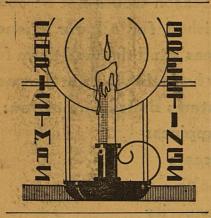
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\$350,000 Bonds Can't Be Kicked Back On Co. Signed-Texas State Highway Commission-Read All About It



DUST BOWL'S COME-BACK **PAYS REWARD**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24.years will be required for complete recovery, declares E. R. Henson, coordinator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in an article appearing in a recent special edition of the Land Policy Review.

The magazine, copies of which have been received by Director H

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H. Williamson of the A. & M. College Extension Service, is a publication of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington. It contains thirteen articles devoted entirely to farm activities and questions in the plains region. These deal with emergency farm programs, reorganization of farms, migration, estimating crop production possibilities, revegetation and grassland agriculture, and sev-

and grassland agricultural, eral other subjects.

Henson in his article reviews some of the problems and struggles that the Plains area has gone through in the past years of through in the past years of and crop fail-

drouth, dust storms and crop failures, and says:

"Yes, the Dust Bowl is coming back, but the fact alone means little. It will take years for complete receives." plete recovery. Nature needed centuries to clothe the soil. In a few crop seasons man destroyed that cover by plowing. And now years more are required, even with the best help of agronomy, botany, and ecology, to bring the denuded acres to their best permanent use. We cannot say that the Dust Bowl has regained its economic health until its own people can stand alone and work alone.

Among other contributors to the magazine are Lionel C. Holm, director of the Farm Security Administration rural rehabilitation program in Colorado, Kansas and Oktobrom Market and Program the progress made since 1938 in helping 75 representative farm opera-tors to shift from a cash crop sys-tem to a diversified livestock and food crop system. About 400 of these "unit reorganization" loans have been made in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He shows how farmers thus assisted were able to buy additional cattle, cut certain financial

H. H. Finnell, Amarillo, regional conservator of the Soil Conserva-tion Service, presents an article on dryland farming. Among other contributors to this issue of Land Policy Review are Lewis T. Nordyke, staff writer of the Amarillo Globe-News; Mrs. Elsie Marcley of Amarillo: and several speakers who appeared at the grassland conference in Amarillo.

Copies of the special issue of Land Policy Review may be secur-ed from the College Station head-quarters of the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus: I am in the second grade and I am 7 years old. I want a doll, a desk, and a Bible with my name on

> Your little friend, Martha Lynn Crabtree.

Please bring me a set of building blocks and a pair of house shoes. Bring my little sister a nigger doll with pig-tails.
Your friend,
Paul Chaffin.

Henry R. Fields, Harveyville, Kansas, arrived Monday for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harveyville Norman Bridwell.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tuesday, 'Christmas In July with Dick Powell and Ellen

Wed. Matinee 3:00 P. M., Wed-Thurs., "Knute Rockne," Pat O'Brien.

Friday-Saturday, "Ride Tender Foot Ride," with Gene Autry. Sunday-Monday, "Rhythm on the River," with Bing Crosby. Tuesday, "Invitation to A Murder', with Thomas Mitchell and Jeffrey Lynn.

Jan. 1-2, "Here Comes the
Navy,' with James Cagney and

BONDS ASSUMED BY STATE CANNOT BE KICKED BACK ON COUNTY TAX PAYERS.— Signed TEXAS STATE **HIGHWAY COMMISSION!**

Brady Gentry, Chairman of the Texas State Highway Commission and R. L. Bobbit, Member of the Highway Commission stated to representatives of the County in Austin the latter part of last week: "If the State Assumes Sherman County's \$350,000 in Road Bonds, IT IS A PERMANENT LEGAL OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, THE BONDS CANNOT THROWN BACK ON THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY. IN VOTING THE BONDS SHERMAN COUNTY HAS ALL TO GAIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE." FOR CONFIMATION OF THE ABOVE

STATEMENT SEE: County Judge F. B. Mullins, County Judge Elect L. P. Hunter, J. Burton Craig,

County Com. Sam E. Wohlford, County Com. E. E. Hamilton, who were in Austin for an interview with

state officials.

The \$350,000.00 Road Bonds up for election passage or rejection December 31 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE UN-TIL THEY ARE ASSUMED BY THE STATE in the form of the Board of County and District Indebtedness, a subdivision of the Texas State Highway Commission.

JOE NELSON, CHIEF AUDITOR of the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness, gave the following information as to the number of counties in the State of Texas benefitting from the 1c deferred gasoline tax: "244 counties of the 254 in the State of Texas are receiving the benefits of the 1c deferred gasoline tax for paved roads at the present time. (This does not include counties voting and issuing bonds at the present time.) 159 Counties now participating and including all of the larger counties of the State will still have Bonds eligible for retirement by the Bond Assumption Law fund in 1955. Sherman County's road bonds are being voted not to exceed a 20-year period, which would mature them not later than 1960, BUT the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness reserves the right to set a shorter time to retire the bonds and Chief Auditor Nelson, who also encouraged passage of the \$350,000.00 Bonds in Sherman County SAID THE BONDS RE-TIREMENT TIME WOULD BE YEARS, Or in other words in 1956 Sherman County's \$350,000.00 Bonds would be paid in full by the 1c State deferred gasoline tax at the same time 159 or more other counties with eligible roads bonds are being paid.

As the necessary legal wording on the ballot may be confusing to voters we publish a sample marked ballot showing how to cast your ballot FOR the BONDS for those who wish to study the ballot before voting. The grim words printed in legal form on the ballot are as necessary as getting up to go to bed in the upper-birth of a Pullman and getting down to get up after sleeping in the upper birth of the Pullman. Casting your ballot in favor of this issue merely gives the

State Highway Commission the privilege of USING BONDS TO PAVE SHERMAN COUNTY ROADS, (the State cannot vote bonds, they must be voted by the counties and the State Highway Commission has the privilege of assuming the bonds, and THEY CANNOT BE KICKED BACK ON THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENT THEY ARE ASSUMED!

BALLOT SAMPLE

FOR— the issuance of bonds and the levy of Ad Valorem taxes in payment

THE BLACK LINE APPEARS WHERE EVERY VOTERS SCRATCH SHOULD PROPERLY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT; But You may scratch out this entire last sentence on the ballot if you wish and your Vote Will Be Certain to Be Counted in Favor of the Bond Issue which will be paid by the State and Pave 34 Miles of Sherman County Roads without 1c Cost to Sherman County Taxpayers: And place the County in a position to continue its road improvement program for the benefit of every person living in the county or owning property therein.

of Ad Valorem taxes in payment thereof.

Voters realizing that the passage of the Bond Issue in Sherman County is STRICTLY A COURTESY SHOWN THE TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER THAT VOTES CAST AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE WILL PLACE FUTURE ROAD BOOSTERS FROM SHERMAN COUNTY IN THE FOLLOWING POSITION WHEN THEY APPEAR BEFORE THE TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION REQUESTING A ROAD AT SOME (VOICE Of The Texas Highway Commission IF BOND ISSUE SHOULD FAIL TO PASS): WE OFFERED YOU \$350,000.00 WORTH OF ROADS IN 1940 WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE COST YOU A CENT AND YOU REFUSED TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF CASTING YOUR BALLOT FOR THE BONDS WHICH WE WOULD HAVE PAID FOR THE PAV-ING OF THE ROADS. THE COUNTY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING BONDS, THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DOES NOT HAVE THIS PRIVILEGE. HOW CAN YOU ASK US FOR BONDS WHEN YOU REFUSED TO ASSIST US IN GET-TING THE FUNDS FOR PAVING ROADS IN YOUR COUNTY WHEN ALL YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE DONE WAS TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF CASTING YOUR BALLOT FOR THE BONDS WE OFFERED TO PAY FOR YOU AT THE ELECTION HELD IN SHERMAN COUNTY DECEMBER 31, 1940. THE POLLS WERE OPEN IN ALL FOUR PRECINCTS AT YOUR REGULAR **VOTING PLACES."**

Cast Your Ballot For The \$350,000 Bond Issue December 31 and Place Sherman County in the Ranks of those who Believe Those ARE Helped Who Help Themselves.

