Max Wiley, Hervey Hutchens, Elton Boultinghouse and Miss Mary Eunice Noah.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree and everyone received another gift from a grab box.

Others present were Mesdames Leo Hubble, W. W. Meek, Misses Lela Ruth Watt, Leona Crossland, Ruth Barr, Amy Sue Beckett, Melba Wiley and Lucille Hutchison.

B. AND P. W. CLUB ENJOYS DINNER

Leona Crossland was hostess to the Business and Professional Women's Club Monday evening when she entertained with a dinner party. A gift exchange was featured during the Christmas party.

Guests attending were Amy Sue Beckett, Ruth Barr, Mrs. Jack Garrison and Mrs. Wesley Sims of Shamrock. Members attending were Mrs. Max Wiley, Mrs. R. H. Forrester, Mrs. E. H. Kennedy, Leona Crossland and Mary Eunice Noah.

MRS. LEE GUTHRIE ENTERTAINS S. S. CLASS

Mrs. Lee Guthrie was at home to her Sunday School class and a few guests Thursday evening. The entertainment started at the Rogue Theatre after which they were invited to her home where, in the candle light amid lovely Christmas decoration, carols were sung. Later, after an I. Q. contest on Bible, History and Current events, delicious refreshments were served the following members and guests:

Novella Vanpool, Alwyn Savage, Kathryn Carmichael, Verna Callan, Eris Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sayre and son, Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Forrester, Miss Reba Wofford and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy, Harry Wofford and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie.

Gifts were exchanged and small potted cacti presented to all by the hostess.

W. M. S. MEETS WITH MRS. PORTER MONDAY

The W. M. S. met with Mrs. Geo. Porter Monday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Narville Arganbright, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Fullingim read the devotional. The Royal Service program was discussed by Mrs. Arganbright and Mrs. Jack Spence.

A social and gift exchange followed the program. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Arganbright, Fullingim, Spence, Farmer, Grimes, Wood, Gunter, Mitchener, Williams, Clark, Guthrie and the hostess.

STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Stitch and Chatter club enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Henry Walsler Tuesday afternoon.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Hodnett; secretary, Mrs. Noah; treasurer-reporter, Mrs. Bowen.

Those present included Mesdames Henry Walsler, J. F. Cook, Frank Noah, Sid Hodnett, Annie Sivage, F. M. Robison, Bill Black, J. J. Ayres, W. E. Bowen, and Cal Clay.

During the past year the club has completed 25 quilts, 48 sweaters and 18 hospital shirts for the Red Cross.

L'Alliance Francaise, campus French club of Abilene Christian College, numbers among its members Eva Louise Tillman of Wheeler for the 1944-45 session of ACC, located at Abilene, Texas.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Russ and children of Shamrock were Wheeler visitors Sunday.

Virginia Rose Marrs spent the week end in Pampa with Dolores Watson. Miss Watson returned to Wheeler with her to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watson.

Mrs. Charles Bryant left Tuesday for Mantou, Texas where she will

spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. M. Lawrence was a business visitor in Ft. Worth the first of the week.

Lt. and Mrs. T. M. Caldwell Jr. and Ens. and Mrs. Frank Carvey Jr., arrived Monday for a short visit with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britt, and David.

Melba and Celeste Wiley of Denton arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley.

MEMBERS INVITED

We are now accepting members in the Wheeler County Health Service and we hope to be able to accept all families in this area who want the protection offered through the association regardless of whether you are living in town or on a farm since the only requirement is that your principal income be either directly or indirectly from agriculture. The new year's operation began Dec. 1, and to get the benefits offered for the entire year you should make out an application and pay your contribution at your earliest convenience. You may do so by coming to the office in Wheeler. We'll be glad to help you.

WHEELER COUNTY RURAL HEALTH SERVICE

L. R. BARRY, Manager

A. M. Downs left for Albuquerque Friday after receiving word of the death of his mother. He attended funeral services there Sunday afternoon and returned to Wheeler Monday. Joe Tilley and daughter, Bonnie Rae, were Amarillo visitors Wednesday.



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.



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Merry Christmas!

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While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

DORIS FORRESTER



IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

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CANDY PEANUT SQUARES 1 Lb. bag	29¢	TOMATO JUICE DEL MONTE 47 Ounce Can	27¢
SUGAR CANE 10 Pound Bag	65¢	PEAS DEL MONTE No. 2 Can	17¢
APRICOTS HEAVY SYRUP No. 2 1/2 Can	25¢	SPINACH C. H. B. No. 2 Can	15¢

CATSUP DEL MONTE 14 oz. bottle	18¢	18 OUNCE GIANT SIZE POST TOASTIES	12¢	ONE POUND BOX Sunshine HI-HO CRACKERS	21¢	44 OUNCE BOX Mr. Ho CRACKERS	25¢
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PUMPKIN No. 2 1/2 Can	15¢	COCOA HERSHEY'S Half Pound Box	10¢
FLOUR LEADING LADY 50 Pound Print Bag	1.89	BISQUICK 2 1/2 Pound Box	35¢
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APPLE BUTTER 2 Pound Jar	25¢	WHEATIES TWO Boxes	19¢