REPRESENTATIVES TO AUSTIN WILL DISCUSS BOND ISSUE AT COURT HOUSE IN STRATFORD THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:30 O'CLOCK FOR PUBLIC

A meeting for the benefit of Taxpayers will be held at the Courthouse in Stratford Thursday night at 7:30 at which time County Judge F. B. Mullins, County Judge Elect L. P. Hunter, J. Burton Craig, County Commissioners Sam E. Wohlford and E. E. Hamilton will give in detail the information given them in Austin on the safe status of supporting the \$350,000 Road Bond Issue in Sherman County. After the detailed report has been given to the audience, they will answer any questions which voters may care to ask them on questions which may have arisen in personal conversations during the discussion of the bond issue with their

Agreement Recorded

The Indian Territory Illuminatsolidation agreement with Mrs. night. The public is invited to at the Christmas features at the Christmas features at the Christmas features. ing Oil Company filed a gas con-1-2 of section 333, Block 1-T, with church of their choice. County Clerk J. R. Pendleton this

snow storm several weeks ago.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS TONIGHT

Christmas Tree programs featuring Sunday School students will be held at each of the churches to-

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WTCC GUARDS AGAINST RISING STATE TAXES

W. T. Martin, Stratford West Texas Chamber of Commerce Director, heartily endorses the WTCC Legislative program for better bus-iness handling of taxpayers money in the program described in the following statements:

The West Texas Chamber Commerce program and campaign for more business-like administration in the Texas state government has been taken directly to taxpayers' groups from 120 twons in the past three weeks. And the response, said WTCC Manager D. A. Bandeen in a statement from the Abilene headquarters, "has been gratifying responsive fully up to our expectations."

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The regional chamber is pushing for passage by the coming legislature of a bill covering its financal reorganization plan. The problem, the legislative remedy and the benefits expected to accrue have been explained to and discussed with taxpayers' groups in 31 regional meetings held throughout. West Texas.

Explanation Of Plan The reorganization bill, now being written, will provide for the continuous and responsble supervision of the state's receipts and expeniatures through an executive thought out system for centralized purchasing of supplies, materials and equipment, and integrated centrally controlled accounting system kept on an accrual basis; and better auditing and independent post-auditing of expenditures. It will set up a system for closer coordination of the staff services of the staff. the state. It calls for a civil service system for state employees pased on merit and competitive examination. It seeks reorganization of the state's administrative agencies, now numbering more than 100, into not more than 18 departments. And it provides for departments. And it provides for complete information on adminis-trative affairs to the legislature for policy determining purposes.

Two new agencies are created under the plan. One is a governor's cabinet, an advisory board composed of the constitutionally designated executives of the state all of whom are elective officials except the secretary of state, and of the appointive departmental excutives representing the major functions of the government. The bill provides that the governor will organize the cabinet and be its presiding officer.

The other new agency is a partment of finance and control charged with the responsibility of carrying out the objective of the act. By the act the commissioner heading the department will be an appointing officer by the governor. heading the department will be an appointive officer, by the governor, to be confirmed by the senate. The department will be composed of budget, personnel and purchasing divisions, also a division on reorganization and efficiency. Job of this devision will be to study the constitutional duties of all state agencies; report on duplications agencies; report on duplications, wastes and inefficiencies; submit plans for reorganizing and consoli-dating the administrative funcan advisory capacity

an advisory capacity.

Governor And Legislature

'The very essence of the plan, said James D. Hamlin, chairman of the WTCC's public expenditure commission, is making the governor really the chief executive and giving him the machinery with which he can be a chief executive, as is very definitely prescribed in our constitution of Texas. At the same time the plan provides a sound system of checks against the misuse of executive authority by misuse of executive authority by making the governor responsible to the people through the legislature, which is the other constitutionally designated policy determining agency of the state.

Again, said Hamlin, the plan is built within the terms of the constitution. Finally, it is not in any sense startling, revolutionary or even new. Mainly it is a composite of the best features of reorganizaof the best features of Feorganization plans on practice in other states, notably Minnesota, Nebraska, Kentucky and Virginia. In these states inspiring results are being won, and we can do the same in Texas, in ending overlapping and duplications of effort, in checking of westeful spending are Wichita checking of wasteful spending, an all around efficiency, and in tremendous savings to the taxpayers.'

Miss Maurine Reeder And Lester Plunk Married Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeder The couple was married in the home of Rev. McBeth, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dumas,

Those accompanying the couple were Misses Marijo Brown. Billie Merle Hester, Betty Rhea Lee, Messrs. Baskin Brown, John Steel, and E. W. Butler, all of Stratford.

semble with black accessories. For 1 Gas Consolidation something old, she carried a lace handkerchief of her aunt. Mrs. C. V. Collins.

After the ceremnoy the party By I. T. I. O. This Week of was entertained at the home of Mr. Perryton announce the marriage of and Mrs. Willard Middleton, 1106 their daughter, Ruth Maurine, to Lester Franklin Plunk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Middleton, 1106 W. 19th St., Amarillo. Other guests and Mrs. C. D. Plunk of Stratford. joining the party were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Harle of Vega and Miss Katherine Green of Amarillo.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS UP

The bride wore a powder blue en- 164 for the same week in 1939.

Christian Church

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)
Bible School 10:00 A. M., J. R.
Pendleton Superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Junior Endeavor 6:00 P. M., Mrs.
C. R. Bomer Sponsor.
Intermediate Endeavor 6:00 P.
M., Mrs. S. J. Calvird sponsor.
Senior Endeavor 6:15 P. M., R. C.
Buckles Sponsor.

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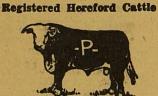
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Choir practice Wednesday 7:00
P. M., Mrs. Frank Judd Leader.
Booster Choir Thursday 4:00 P.

M. at the parsonage. A Christmas of cheer and goodwill and a joyous New Year to everyone. We are about to celebrate
an event of supreme significance in
the history of mankind, the birth
of our Lord and Savior. At this
season of the year people forget
themselves and unselfishness is the
ruling motive of lives of multitudes. Good-will is in the air and
the spirit of love prevails. This
Christmas should be especially significant to us in view of the situation in other nations. Sometimes
we are tempted to think and speak
in fatalistic terms. We wonder if
we will be led into the great war
and what will become of civilzaton. This is just where the great
fact of the birth of the God-man,
and the events that followed, enter in. The angels heralded the
birth of Christ with the words "on
earth, peace, good-will toward
men." Sometimes our way is dark
and we cannot understand, but
"God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform." It may
be necessary for us to take up arms
against a force that blasphemes A Christmas of cheer and good-

E. E. COONS

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CHRISTMAS



The Story That Never Grows Old

just as the privilege of wishing a "Merry Christmas."

DANCIGER PRODUCTS

the Holy name of the God we love, women answering the question- Call For Young a force that would blot out every-thing that is near and dear to our hearts. We may be called upon to suffer untold privation, but let us not lose sight of the fact that God in His own good time, when man is ready, will usher in an era of peace and good will throughout the

world.
Our Christmas program will be presented Tuesday night, December 24, at 7:00 o'clock. The program committee is preparing a program in which the scenes of the Bible story of Jesus birth will be

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Communion 11:45 A. M.

Young Peoples classes 6:45 P. M.

Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.

Song drill Thursday evening at

Services will be held at Lewie Brannan's home Sunday.
Mid-week services have been dismissed for this week.

The public is invited to any and

WHEAT PROGRAM CHECK-UP TO START SOON

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 26 The 1941 wheat program is under way. With most of the wheat in Texas already seeded, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's performance checkers this week begin the detailed task of checking compliance with the program.

In a series of meetings starting December 2 officials from the state AAA headquarters in College Station are instructing county employees and committeemen in the

ployees and committeemen in the proper procedure for measuring wheat acreage planted in the State, C. H. Mosely, state compliance supervisor, has announced.

In District 1, the Panhandle, five meetings will be held, the supervisor said, with county administrative officers, performance supervisors, one county committeeman and time clerks from four of five counties attending each. In District of the procedure of counties attending each. In District 3 two meetings will be held with representatives from nine or with representatives from fine or ten counties attending each. The meetings were held December 2 in Pampa, December 3 in Perryton, December 4 in Dalhart, and De-cember 5 in Amarillo, December 6 in Childress, December 10 in Gra-ham and December 11 in Benja-min.

After these two districts have been covered, Mosely said, the instruction schools will move on through Districts 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10, comprising the wheat section of Texas. The series will be finished in December in time for similar schools to be held in commercial vegetable counties starting in Jan-

What Kind Of People Are Club Women?

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 26. COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 26.—
How old are home demonstration
club women? How many children
do they have? How long have
they been club members? What
are their families' annual income?
These are some of the questions
the Extension Service of Texas A.
& M. College asked of home demonstration club women in 193 clubs
in one county in each of the 12 extexsion districts. Findings of the The Christmas Story is ever new because it comes from the heart, just as the privilege of wishing year.

She found that 22 per cent of the home demonstration club women in Texas are below 30 years of age, 29 per cent are between 30 and 39, 24 per cent are between 40 and 49, 17 per cent are between 50 and 59, and 8 per cent are over 60

rears of age.

Forty-four per cent of the club

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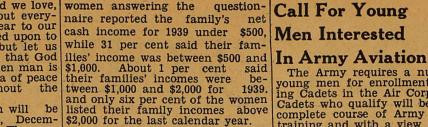
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More than half of the women More than half of the women questioned have been in home demonstration club work from one to five years, while about one-fourth of them have been club members from five to ten years. Not quite a fifth of them, about 17 per cent have been identified with home demonstration activities for more than 10 years

for more than 10 years. 'Figures show that there is about one and one-third child per family, and about 25 per cent of the child-ren in club families are over 19 years of age," Miss Bryant com-

The Army requires a number of young men for enrollment as Flying Cadets in the Air Corps. These Cadets who qualify will be given a complete course of Army Aviation training and with a view to appointment as Reserve Officers

training and with a view to appointment as Reserve Officers in the Army Air Corps.

While training, Flying Cadets are paid \$75.00 per month, food, clothing and medical attention furnished free furnished free.

They are given as thorough a course of training (about 9 months) as can be obtained any-

Qualifications
Ages 20 to 27, unmarried, first class physical condition; Two years college or written examination in lieu thereof.

For application blanks, see your



MERRY CHRISTMAS

So that we may not overlook any of our many friends we take this opportunity to wish all of you a "Merry Christmas." We sincerely hope that good fortune will follow you in all your plans during the coming year.

Van B. Boston

Postmaster or write U. S. Army Re- cruiting Officer, Lubbock, Texas



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS-

The Holiday Season would not be complete unless we wished for all our friends "A Merry Christmas" and thanked them for all the favors they have shown us in the past.

May the Christmas Bells bring to you: Happiness

Success

Health

Prosperity

Each member of this firm pledges himself to continued effort that your good will and friendship may be deserved in the future, and that we may be privileged to serve you again.

Consumers Co., Inc.

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Our daddies said tell you ...



Merry Christmas

A Happy New Pear

"... and they said tell you we're glad you use 'lectric lights, and 'frigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They 'preciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that 'lectricity is so cheap and ev'rybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mammas don't work so hard any more since they got 'lectric servants in the kitchen.

"There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use 'lectric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"





WE CAN'T MEASURE-

the pleasure we have had in being a part of this community, in serving you, and in adding in our small way to your life.

Neither can we measure the esteem in which we hold your friendship, and the pleasure with which we look ahead to continuing this association in the future.

We welcome this opportunity to greet each one of you, to wish you all possible happiness and good luck, and to say- Merry Christmas.

Brown's Food Store

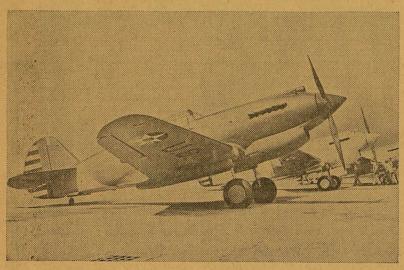
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Commanders of Four U. S. Air Districts



The four major generals in command of the four air districts into which the United States has been divided are shown here. Top, left, Maj. Gen. B. K. Yount, commanding general of the Southeast air corps district. Top, right, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry (N. W. district); bottom, left, Maj. Gen. James Chaney, (N. E. district); bottom, right, Maj. Gen. Jacob Fickel (S. W. district.)

U. S. Releases Planes to Greece



In a swift execution of aiding the nations fighting aggression, the United States government has released to Greece 30 P-40 pursuit planes, pictured above, for immediate delivery. The planes, rated by air experts in America as possessing greater speed, maneuverability and stamina than Italy's best, mount four wing-contained machine guns each.



Somewhere in England tive Indians have flocked loyally to the banner of the British royal air force, lending their abilities to Britain in its fight for life against Germany. This Indian pilot is having a mug of hot coffee after a flight.



Mrs. E. Deegan, U. S. embassy clerk in Paris, who was held by Nazis and later released. It is thought she was accused of aiding British officers escape from France.

Aiding British



Released by Nazis





to advise the war department on labor relations couldn't have been improved upon, from the govern-ment's point of view. From Mr. McGrady's, it may not be so hot. Eddie is a dollar-a-year man. He can't afford to be that except on a

part-time basis.

After a life of unselfish service for labor unions at wages far below his worth, he was getting on. He had family obligations. In addition, he is the easiest "touch" I know. If you are out of luck, all you have to do to get McGrady's money is to ask him for it. So he didn't have anything put aside.

The RCA did one of the most intelligent things in recent industrial management. It employed this great union labor leader to keep its labor relations straight, made him first a director and later a vice president and paid him a salary commensurate with other first lieutenants of Mr. Sarnoff. RCA would not willingly lose his services, and Mr. McGrady can make belated preparations for his old age.

For these reasons, it would be unfair to require him to give up that job. It would also be unnecessary, because if the war department is wise it will keep out of labor disputes. Keeping out wouldn't take too much of McGrady's time.

Except at the arsenals, and to a limited extent elsewhere, the war department is not an employer. It procures its supplies from contractors. They will get into some disputes. There will be some strikes. Some of them will delay the rearmament program. But it is not the army's business to horn in. That is the business of Sidney Hillman's labor organization or the Perkins conciliation service.