MARKET

SHORT RIBS Per Pound	18¢
PORK SAUSAGE Per Pound	30¢
PORK CHOPS Per Pound	35¢
BUTTER ARMOUR'S CLOVERBLOOM Per Pound	47¢

PRODUCE

CELERY BLEACHED Per Stalk	19¢
LEMONS 360 SIZE Per Dozen	29¢
POTATOES NO. 1 RED 15 Pound Peck	59¢
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MOBEETIE HAPPENINGS

By Mrs. F. C. Peace

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCauley of Bartlesville, Okla., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McCauley and Mother McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keeton and son were Shamrock visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Orr visited Grandmother Geary Tuesday.

Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Srum and Mrs. Ross, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, were business visitors in Wheeler Tuesday.

Mrs. Nora Murrell plans to move to Mobeetie soon.

Willard Strawbridge and children of Gageby were week end visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. Nate Evans.

L. D. McCauley and family and Mother McCauley plan to spend the Christmas holidays with a sister and daughter, Mrs. H. A. Parker, in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnston left Wednesday for Corpus Christi for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Martin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roper, Mrs. Earl Wallace and baby and Mrs. J. H. Vise visited friends and relatives in Wellington Saturday.

The Mobeetie school will close Friday for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sitton, in Raymondville.

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Mau-

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Thurman Adkins and family, Mrs. Gus Leftwich and daughter of Shamrock were dinner guests in the home of the A. B. Crumps Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Parsons of Wellington were Sunday visitors in the Ansel McDowell home.

Thurman Adkins of Shamrock spent Sunday on the Stiles ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chandler of Portales, New Mexico announce the arrival of a daughter, Patricia Correne, born Dec. 11.

Odis Murphy of Clovis, New Mexico spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy. They returned home with him Monday.

Robert Holt of Lubbock is expected home Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ford, Georgia Beth, Kenneth and Mrs. C. F. Ford spent the week end in Abilene. Mrs. C. F. Ford remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Mattie Yates of Berkeley, California is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. Nations, and Mr. Nations.

rice Crain of Amarillo were week end guests in the Ed Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Alexander and daughter were Shamrock callers Monday.

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COCOA HERSHEY'S 1/2 Pound Box 10¢	CORN STARCH IGA, 16 Ounce Box TWO for 15¢	SPICES IGA 1 1/2 Ounce Box 10¢
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GREEN BEANS
IGA, WHOLE No. 2 Can **21¢**

GOLDEN WAX BEANS
IGA No. 2 Can **19¢**

WHOLE BEETS
DEL MONTE 16 Ounce Jar **17¢**

CORN FLAKES

GOLD TOST TWO, 11 Ounce Boxes **15¢**

ROLLED OATS
IGA 20 Ounce Box **11¢**

RICE PIXIES
GOLD TOST 5 1/2 Ounce Box **10¢**

RAISIN BRAN Per box **12¢**

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FOOD STORE

Merry Christmas to All

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robison returned Thursday from an extended visit with friends and relatives in California.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Christmas Cheer to All!

★ Holly and mistletoe, soft lights and Christmas trees, gifts that mean an outpouring of the spirit. Santa Claus is coming!

With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

ROGUE THEATRE

Pvt. Lowell Pendleton, who has been in the army since he graduated from the local school in May, 1943 and is now with the signal corps in Burma, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Pendleton, "We can write every day but have to wait until a plane can come and take our mail out. There is no such thing as a post office out here where I am. I will try to write as often as possible.

I have received several letters lately. Your last letter was dated Nov. 10. I have received two Wheeler papers, one dated July 6 and one September. Keep sending those papers — I don't miss a line. I even read the want ad column.

"Today is Nov. 30. I have been overseas nine months today.

"I will tell you what we had for Thanksgiving. A plane dropped canned turkey, cranberry sauce, cherries, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, asparagus and one of the guys made some cakes. We really enjoyed that meal. I believe it was the best meal I've had overseas.

"I received the picture of Daddy and Charles Ray sitting on the Ford. Dick looks like has grown a foot. I am guessing the picture was made northeast of where the old garden used to be, and whoever made it was facing northeast. Let me know if

MOVIE CHATTER

(By a Rogue)

National Barn Dance

The whole original National Barn Dance cast will be at the Rogue Theatre Friday-Saturday, December 22-23 in a picture by the same name. Make your plans now to be on hand and see the same folks that you hear on their radio program. You are assured of one grand time when the National Barn Dance comes to life on our screen. You will then appreciate them more on the radio. Herein fail not, but be there with the whole family.

And Now Tomorrow

There has been a change made on our theatre calendar, as you will herewith notice. The calendar shows Rainbow Island for Prevue - Sunday-Monday, December 23-24-25, but we lost that date due to Paramount's pulling it out on us and letting some large town have our date. But they were nice enough to give us a picture that we believe will be equally as well liked, and one that is brand new. It is And Now Tomorrow which stars Alan Ladd and Loretta Young. This is Alan Ladd's first picture since he was discharged from the army. We regret that the change had to be made, but we think you will be just as well pleased with And Now Tomorrow. Rainbow Island will be re-dated later.