Army officers are not fitted by training, background or office to conduct themselves well in the heat or emotion of a strike situation where you can't move men by yelling: "Squads right." If the army doesn't push this porcupine over to the departments where it belongs, or if it permits them to push it over to the army, some soldier is a sucker. It is a safe bet that it won't be done while McGrady is there, and that if it is done he won't stay there.

'APPEASEMENT'

Out of the administration are coming private warnings that one great American danger just now is organization and daily growth of "appeasers" and their cunning propaganda to stir up public sentiment for "appeasement."

It isn't easy to define just what is meant by this use of the word. Appeasement, as a by-word, grew out of the series of settlements with Hitler acceded to by France and England, whereby they welched on the alliances France, at least, had made with such little nations as Austria and Czechoslovakia, in order to 'ring Germany in a cordon sanitaire of steel" and to preserve the provisions of the treaty of Ver-

sailles. They tossed those little nations to the Nazi wolves quite obviously because there was nothing else they could do. They had allowed themselves to become too weak and Germany to become too strong to do

anything else. The very word "appease," taken with the circumstances of those settlements, implied that there was some right on the Nazi side. appeasing concessions were used not as a truce to gain time for allout defense. They were used as a narcotic assurance to the British and the French of "peace in our time," with an effect that they went on snoring while Germany became stronger and stronger.

Some of us began to insist that we prepare, years before Munich and with growing insistence ever since -insistence on our own weakness, on the great threat growing in the world and the absolute necessity for American rearmament.

Many, if not most, of those who took this stand believe we are not even yet arming effectively. We have preceded and supported every move to speed and increase total defense to the point of American invincibility on this side of the

Our only point of difference with other equally earnest and sincere Americans is that we do not believe in either the necessity or the wisdom of scattering our defense over more territory than we can guard, do not believe in putting our country into a military situation in which its defense depends on the strength or weakness of others-their blunders or successes.

We do believe that, whether Britain wins or does not win, we shall never be safe again without adequate defense of our own, that part of our strength is our financial soundness and that we cannot weaken it by undertaking to finance the wars of others at a cost which, in a long war to which we are a party, could rise as high as one hundred billion dollars.

If that opinion and record is what is meant by "appeasement," we regard the word as an epithet without argument.



A FARM PLAN TO PAY FOR WHAT'S GROWN

DURING THE PROGRESS of the presidential campaign, Wheeler Mc-Millen, editor in chief of "Farm Journal," sent to all candidates for congress an outline of a new farm plan, which he calls the "incentive payment plan."

American agricultural imports amount to about one and one-half billion dollars a year. Practically all of that could be raised in this country if the farmers were encouraged to do so.

Mr. McMillen's idea is to pay farmers for raising the things we now import, instead of paying them for not raising products of which we have a surplus. For example, we import large quantities of castor beans and castor bean oil. Castor beans can be raised in practically sections of the United States. Mr. McMillen would offer farmers an incentive by paying them for each acre of castor beans they plant and assure them the American market for their product. He knows such a positive program would appeal to farmers more than the present negative one of paying for not doing

Our agricultural imports cover a wide range, including such items as vegetable oils, flax, hemp, coarse wools, wood pulp, sugar, etc. With the incentive payments, Mr. Mc-Millen also proposes to pay farmers for farm and soil improvements.

things.

Such incentive payments, while greatly reducing the cost to the government, would add materially to the present farm income and would appeal to farmers. It would remove all semblance of farm regimenta-

Wheeler McMillen knows farming—dirt farming. He has spread manure and guided the plow over his own acres in Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey. He knows farm people. He knows farm gets the people was the people of the He knew them as the editor of an Indiana country weekly newspaper, and as editor of "Farm Journal," numbers his farmer friends by the thousands. As organizer and president of the American Chemurgic conference, he knows the application of farm products to industry. It would be well for any political party to listen to this man when he talks of farms and farming. He can give them pointers on castor beans and other possible farm crops, and on what the farmer thinks about.

MACHINES COME FIRST IN PREPAREDNESS

MACHINES AND MEN, not men and machines, are the component parts of the army of today.

Machines come first, they are the first essential. Without machinesguns, tanks, motorized transport, planes-men are helpless and defenseless.

Man all the Atlantic seacoast with men only and they could not prevent the landing of an invading force prepared with both machines and men.

We will not stop enemy airplane raids with pieces of stovepipe as anti-aircraft guns. Our infantry will be worthless if equipped with pieces of gas pipe, instead of rifles. Our artillery cannot prevent the enemy's advance with logs mounted on wheels, instead of modern cannon. Walls without modern guns behind them are not worth much as fortifications.

To be effective, the soldier of today needs accurate and complete knowledge of the mechanized equipment with which he is to fight, more than to execute four's right or four's left. He must know how to aim a rifle. He will not learn that with a piece of gas pipe. He must know the mechanism and operation of an anti-aircraft gun. He will not learn that with a piece of stovepipe.

To assemble an army of a million or more men into whose hands we cannot place the modern equipment that is needed in today's warfare, is putting the cart before the horse.

To put an army of a million men into camp and maintain it for a year will cost at least a billion dollars. Why not put that billion dollars into equipment and when we have it, then call that million or more men into camp to teach them how to use it? Our first job is to provide the machines of war for our men to use.

FRANK EDGECOMB, blind editor of the Geneva, Neb., Signal, sees ahead only a better and brighter future for America. He gets a truer view through his mind than many of us get through our eyes.

GOOD VISION

SEES PERIL IN GIVING UP THE PHILIPPINES

CAPT. JOHN CRAIG, of underwater movie fame, has just returned to this country from a photographic expedition through the Philippine islands. He is strongly urging that America hold onto the island of Mindanao in that group.

The Moro natives insist they will

never submit to being ruled by the Tagalogs of Luzon; that the American government promised to retain the island, and they submitted to American rule on that basis.



Only a year, my dear," he pleaded. "Twelve months to prove that I'm a new man—for myself, for the world and, above all, for you."

That was last New Year's Eve, the day Joe walked out of prison a free man. Margie met him at the big iron gate, a puzzled and frightened boy wearing an ill-fitting suit. His debt was paid.

Twelve worried months Margie had waited, praying each night that, wherever he might be, her Joe was safe on the narrow path. And now his year's probation was up.

The clock struck eleven thirty and Margie turned on the radio. Back east, in New York, it was already She should have arranged to meet Joe there; it would all be over now!

At eleven forty-five her heart beat furiously.

"Please, God," she prayed. "Make him come to me at midnight!"

Suddenly she heard a furious clamor in the hallway. Then a knock, nervous and sharp. The knob turned, and suddenly she saw Joe, his eyes wide and his face dead

"Margie!" he cried. "Hide me quick. The cops are after me but I didn't do anything . . . Honest!" "But Joe!" she answered. "Why should you hide, then?"

"Please, honey, don't argue!" His hands were trembling.

While the midnight bells tolled outside, Margie rushed him to the unused closet off the hall. Then she



While the bells tolled outside. she rushed him into the closet.

went calmly back to the living room

A second later they came, two burly Irishmen.

"—A young fellow just come in here?" one asked.

"Ah, er, yes," Margie began. Then, resolved: "You'll find him in the closet."

"Ye'll have to come along, too, young lady!" the copper said. And a few minutes later they were driving to the police station. Joe, be-

"I'm sorry, Joe," she offered.
"But I couldn't marry a dishonest

He didn't answer.

At the station they were whisked into a small room. It was strangely quiet, Margie thought. In a corner two men were whispering and suddenly one of them walked over to

"Know what ye've done, young lady?" he asked ominously.

"I've done nothing," she replied, thoroughly indignant.

"Yes ye have!" he insisted. A faint smile crept into the corners of his Irish mouth. "Ye've got yer-self a husband!"

Suddenly the room was filled with laughter and the next thing Margie knew Joe was kissing her again and again. When she finally looked around they were alone.

"Oh, Joe," she sighed, "then you really haven't done anything wrong?"

"Of course not, dear!" he answered. "I'm a detective nowhave been for the last six months since I helped the cops smash a

burglar ring."
"But Joe," she moaned, "to think that I refused to hide you back at the apartment. I-I'm not worthy,

"Don't worry about that, Margie!" he replied. "I'm not a crook myself, any more, and I wouldn't want to marry one!"

Out in the captain's office a faraway radio brought the sound of revelry. Marg looked at her watch. It was one o'clock in the morning now; in the Rocky mountains they were

welcoming the new year.
"Honey," she said, "let's pretend we live in Denver." "And why?" asked Joe.

"Because it's New Year's Eve there now, and you've just come back to me!"

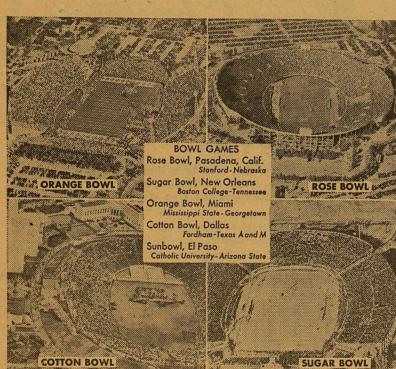
A Resolution

Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live. Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can. Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another. Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge. Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid of if it were the last hour of my life.

-JONATHAN EDWARDS.

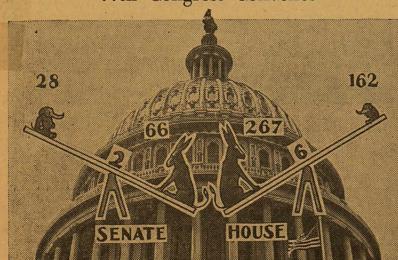
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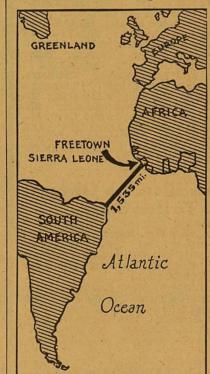


The principal grid battles which will be fought throughout the nation on January 1, New Year's day, are shown in the center panel. As in other years, capacity crowds are expected to witness these football classics in the great stadia, four of which are here shown. A festival, typical of the region, will precede the game at each of these focal points to which the eyes of the nation's football fans will soon turn.

77th Congress Convenes



As a result of the November 5 election, the new senate which convenes January 3, will be composed of 66 Democrats, 28 Republicans, 1 Progressive, and 1 Independent, against 68 Democrats and 25 Republicans since November 5. The new house will have 267 Democrats, 162 Republicans and 6 others, against 260 Democrats, 167 Republicans, 4 others and 4 vacancies since November 5.



On January 1 the U. S. will establish a consular "listening post" at Freetown, Sierra Leone, British West Africa, whence the air distance to South America is shortest.

A Case for Damages



Alex Ripan, 49, (above) of Indiana Harbor, Ind., worked 12 years in a Michigan prison, for a crime he did not commit. Friends will ask the legislature convening at Lansing, Mich., January 5, for \$10,-

Read Star Ads — It Pays

HOLIDAY SPECIAL **PRICES**

On Shelton, Bonat, and Helen Curtis **PERMANENTS** PHONE 17

Pioneer Barber & Beauty Shop Dorothy Cooper and Virgie Green OPERATORS

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster, Dalhart, and Miss Alice McAdams, Amarillo, will arrive today (Tues-day) to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Sallie V. Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler will spend Christmas day in Skellytown with their son and daughter, Mand Mrs. Cone Donelson and son. Miss Marijo Brown, Groom, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston will spend Christmas in Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin have as their guest, her father, Mr. For-

MERRY **CHRISTMAS**

There are so many things we would like to say to each of you— personal wishes created by our mutual friendship. These things are in our heart and you will know that this simple greeting covers them all. We sincere-ly wish that this Christmas may bring you Peace, Pros-perity, Health and Happiness in fullest abundance.



Drugs & Drug Sundries - Fountain Service

YATES DRUG



AND ALL GOOD WISHES-

Charles Dickens wrote: "I have always thought of Christ-mastime as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable pleasant

That expresses our idea of Christmas better than any words we might write. And because your friendship in the past has made our Christmas happier, we take pleasure in extending

Riffe Bros. Inc.



TO EACH OF YOU-

And we mean just exactly that- "Merry Christmas." May the fire on your hearth glow more brightly because of the happiness your friendship as brought to us in the past. And the joys you so richly deserve be many and lasting.

WILL BE CLOSED AFTER 3:00 P. M. **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Palace Cafe



MAY THE BEST OF EVERY THING **BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS**

is the sincere wish of every person in this

What happier thought to share with you at this season than the mutual regard which has made our relations so pleasant in the past, promises the same confidence between us in the future.

May this 1940 Christmas be the happiest you have ever

Bennett Implement Co.



tenberry of near Greenville, Texas. Lone Star Club Has L. M. Price and W. C. Martin were in Pecos the first of the week Christmas Program on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick and son, Phillip, will spend Christ-mas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gamble

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton, G. L. Taylor, J. R. Pendleton, J. W. Garoutte. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price at-tended the funeral of Milton Tatum in Dalhart Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conde Donelson left Monday to spend Christmas in Clo-vis, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Norman, Jr. left Monday to visit relatives in

Miss Oleta Gilley left Sunday for Denison, Texas to spend the holidays with her father. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price were in Amarillo Friday on business.

Mrs. Emily Hall, Amarillo, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Parker, Mr. Parker and family.

Miss Kathryn Bonar left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates visited relatives in Texhoma Sunday. Misses Geraldine Kelp, Marcella Farrison, and Bobbie Wiginton Garrison, and Bobbie Wiginton visited friends in Dalhart Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey will spend Christmas day with relatives

Arthur Milton, who is taking inventory of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. yards in this district, is expected home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pronger attended the funeral of Milton Tatum in Dalhart Friday.

Charles W. Mason, NYA representive, Amarillo, was a business

General Repair LATHE WORK—DISC ROLLING

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We Appreciate Your Patronage Turner Barber Shop

E. J. MASSIE

GENERAL BLACKSMITHING Electric And Acetylene Welding DISC ROLLING Located on South Main Street

INSURANCE Farm and City Property. Also Business looked after for non-resi-

> Arthur Ross Stratford, Texas

Members of the Lone Star Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Luther Browder December 17, where they had their Christmas program and exchanged gifts.

Mrs. Luther Browder opened the program by reading from the 2nd chapter of Luke.

Mrs. J. R. Morris gave an interesting talk on 'Christmas in Foregin Countries', Mrs. Frank Blanks read My Christmas Tree.' After a short recreation delicious refreshments were serv-

The next meeting will be January 7 at the home of Mrs. D. G. Cluck.

Mrs. Bennett Party Hostess To Best Yet Demonstration Club

The Best Yet Home Demonstration club had its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Harold Benand Mrs. H. A. Wellmaker in Lub-bock, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and children will spend Christmas with which refreshments were served to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins in central Texas.

I. D. Divine, Mrs. Emma Brown and Mrs. Maude Yates, Texhoma, visited friends here Sunday afterand Kenneth Borth and Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenneth Borth and Cecil, Mrs. Raymond Response Diversity Mrs. Raymond Response Diversi and Mrs. Raymond Keener, Mr. and Kenneth Borth and Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Summerour, Mr. and Mrs. Sekki Lavake, Charles Beauchamp, and the host and hostess.