Sign Of The Cross

Wednesday - Thursday, December 27-28 brings to the Rogue Theatre a picture that we are justly proud to present. It is a picture that the whole world needs to see. It is the kind of picture that a war weary world is sorely in need of. It is a picture of the persecution of the Christians during the reign of Nero. It has been produced on a very lavish scale by the master of showmen, Cecil B. DeMille, who recently made The Story of Dr. Wassell. The leads

that is right. I would like to get out and head some of that kaffir corn. I didn't realize how much I liked the fawn until I had to leave it. I think when I get back, after this thing is over, I will get a farm and do a little batching. Ha Ha.

"Daddy, you asked some questions I can't answer. Your two guesses were wrong. I am with the Chinese Army in Burma. When you listen to news reports and read the papers, maybe you can figure about where I am."

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyson of Mobeetie have received a letter from their son, Cpl. C. Nelson Dyson, who entered the armed forces in March, 1943 and was sent overseas in March 1944. He has been in North Africa, India, and is now in Assam. He writes, "I am fine. I didn't get any mail today. I wrote you last night but didn't get it mailed so you'll get two letters the same day.

"It was very foggy for quite a while this morning. I had breakfast almost made when the other cook got to the kitchen this morning.

"Glad you got the other money. Some day I will have lots in the bank.

"I have moved closer to my work — won't have so far to go. I hope the planes don't keep me awake.

"Warren had an Indian take a big can of hot water to the tent at 8:30 — so we shaved in hot water for the first time since coming overseas. Boy did it feel good! It will be a hot shave from now on, I hope.

"I know you wish I'd write more but what can a fellow write about?"



LOYALTY works both ways. You have been loyal to us, and we are loyal to you.

To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

FRED FARMER'S GARAGE

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Monday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Beene were Judge Ewing, Norman Minter and S. D. Stennis.

Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Mrs. Lillian May and Mrs. Garland Pearce were Pampa visitors Monday.

Denver May of Clovis visited his mother, Mrs. Charles May, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Holt and Mrs.

are played by Claudette Colbert, Frederick March, and Charles Laughton, and the title is The Sign of The Cross. We proudly recommend it to our many friends and patrons. It will do you good to see such a picture, and it will provoke a lot of serious thinking. Bring the whole family. All ministers of the town and community are especially invited to be our guests.



EACH CHRISTMAS as it comes and goes proves anew that love is the only binding power of the world. In these dark days of late December when the brightness of smiles make ample amends for lack of brightness overhead, we again send our most hearty Christmas Greetings.

ALLEN KAVANAUGH

County Superintendent of Schools

D. E. Holt were Amarillo visitors Friday.

Blanche Grainger left Tuesday for Comanche where she will visit relatives during the Christmas holidays.

T. W. Reid of Clovis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ruben May.



TO THE PEOPLE OF WHEELER COUNTY, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WALTER E. ROGERS and FAMILY



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

19 44

★ There will be a halo over the homes of America this Christmas radiating from the new hope for the world.

That your Christmas season may be both joyous and happy is the sincere wish of

E. H. Kennedy Service Station

Phone 101 WHEELER Tire Repairing



WHAT stancher tree than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

W. E. BOWEN IMPLEMENT CO.



CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

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Thursday, December 28, 1944

STARTING AT 1:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LIVESTOCK

- 1 Spotted Cow, 5 yrs. old, fresh in spring
- 3 Yearlings, 1 roan and 2 whiteface
- 1 Jersey-Durham Cow, 7 yrs. old, fresh in Feb. 4 gal.
- 1 Jersey Cow, 3 yrs. old, fresh in Feb., 3 gal.
- 1 Jersey-Durham Heifer, 2 yrs. old, fresh in February, 3 gals.
- The 3 latter cows are Bangs tested and are bred to full blood Durham bull.
- 1 Brown Horse, 9 yrs. old, wt. 1300, a good one
- 1 Grey Mare, 10 yrs. old, wt. about 1150
- 1 Black Mare, 4 yrs. old, wt. 1400
- 1 Black Mare, 5 yrs. old, wt. 1200
- 1 Black Mare Mule, smooth mouth, wt. 950.

FARM EQUIPMENT

- 1 Cultivator
- 1 - 4-Horse Evener with Clevises and iron on back
- 1 - 3-Horse Evener with single trees
- 1 - 2-Row Monitor, knives and plow attachments
- 3 P. and O. Cultivators
- 2 Slide Go-devils

- 1 - 2-Section Harrow
- 1 Stalk Cutter attachment for cultivator
- 1 P. and O. Lister