Priscilla Club Gives \$5 To Red Cross

Members of the Priscilla Club met with Mrs. Roy Browder last Thursday for their Christmas meeting. An enjoyable afternoon was spent embroidering and exchange of gifts.

At the business meeting, it was The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Oscar Watkins; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Luther Browder; Reporter, Mrs. Roy Brow-

Delicious refreshments, carrying out the Christmas motif, were serv out the Christmas motif, were served to the following members and visitors: Mesdames C. F. Moon, V. M. King, Bertie Wells, Wayne Williams, J. B. Craig, Oscar Watkins, Luther Browder, Lester Wells, Frank Blanks, Sidney Park, and the hostess, Mrs. Roy. Browder, The next meeting will be January 2, with Mrs. J. B. Craig.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we review the past, we realize how much you and other friends like you have contributed toward our success, and pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to even greater service in the future.

Walden Electric Go

George Riffe New Manager Of The

Stratford Grain Co. George Riffe, Tyrone, arrived this week to assume the management of the Stratford Grain Co. L \$

FLOWERS: Call Mrs. H. M. Brown. FOR SALE: Baled Alfalfa Hay, 7 miles northwest of Lamar, Colonorthwest of Ed., Wil. A. C. Ellenberger, Wil. 10-5tp.

Colorado.

P. Hunter, former manager will take over his duties as county judge January 1

> J. W. ELLIOTT ATTORNEY And Counsellor at Law

STRATFORD, TEXAS

Dr. E. U. Johnston

DENTIST Coleman Bldg.

Office Air-Conditioned Phone 161



AND OUR BEST WISHES

Most cherished among the gifts bestowed by the passing year is the memory of the pleasant relations with those whom we have been privileged to serve, and it is with all sincereity that we wish you all the Joys of the Holiday Season.

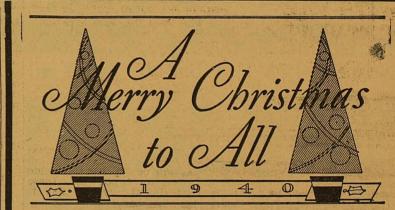
1941's Finest Studebakers On Our Display TOC Service Station



MORE AND MORE SINCERE—

With the passing years are our Christmas Greetings to you, because every year we realize more keenly how rich your friendship has been. We wish for you every Happiness.

Stratford Grain Co.



OUR WISH FOR YOU

May your Christmas this year be a time of happiness and jollity, a time for renewing old friendships, a time when everyday cares may be forgotten and the true spirit of the Yuletide season be realized.

During the years we have been a part of this community we have formed many friendships, and for them we are deeply grateful. It is not often that we have an opportunity to express this gratitude, and that is why we are happy at this time to extend to each of you our very sincere wishes for A Merry Christ-

May it Bring You all your heart's desires- May it be the very best Christmas vou have ever had.

Lowe & Billington Motor Co.



MAY ALL THE HAPPINESS OF THE STORY THAT NEVER **GROWS OLD**

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS HAPPIER We are happier for the thought that we have been able to serve you during the current year as we have been for many years. That pleasure has given us a richer reward.

As you gather around your Christmas feast, you will know we are thinking of you and wishing for you the Choicest Bless-

Taylor Mercantile Co.



RING OUT THE OLD MESSAGE

Time cannot lessen the comfort that comes with the centuries-old words- "Joy to the World." In them we find a message of hope and promise especially needed these

Events cannot completely dim the spiritual renewal we find each year in the Christmas story. Men come and go, nations rise and fall, clouds may darken the sky for a time, but the Story of Bethlehem is eternal — growing stronger with the passing years.

We count it a privilege to be able to again extend our Christmas wishes to the many friends we have made in this community, for in friendships we find the worth-while things of

And with all sincereity we extend our greetings, and wishes for your happiness and prosperity.

Foxworth-Galbraith Lbr. Co.

rates on application.

Pronger Bros. Report Recent Cattle Sales

Sales made recently of registered ttle by Pronger Bros. include: M. King, Jr., Dyersburg, Tenn.



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35 heifer calves; T. C. Killebrew, Siloam Springs, Ark., 25 heifer calves; Mrs. Ira Heard, Refugio, Texas, 35 heifer calves; C. H. Lupton, Victoria, Texas, 35 heifer calves; Farl Kelly, Las Vegas, N. M., 20 2-year old heifers; Roy Lynam, Watrous, N. M., 10 yearling bulls; Dick Jones, Beeville, Texas, 30 bull calves; W. Texas, 20 bull calves; W. Texas, 20 bull calves; W. Texas, 20 bull calves; Pred Barby, Beaver, Okla., 2 bull calves; E. H. Brainard & Son, Canadian, Texas, 15 lyearling bulls; E. D. Daughtery, Casper Wyeming 30 head, build salves. ard & Son, Canadian, Texas, 15 yearling bulls; E. D. Daughtery, Casper, Wyoming, 30 head bull calves and yearlings; John C. Burns, Ft. Worth, 33 bull calves and 3 yearling herd bull prospects for the 6666 ranches; Hinnant Bros., Alice, Texas, 15 Bull calves.

Texas NYA Lowers

ment for work on NYA projects reduced from 17 to 16 years, approximately 127,000 Texas boys and girls become eligible for NYA employment, Kellam said.

With funds that are required to find the first section of the said of the funds that are required to find the first section of the With the minimum are require-

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON the National Youth Administration And Best Wishes that you and yours may have Happiness and Good Cheer.

Mack's Service Station

The National Youth Administration in Texas will be able to provide employment for 15,000 of these young persons at any one time, it was pointed out.

"As youth go off NYA projects into private industry or are select-



SINCERELY

Although we have been extending to you our Christmas Greetings for a great many years, we have found in them a continual pleasure, because they give us an opportunity to show in a small way our appreciation of your friendship.

This year, even more than usual, the practice of wishing you Happiness, Prosperity, and Success at Christmas seems more than ever appropriate. The troubled times through which we have been passing have made us even more keenly appreciative of your loyal friendship and your patronage.

We dedicate ourselves to greater service to you, to greater courtesies, to making our community a better place in which to live. Every person in this firm feels the responsibility and accepts it gladly.

Albert's Grocery

And Service Station

Kellam explained.

\$11,000.00 In A.C.P. Checks Distributed During The Week

Approximately \$11,000.00 in 1940 A. C. P. checks arrived at the County Agent's office this week and are being distributed among Sherman County producers.

Build AAA Committee Office In Courthouse

A petition has been built in the coom across the hall from the Sheriff's office this week and a new door made to provide an offor the meetings of the County AAA Committee. The County Agent's office will be closed Christmas and New Year's

Cocke & Braden Get U. S. 287 Paving

Contract to Moore Co. Cocke & Braden Construction company was awarded the paving contract Friday to complete paving on U. S. 287 in Sherman County for complete paving on U. S. 287 in Sherman County for complete paving sioner, Precinct No. 1, Company was awarded the paving contract Friday to complete paving on U. S. 287 in Sherman County for a distance of 7 1-2 miles to the Moore County line.

Work is expected to start within 20 or 30 days.

FARM, RANCH AND HOME FACTS

By ERNEST GOULE (County Agricultural Agent) And Miss MABEL MARTIN (County Demonstration Agent)

While any time of year is a good time to visit a nursery or to explore field corners and pastures to discover attractive shrubs, and trees, this time of year has three definite advantages for the amateur gardner. While we have no native trees or shrubs here many of us will spend part of Christmas where there are some. Ask yourself "will this grow in Sherman County?" and if it will, beg borrow or steal it.