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1 Maytag Washing Machine, gas motor
- 1 Wood Heater
- 1 DeLaval Separator, No. 1, good as new
- 1 DeLaval Separator, No. 10, good one
- 1 Kitchen Cabinet, a good one
- 1 Iron Bedstead
- 1 Wood Heater
- 1 Lot of Junk Iron
- 1 Lot of Strap Iron
- 2 Model T Car Frames
- 1 Maxwell Car Frame
- 1 Lot of Single Trees and Double Trees
- 1 Lot of Plow Sweeps, from 8 to 12 inches
- 1 Lot of Empty Fruit Jars
- 7 Tons Maize Heads
- 2000 Hegari Bundles
- 2 Sets Chain Harness
- Some 4 Ft. Garden Fencing
- 4 Horse Collars — 4 Work Bridles — Lines
- Other Items Too Numerous To Mention

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PATSY SUE WORLEY, Clerk

Wheeler Octogenarian Still Active Scholar Though Blind

(By Mrs. Chas. Warren)

Here in the little farming town of Wheeler, living quietly in the same home for the past thirty years, is a scholarly philosopher-poet, who speaks eight languages fluently, and continues in active county and state official work, despite the seeming handicap of total blindness and the extreme age of eighty-three years. His unique record is perhaps the only one of its kind in the wide world.

This most interesting of personalities is the Honorable James Douglas Merriman, State and County Surveyor of Wheeler county. Mr. Merriman has been the County Surveyor here continuously for the past thirty-two years, having been first elected in 1912. He received his State certificate in 1920. This near centurian walks nearly a mile, unaided, nearly every week day to his office in the court house, where he personally keeps the files of his field notes. He invented a filing system of his own, which system he has perfected to the extent that he can instantly find any record that he desires.

A Professor of Languages in the Past

A visit to his home revealed the remarkable fact that one Wheeler home houses an extensive library of rare old books in many languages—a number of the volumes of perhaps priceless value. Mr. Merriman was in his young manhood days a professor of languages and mathematics. He reads in eight languages and recites from memory poems and other writings in the following ancient and modern languages: Greek, Latin, English, Spanish, German, French and Italian. He readily translates from the dead languages to the modern tongues.

Mr. Merriman was an educator forty-three years of his life, having taught ten years in Indiana and thirty-three years in Texas. He lived in Dallas county sixteen years, locating there in 1892, and was Superintendent of the Cedar Hill school from 1897 until 1900. He was editor of the New Hope News from 1900 to 1906. He purchased the Grand Prairie Graphic in 1904.

His Book of Poems in Second Edition

He is the author of "Hours Improved," an inspiring book of poetry, which is in its second edition, and he says this edition is about exhausted. The first edition was published in 1891, and was dedicated to his Fort Wayne, Indiana, classmates. He was a graduate from the Fort Wayne College on June 20th, 1888. Attending the same college was Wendle Wilkie's father, Herman F. Wilkie, whose autograph he prizes highly. It is written in a small old-fashioned autograph album, here in his Wheeler library. Also, another of his associates in his alma mater, was Paul



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

MR. and MRS. O. NATIONS

Red Cross Planning Festive Christmas

Christmas preparations begun months ago by Red Cross workers here at home will help bring a traditional Yuletide to our servicemen all over the world in American Red Cross clubs, in hospitals, at camp and at the front. Even those miles out at sea will not be forgotten.

A special American Red Cross Christmas gift package will be distributed to every American serviceman and woman hospitalized overseas. Those who visit Red Cross clubs will find there, first of all, a list of churches in the community where special Christmas services are being held, plus a Christmas dinner, carol singing, and holiday decorations provided by the folks at home. Of the more than 5,000 Christmas decoration kits shipped by the Red Cross for overseas use, 800 were prepared by members of the American Junior Red Cross.

These kits, with whatever Red Cross workers can get together in the way of native trees and materials, will also provide decorations for hospital wards and recreation halls overseas and for outpost stations. Sailors and marines who sit down to Christmas dinner aboard naval vessels will have holiday menu covers made for them by the Junior Red Cross, and aboard many a transport carrying service men enroute Red Cross workers will organize parties.

B. V. and Hardy Stewart of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Richards Sunday night.

Wilkie, an uncle of Wendle Wilkie.

Mr. Merriman Born in an Indiana Log Cabin

Mr. Merriman was born in an old typical Indiana log cabin, near Liberty Center, eight miles south of Bluffton, November 17, 1861. He grew to manhood and received most of his education in his native state—the Hoosier State of Indiana. He is proud of the possession of the genealogy of the Merriman family which record dates from 1700.

Friend of James Whitcomb Riley and Lew Wallace

In the nineties, he was an active member of the Indiana Authors Club, which met at Rome City. He interestingly told of many of his writer associates, among whom were James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier Poet," and Lew Wallace, who wrote the famous classic, "Ben-Hur." He also knew many other famous writers who attended this club. He said they met out on an island in Rome Lake in a large pavilion with a seating capacity of a thousand.

Seven Sons and Daughters

Mr. Merriman's seven sons and daughters are well educated, cultured citizens doing their work in the world. They are Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mrs. Van Sickle, Pampa; James Douglas Merriman, II, Silver City, New Mexico; Mrs. Robert Crisp, Estancia, New Mexico; John Newton Merriman, Instructor in the Army Air Field, Amarillo; Miss Florence Merriman, Secretary to Congressman Worley, Washington, D. C.; and Francis Wayland Merriman, Engineer in overseas service. There are eight grandchildren.

An interesting coincidence is that the graduation of his youngest son, Francis Wayland, from the Texas Tech, Lubbock, on June 6th, 1938, took place just fifty years, lacking fourteen days, later than his father's graduation.



By BOYCE HOUSE

I expect the Ranger Times was the first paper in West Texas to charter an airplane to "cover" a football game. The Bulldogs were playing the Steers at Big Spring; so Publisher Walter Murray, because of the publicity value of the stunt, hired a plane; and your columnist (who was then the editor—managing editor—city editor—sports editor) climbed aboard.

All went well until we sighted Big Spring and then Pilot Travis Boggs made a sharp right hand turn without taking me into his confidence and the plane tilted at such an angle and with me not strapped in that I found myself looking into the upturned faces of a telephone line crew on the highway below. I really "pulled leather" and barely escaped joining them.

When we landed, Editor Stanley Norman who was on hand to greet us, remarked: "That looked like a sharp turn to us on the ground." My reply was that I was like the negro who went for a "hop" over an airport and the pilot cut all kinds of fancy turns and then, after one particularly sweeping loop, straightened out and yelled, "I'll bet 50 per cent of those folks down there thought we were falling then." His dusky passenger answered, "Yas, suh, and 50 per cent of them up heah thought the same thing."

On the return flight, before we reached Ranger, darkness had fallen and the landing field was not equipped with lights. The pilot had arranged, however, for a pool of gasoline to be in readiness, with the airport mechanic to set a match to it when he heard the motor approaching. The blaze looked mighty comforting to me.

We made a perfect landing. Next day, the flier confessed: "That blaze was so bright it blinded me and I had to land by guess."

Anyhow, the Times had made newspaper history by chartering a plane to cover a high school game. How's that? Oh, Ranger won.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If a man wants to be a success in life, he should choose his grandparents with great care."

Helen Sargent of Amarillo spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Mary Elizabeth Marrs. The girls spent the week end in Pampa.

Mrs. Lee Little, Melba and Helen spent the week end in Strong City, Oklahoma with Mrs. Little's mother, Mrs. C. R. Cogburn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Frank and Tommie visited Mrs. Charles

May Saturday and Saturday night. Mrs. Eris Porter and baby of Oklahoma were house guests of the Lee Guthrie's last week.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wheeler County—GREETING:

Harry Wofford, Administrator of the Estate of Alvin W. Red, Deceased having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said

Alvin W. Red, deceased, numbered 810 on the Probate Docket of Wheeler County, together with an application to be discharged from his said administration and praying that said estate be closed.

You are Hereby Commanded, That by publication of this Writ one time not less than ten days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the day of publication and return day thereof in a newspaper printed in the County of Wheeler you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper to do, on Monday the 1st day of January, 1945.

A Probate term of said court fixed by the Clerk for such date to be held in the Court House of said County, in the City of Wheeler on Monday, January 1, 1945, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Wheeler this 14th day of December, 1944.

Harry Wofford, Clerk County Court, Wheeler County, Texas



★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand. We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

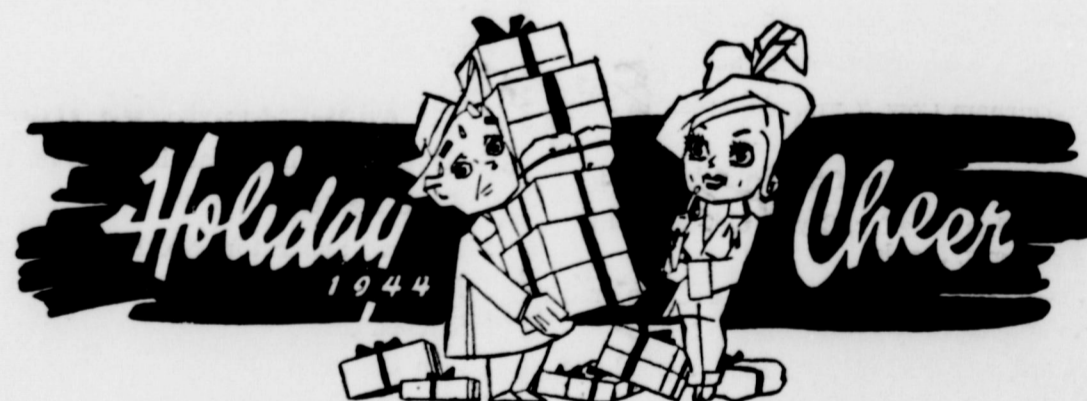
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May Christmas bring you Good Cheer in abundance . . . and the New Year open many new vistas of pleasure and profit for you and yours.

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CITY DRUG STORE



The Directors and Officers of the Wheeler County National Farm Loan Association

desire to take this opportunity to express the wish that each of its members will enjoy, to the fullest extent, his Yultide season and to hope for you and yours many more Christmases bearing prosperous and happy experiences.