County?" and if it will, beg borrow or steal it.

Now it is easy to distinguish between evergreen trees and shrubs and those which lose their leaves.

This is a good time to observe brilliant fall colors of various plants an dchoose the most attractive ones to give bright spots in the landscape when flowers have quit blooming.

blooming And third, shrubs and trees may be taken up and transplanted now with more certainty of success than during the summer or spring.
"Shrub hunting, like deer hunting, can be fun and frequently it's

To 16 Years

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. — Unemployed boys and girls in Texas who are 16 years of age, out of school, in need, and who want the work experience provided on National Youth

Acid Foods Not Harmful

An idea many persons are sold on that 'we eat too many acid foods' is without foundation. Persons so obessed shun oranges, tomatoes and other good foods for fear of acid. The taste is acid, but act years of age, out of school, in need, and other good foods for fear of and who want the work experience provided on National Youth Administration projects are now eligible for such employment, J. C. Kelam, state NYA administrator, announced today.

With the minimum are require—

with some meet fish or according to the foods for fear of the foods. The taste is acid, but act acidity. There is no need to worry about acid-forming and base forming foods if one has a well-rounded diet that includes plenty of milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and correct with some meet fish.

> different kinds of fruits should not be eaten together on account of possible danger in combining the different acids. There is no possible harm in

Argentine wheat production that in Kansas and North Dakota

Notice Of Road **Bond Election**

ELECTORS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY



At Christmas Time

We review the past year, and count our blessings again. Our greatest asset has been your friendship, and we take special pleasure in this greeting as a small token of our appreciation of you and your good will.

Sheriff, Tax Assessor And Collector

ed for military service, other eli-gible youth in the State will have the opportunity to replace them," AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDER-shall be issued in the amount of Texas, particularly Section 52, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOU-SAND DOLLARS (\$350,000,00) (Continued on Page 8) will be held on the 31st day of December, 1940, in Sherman County,

SAND DOLLARS

From the town of Stratford in a

And whether or not a tax shall be levied on all taxable property within said County to pay principal of and interest on said bonds, pur-

J. W. Norvell, M. D.

Stratford, Texas

northwesterly direction to

suant to authority conferred by Constitution and laws of the State

Texas, to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by said County in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of manaintenance and o cadamized, gravel or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not taxes shall be maintenance and operation of maand whether or not taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property within said County, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 29th day of November, 1940, which said order is as follows, to-wit:

maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; said bonds to be issued more particularly for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of the purpose of the construction, maintenance and

is as follows, to-wit: ORDER OF ROAD BOND ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF SHERMAN) ON THIS the 29th day of November, 1940, the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas convened in Special session, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse at Stratford, Texas,

J. T. CARTRITE, Commission-

er, Precinct No. 2, J. A. LAYTON, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, E. E. HAMILTÓN, Commission-

er, Precinct No. 4,
being present and participating,
came on to be considered the petition of G. L. Taylor and Fifty-nine
other persons, and which said petition is in words and figures as
follows to wit:

tition is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY FOR AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY ROAD BONDS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF SHERMAN

TO THE HONARABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, resident qualified property taxpaying voters of SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, respectfully pray your Honorable Body to order an election to determine whether or not the bonds of said Sherman County

bearing interest at a rate of not exceeding FIVE PERCENTUM per Personality Counts -

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We Wish You Every Joy And Pleasure

During This Holiday Season And May the Spirit Of Christmas Remain With You

We are Grateful for Your Friendship and Loyalty. Pledge ourselves to strive even harder than ever before to merit your confidence and lovalty.

Merry Christmas

Is a time-tried sentiment, 'tis true; yet with the passing of the years its meaning grows. May the joy and happiness of this Christmas Season stay with you during a glorious—

Happy New Year Of 1941

May happiness and good health come to you in abundance may prosperity smile on you - may contentment be with you all through 1941. That's our New Year Wish for You.

Panhandle Power & Light Co.

News and a gold watch. I haven't either of them now. My boss in Omaha, Gilchrist, raised Lomax from a pup, but not very far. Gilchrist gave me a letter. He was

certain it would get me the job Hunt-

er had promised. Well, it didn't. Or

it hadn't up to noon today, which

was the last time I called at the Sphere office."
"I won't crawl back home,

whipped. That's why I'm in this handsome, second-hand uniform. It

lets me stay alive here, and I make

the rounds of the papers in my spare

time. Every office boy in town now

locks the city room door when he sees me coming."

"You can check up," I invited,
"through the Omaha chief or the
News—but you can see why I'd rather you didn't."

comradeship cops can always show

when they need newspaper help.

He rattled through a catalogue of

still too hysterical to be questioned.

I was so slow in answering that his eyes grew hard again. Aston-

ishment silenced me. In the confu-

last telephone call from the Ferriter

flat. Memory of it, flashing back

bered something. I took a phone

call from Three B a half-hour-

maybe twenty minutes—before Miss

Ferriter began her screaming. Perhaps I heard the man killed."

"Just before Miss Paget's chair

broke down. That made me forget."

of the muffled thump that followed,

pad downstairs."
"Jake," the Captain snapped. The

detective clumped down the hall

Shannon ran fingers through his hair

'Know anything about these Fer-

'No. I've been here only a week."

"Never heard why the three of

Miss Paget cleared her throat and

"It was through me, Captain. Ev-

genealogist of some reputation. He

has been helping me with a book I'm

compiling. When Mrs. Reynolds

wished to rent her apartment, I told

Everett about it. They are appar-

ently gentlefolk, if that means any-

"Not much, begging your par-

Amusement puckered the Cap-

"When did this other one, this

"I haven't seen him today at all.

Shannon's angry grunt cut me

"They didn't see Blackbeard come

in; they didn't see this Lyon go out.

Yet he is out. And Blackbeard is

across the hall. And you say some-

one made a phone call from that

apartment and, unless he was talk-

ing to himself, there was another

He rumpled his hair further.

"I believe not. They speak ex-cellent English."

"Then," I went on, "it was Black-

beard who telephoned. A thick voice

that sounded as though it might be

Jake entered with the call sheet.

The half-devoured cigar wabbled in

his mouth and his finger shook as

he handed the page to his chief and

held the paper out to me with his

thumbnail indenting its margin
"That the call?" he asked in a

voice I felt he kept so mild by great

by the clock on the switchboard. I

don't know whether it was complet-

ed or not. I plugged in and then-" TO BE CONTINUED)

"Yes," I said. "At three-thirty

The Captain said no word but

"Are the Ferriters foreign born?"

I thought and shook my head.

tain's eyelids. He turned to me.

again and squinted at nothing.

riters?" he asked suddenly.

them came here?"

then spoke precisely.

don," Shannon retorted.

Lyon Ferriter, go out?"

The others on the hall-"

agree," she said.

guy with him.'

German."

pointed

asked Miss Agatha:

She shook her head.

Miss Agatha nodded.

stared at me.

asked hoarsely.

apartment house that morning.