- S. B. DAVIS, President, Board of Directors
- J. W. HENDERSON, Vice-President, Board of Directors
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- J. H. CAPERTON
- R. H. FORRESTER, Secretary-Treasurer
- WANDA L. NATIONS, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

LETTERS TO SANTA

My Dear Santa Claus:
I could tell you that I have been a good girl but that wouldn't be the truth and my mother says that it isn't nice to tell lies.
I want a big bobby-sox doll. Incidentally I'll call him "Bob" for short. I go to bed each night dreaming that someday my doll will come to life and I will have my Bobby C. Thanking you in advance for all the happiness in store.
Love, Armell

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a beautiful, blond baby doll with blue eyes that open and shut and arms that move. I'll try to be good but you know how hard that is for me. Eraser-thrower is practically my middle name.
Be sure and don't forget me or the blond baby.
Very sincerely, Dick Hefley

Dearest Santa:
I could gurgle and gush for half a page about how good I have been, but to make it short you will just have



1944
Merry Christmas
TO EVERYBODY

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

**W. E. PENNINGTON
and SON**

to take my word for it and ask no questions.
Santa, I sho' does want a miniature "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" with an Aggie passenger singing "The Twelfth Man" with a boogie beat. Could you please see about it?
Big Bye-Bye, Rozena

Dear Santa:
I hope I am not asking too much but I want a boy doll about 5 ft. 3 in. with blond hair and blue eyes. Thank you.
Wishfully yours, Betty

Dear Santa:
It is about time for you to give me a doll with black hair and blue eyes.
Hopefully, Rosemary

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good little boy, only wink at the girls when the teachers aren't looking etc., and want you to be very good to me.
I would be very glad to get a beautiful doll, very lifelike, and teetotally devoted to me—incidentally some extra gas and tires would be appreciated.
I promise to be good—I mean better—next year.
Your little friend, Audie Lee

Dear Santa:
Hi Santa! Remember me? Well, I'm that very good little girl who last Christmas wanted a preacher. Thanks a million for bringing him to me, but he insists on dressing up like a soldier and staying away from home. Could you possibly manage to bring him home for Christmas? Also I would like a doll house, a stick horse, and lots of chewing gum and nuts.
Anxiously waiting, Mary

Dear Santa:
You know how good I am and how much I love you at Christmas time. All year long I have been anxious for Christmas to come so I could ask Dear Santa for my little heart's desire (namely, some beautiful girl, of some height, some weight, some color of eyes and hair). You see I am not very particular, Santa, just a dame, that's all. And my Dad needs a generous heart and some extra gas stamps.
Yours 'till after Christmas, Ewing

Dear Santa:
Oh why, oh why, didn't I have less good looks and more money. Since I have been told that you didn't have any money trees up there at the North Pole, I won't ask for money, but please make the girls realize how many good looks I have.
Another thing which I dream of day and night is a beautiful doll with dark blond hair, blue eyes, and a voice like a million dollars so she can tell me how much she loves me every morning before breakfast. With a doll like that we won't need any syrup for our pancakes. If she happens to have a few dollars in her poc-

ket I won't mind at all.
Trustfully yours, Bobby C.

Dear Santa:
I am a very lonely little girl of 16 who has been kinda good. I want a red-headed doll all dressed up like a sailor. One that cuddles and coos. Since that is all I am asking for I am sure you shall grant my wish.
All my love, Lottie

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good little girl the past year and very patient with my students. Please, bring me some students who will make all A's in English and History.
Don't forget the rest of the faculty, as they are having the same trouble as I.
Yours truly, Mrs. Marchbanks

Dear Santa:
I have worked very hard to pass my work this year so please put Quintis Godwin in my stocking. If he prefers to be put in Marjorie Green's stocking Bennie Barton will do very nicely. This will make my Christmas a very merry one.
Yours truly, Bonnie Prock
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl ten years old. I want a realistic Plassie Washable doll, a deluxe 60-piece army doctor and nurse kit and a little girl's WAC uniform.
My seven year old brother wants a Springfield type wood drill rifle, an archery set with 3 1/2 foot bow and an Air Corps officers uniform.
My five year old sister wants a little girl's WAC uniform, a doll, "Cute Wardrobe Miss" and "Paper Dolls Are Rainy Day Pals," and lots of candy.
Your friends,
Nellie Jean, Donald Alton and Essie Inez Brown.
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa:
I think I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a heater for the car, some nuts and candy. I won't ask for too much as my little buddies will want you to bring them something too. Don't forget me, please, Santa.
Your little boy, Bob Keeton
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old and try to be good. I wonder if you could bring me a leather coat, a P-38 and a farm set for Christmas? Please remember all my little friends. Hoping to see you Christmas,
Artis Earl Candler
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a little house, an airplane, a little thing that you pick up dirt with, a stuffed kitty, a pretty glass bell, cowboy doll, a little jeep. A rattler and jumper for baby, a suit

for daddy and a suit for brother too, (a band one), a dish washer for mother. I ought to say thank you.
Jim McDowell
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
I want a cowboy suit, a gun and a scabbard. I will be five years old in April.
Love, Jerry Dison
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a war bond, a fire engine set and a PT boat set.
Love, Don Dison
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
My name is E. C. Rider. I am four years old and I have been a good boy. Please bring me a rocking chair, truck, train, candy, nuts and fruit. Ering Judy Bell a ring, booties and don't forget my mamma, daddy and all little boys and girls.
Your friend, E. C.
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
Here come two little boys. Our names are Bill and Ronnie, we are two and three years old. Bring us an electric train, a teddy bear, table and chairs and our daddy who is in the navy. Don't forget anyone and bring us fruit, nuts and candy. Bring our Judy a ring, too.
Love, Ronnie and Bill Havenhill
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa:
We have been very good this year and want you to know what we'd like for Christmas. I would like a little tool chest, a football and a bow and arrow set. Jacque would like a doll a set of dishes and some blocks. We would like some fruit and candy too. Santa and please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Love, C. G. and Jacquelyn Dodd
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa:
My name is Jo Jo Jaco. I am five years old and I have been a good boy. Please bring me a car, truck, fire truck, candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget mother, dad and sister.
A good little boy, Jo Jo Jaco
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
I want a necklace and ring. My sister wants a baby doll and rocking chair. Please bring some nuts, candy and oranges. Remember mother and daddy.
Love, Sylvie and Betty Jo Sonntag
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl and for Christmas I want a dresser set, a paper doll cut

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Ford and daughters of Wichita Falls were recent visitors in the R. J. Holt home.
Mrs. June Herd was a Shamrock visitor Sunday.

out book and a war bond, also fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my little brother Bob.
Your little girl, Dortha Keeton
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa:
As the war is going on and toys are scarce, I decided I did not want anything for Christmas. Your little boy.
W. R. Keeton.
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little girl 5 years old. I've just moved to Wheeler from Amarillo and I want you to know I live at the Wheeler Hotel so be sure and come to see me and my little brother, who is in school. Bring me a doll and some little dishes. My daddy is in the Navy.
Janace Chesher

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Coate and baby of Buffalo, Okla., arrived Saturday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Holt Green and Mrs. Buford Conwell and sons. They are enroute to Littlefield where they will make their home.

Clothes don't make the man, and they fail sometimes to cover up the woman.



For your icebox at home
Coca-Cola 5¢

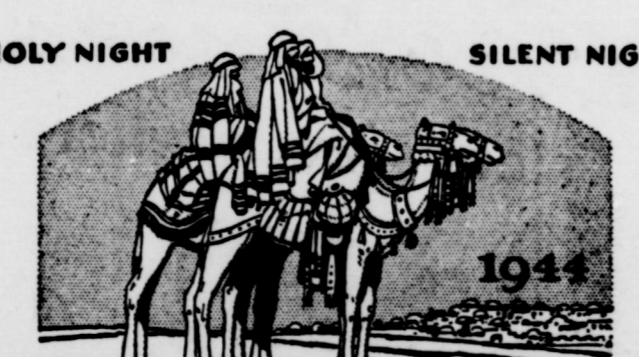
GREETINGS

1944
A Merry Christmas

MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us... in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

J. WADE DUNCAN

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



1944
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

WHEELER GAS COMPANY

WHEELER, TEXAS

1944
The Season of Christmas

EVER THAT SAME STAR

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

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

Merry Christmas!

CICERO SMITH LUMBER COMPANY

MOBEETIE, TEXAS L. D. McCAULEY, Manager

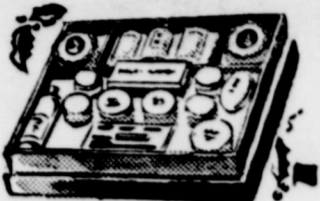
We still have a fair selection of gifts as we have received some new shipments.



Illuminated Bibles regular \$17.50 value for \$11.25



Men's Fitted Shave Kits



Ask about our new Cara Nome Cosmetic Sets



"If she'd only write—" Ask to see our new Stationery

OUR CARA NOME DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE GIVEN THROUGH FRIDAY
CITY DRUG STORE

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

F. F. A. Boys And Instructor Will Cull Poultry Flocks

Jack Spence, Vocational Agriculture teacher, and the F. F. A. boys are ready to help poultrymen cull their flocks, Spence said today in explaining that despite the present high prices being paid for hens, and the outlook for surpluses in eggs, farmers are hanging on to hens that should be sent to market immediately. On most farms there are eight to fifteen percent of the laying flock that can be culled and sold without any important loss to the total egg production of the flocks.

Professor D. H. Reid, Poultry Husbandry Department, A. and M. College, in discussing this subject said, "Every experience we have ever had makes us believe that the market will break sharply inside the next

month. Then there will be a rush of hens to market and the farmers will not get nearly as much for their hens as they would get now."

Shipping hens to market now would not only help to cut the peak off that great surplus we may have with our first warm weather next spring, but will provide the eating chickens that our Army and Navy are asking for.

J. G. CARRUTH PASSES AWAY
Word has been received of the passing of J. G. Carruth at San Antonio yesterday morning. Services are to be held in Dinmitt Friday afternoon. Mr. Carruth was a former resident of the Gageby community.

Mrs. Eris Manney Porter and daughter, Isla Beth, left for Wellington Monday evening after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guthrie.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE — 32 volt windcharger with new set of batteries, steel tower, 400 feet of wire, sewing machine, washing machine and radio to go with same. All practically new. Write Curtis Pond, 3915 San Jacinto Ave., Amarillo or call 8247. 1-1tc

FOR SALE — Deheaded kaffir bundles, 1 1/2 and 2 cents per bundle. Newman Riley. 1-2tp

FOR SALE — '36 Chevrolet Tudor, in good condition, new paint job, new seat covers, tires fair. We are in the market for several good used cars. Pitty's Service Station. 1-tfc

FOR SALE — A few red pigs. Lee Black, Wheeler. 1-1tp

FOR SALE — 5 horse power gasoline engine suitable for milking machine or pump jack. J. P. Green. 1-3tp

FOR SALE — L. C. Smith 12 gauge shotgun, 9-piece oak dining suite, 1 Simmons Metal bed. Mrs. John Stilwell. 1-1tc

FOR SALE — 320 Acre farm two miles east of Locust Grove. Only \$10 per acre. Mrs. F. M. Grimes, Rt. 1, Wheeler. 53-1tp

FOR SALE — '34 Chevrolet Pickup, good tires, good motor. '36 Ford Coupe, fair tires. J. F. Carter, Phone 98. 53-tfc

FOR OVERSEAS KNIVES see B. A. Babb or Adams Grocery. 53-2tp

FOR SALE — My home in east part of Wheeler. Mrs. John Stilwell. Phone 46. 52-1tp

FOR SALE — Plenty of Firestone Antifreeze. Nash Appliance. 51-tfc

FOR SALE — Stoves, new and used, cook stoves and heaters. Wheeler Gas Company. 52-tfc

TRY OUR VITAWAY 3-day flock wormer. Lawrence Hatchery and Feed, Wheeler. 43-tfc

LARGE SHIPMENT of truck and pickup tires just received, also a big selection of mud chains. Still have some pre-war innertubes of various sizes left. Tower Service Station, Shamrock. 42-2tc

FOR SALE — Shade trees, fruit trees, shrubbery and evergreens. Will Warren, Wheeler. 46-tfc

MISCELLANEOUS
FOR RENT — Small furnished apartment. See Mrs. D. O. Beene. 1-tfc

WANTED — Furs. Write me when

Pfc. Alvin Hefley

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91st "Powder River" Division with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

The 363rd entered combat in Italy last July 4 north of the Cecina River on the right flank of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, to which it was then attached.

During the night of July 17 the 363rd shifted its strength to the northeast corner of the seaport, maneuvering with support of tanks and tank destroyers. That night one of the infantry regiment's battalions fought its way through the northern districts of the city itself to be the first American troops to enter the city.

The 363rd next broke across the canal north of Leghorn and occupied the coastal sector from the port city to Pisa, one of its battalions entering the city before dawn July 24 and another one reaching the city of the Leaning Tower that night. The 363rd returned to the control of the 91st Division after holding that part of Pisa south of the Arno for four days.

Harvey Wright, of the armed forces came Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anglin and daughter returned to Portland, Oregon Wednesday after a ten-day visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anglin and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hix.

Technical Sergeant Elvis M. (Spud) Moore, who has been in Italy for six months as radio operator of a 15th Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress, arrived in Wheeler today for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, and other relatives.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Wright of Temple arrived Wednesday for a month's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wright, and other relatives.

you have furs for sale. I pay more for your furs than you can get by shipping. Alton Hendershot, Box 634, Canadian, Texas. 1-6tp

STRAYED — From Mobeetie. White face cow, branded rafter E on left side. Ernest Lee. 52-8tc

WANTED — Members in the Wheeler County Rural Health Service. The new year begins Dec. 1, 1944. L. R. Barry, Mgr. 51-1tc

PUBLIC enemy No. 1—ALCOHOL

We can still supply your needs in Christmas



Wraps, Tags, Ties, Seals and Cellophane Ribbon



Perfumes and Cosmetics



Men's Klub kit

McDowell Drug Co.

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

Christmas Greetings 1944



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

C. J. MEEK

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to thank the many people of Wheeler and Hemphill counties for their co-operation and patronage since the recent death of Mr. Tipps and wish to announce that I will continue with the Minneapolis-Moline dealership and parts business during the coming year.

May I extend to each and every one of you my sincere greetings for Christmas and a Prosperous 1945.

MRS. LUCILE TIPPS

BRISCOE

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To those who have helped make our business during the past year both pleasant and profitable . . . and to those who have been patient with us during these particularly trying times . . . we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation. And to our friends, one and all, wherever they may be we send our hearty wishes for a Christmas Season of Joy and a New Year of hope and promise.

J. C. WOOLDRIDGE COMPANY

"THE HOME OF LINCOLN PAINTS"

GEORGE WARREN, Manager

Phone 108

Wheeler



Mama's Sugar Says:

Merry Christmas
To Texans and Friends Everywhere

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

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

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