'Here's what we know so far."

unrelated details:

I hated the shaky quality of my

2. Hidden Ways

gave me a farewell dinner on the

SYNOPSIS

David Mallory, in search of newspaper work in New York, is forced to accept a job as switch-board operator in a swank apartment house, managed by officious Timothy Higgins. There David meets Miss Agatha Paget, a crippled old lady, and her charming niece, Allegra. One day, talking with Higgins in the lobby, David is alarmed by a piercing scream. David finds the scream came from the Ferriter apartment, not far from the Pagets'. The Ferriters include Lyon and Everett, and their sister, Ione. Everett, a genealogist, is helping Agatha Paget write a book about her blueblooded ancestors. Inside the apartment they find a black-bearded man—dead. No weapon can be found.

CHAPTER II—Continued

Hoyt had brought down a thick-shouldered person with an unlighted cigar clamped in his jaws who advanced and tapped Higgins on the shoulder so that the superintendent jumped.

"Higgins?" his accoster asked. "C'm on. Captain wants you." My employer cast a look of ap-

peal over his shoulder as he was marched away. It puzzled me. I could not imagine him a murderer, yet he had asked me for an alibi.

An elderly young man in a Chesterfield overcoat, with a cane hooked over his arm and glasses tethered to a black cord, approached the policeman at the door, stood for some minutes, not in argument but conversation with the sentinel, and then pushed past him, undeterred.

Something in his cocksure swag-ger irked me and woke foggy recollection. As he spoke, I recognized him. He had strolled through the anteroom of the Sphere's offices that noon while I had waited for the scornful office boy to tell me once again that Lomax, the city editor, could not see me.

"'Evening," said the intruder briskly. "I'm from the Sphere. Duke. Larry Duke."

It was childish to vent my griev-

ance against Lomax upon his reporter, but my nerves were jangled and I had had no lunch, thanks to my fruitless journey to the Sphere's office.
"Yes?" I said.

Duke leaned against the switchboard and lit a cigarette. That made me angrier. I needed one so. "Had a little killing upstairs, eh?" he asked. "Know anything about

"Plenty," I told him. "I found the body."

That shook him up. He jerked so that his eyeglasses fell off. He hauled copy paper from his pocket.

"Ain't," he grinned, "ain't this somepin? First, let's get your name

I gave it to him. He printed it carefully at the top of the page. "Now," he gloated, "tell me all about it. How did you know there'd been a killing? When did it happen?' "Easy," I said. "I'm not working for the Sphere."

He put on his glasses again and stared at me.

"I don't get you," he said at last.
"Sure you don't." I told him and I loved it. I was landing a punch at last after being hammered all over "You don't get me-or a the ring. word out of me."

He looked at me harder. "Now wait," he wheedled. "Don't be that way. If you can give this to me exclusive, there'll be a piece of

change in it for you."

"I can," I said, "but I won't, and I'll tell you why."

It felt so good to get a little of my own back that I wanted more. And besides I never saw a man with a black tie-rope to his glasses whom I liked. In my mind I combined Duke and his boss, Lomax, retaining the worst features of both.

"Believe it or not," I told the reporter, "I used to be a newspaper man myself. I came to this town with a letter to Lomax from Doc Gilchrist. When Lomax didn't have two nickels to rub together, Doc gave him a job and taught him all he knows. I sent in the letter. Lomax was busy; come back in a week. In a week he was still busy. And the week after and the week after that

"Boy," said Duke, "there are a lot better newspaper men than you'll ever be looking for work in this town and not finding any."

"Maybe," I granted. "If you knew eh?" the Captain asked politely. "They did," I admitted. "I was story I could write at present, the story I could write at present, you'd change your mind. Not getting a job isn't what gripes. Your hoss is too important even to give old Doc Gilchrist's friend a handshake and wish him luck. Doc read me his letter to Lomax. Which is one of the reasons why I say hell with him and with you.'

The thick man stood beside me; he had chewed an inch off his cigar since I had seen him last.

"Hi, Larry," he said to Duke and

turning to me: "If you've finished the lecture,

mug, the Captain wants you upstairs. As a matter of fact, he wants you anyway. On your feet."
"Hey listen, Jake," the reporter begged, "give me a steer, will you?

What's going on? Is it big?'
"Colossal," the other the other replied, pushing me toward the elevator. Shannon'll see you boys later. I

can't stop now." He glared at me all the way upstairs. I glared back. I felt better somehow. They had cops like him in my own town and besides, for the first time since I reached New York, I felt I was important to

CHAPTER III

The patrolman still stood before the Ferriter door. It was open and could hear men inside talking and furniture being moved and I saw the short white glare of a flashlight. Jake pushed me off the elevator and I kept from asking him how he'd like a sock in the nose, remember-ing just in time that this wasn't my town.

"Whoa," he said as I turned to-ward the open door. "Not there, sap. In here." He jerked his head toward the

Paget apartment, turned the doorknob and waved me in before him. It was dark by now and all the lights were on in the workroom. Three men were there. The ember nead, who I learned was Captain Malachi Shannon of the Homicide Squad, kept walking up and down before Higgins who sat and sweated in a chair by the desk where a greasy little dick took shorthand. In the corner, calmly alert, Miss Paget

bishop in a crap game. I must have showed what I thought for in the moment's silence, while Shannon walked up and down the rug again and Higgins perspired more, the old lady said:

occupied her wheel chair. She

seemed more out of place, yet even

more wholly enjoying herself, than a

"The Captain's associates are still busy in the Ferriter flat, David, So

I put my own at his service." The grin, that lent her withered



"I came East for work I didn't get."

turned on Higgins again, started to speak, bit his lip, rumpled his hair and said at last:

"All right. You can go. But not far. I may want you later."
"Yes, sir." Higgins grunted, heaving himself up. The chair I took

was warm from the superintendent's stewing. Jake stood in the door way, and chewed his cigar. Shannon rumpled his hair some more and then wheeled on me.
"Now get this," he stormed, "I

want the truth out of you."

Partly, it was the presence of the old lady; partly, it was because I hadn't liked being pushed around by Jake. My squabble with Duke had

boosted my morale, too.
"And get this," I told Shannon and he gaped: "I'll tell you just as much more if you don't yell." His eyes were clever for all the

Irish obstinacy of his freckled face. "Tough, eh?" he asked at last. "With tough guys."

I thought I saw traces of amusement on his face. I did not know whether Miss Agatha coughed or snorted. Shannon hesitated. I said: 'To save us both time, my name is David Mallory, twenty-nine, employed since last Saturday as a hallman here, living in the superintendent's flat in the cellar."

"Ah," Shannon purred, looking at me hard, "one of these wise birds?" "I passed for one," I replied, "in my home town. Even the cops said

'Cops knew quite a lot about you a reporter on the News, in Omaha. You can check up on that, though

I'd rather you wouldn't."
"I see," said Shannon in a deceptively mild voice, "then what are you doing on a job like this?"

"I have a yen for food," I answered and wished that Miss Paget were somewhere else. "I just can't get along without it. I came East for work I didn't get. I ran into Eddie Hoyt-he's on the elevatorlast week. His father had worked for mine. Eddie got me this job.

We were kids together." "And if you were so hard up as that," the Captain went on and I felt something tense behind his pleasant manner, "why didn't you go back to Omaha?"

I drew a breath.
"I'll make this," I said, trying to be jaunty about it, "as short and as cheerful as I can. Hunter, who was city editor of the Sphere, liked my work. He sent for me to come on. Hunter was canned the day I'd planned to come and a so-and-so

named Lomax took his place."
"I know him," Shannon nodded.
"It's nothing to boast about. They

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JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:35-48.
GOLDEN TEXT—Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.—Luke 12:48.

The Lord is coming! One of the chief reasons for the worldliness in our churches today, the indifference toward soul winning, and the neglect of personal holiness, is that preachers and people alike have neglected the truth of the second coming of Christ. He is He nodded, thought a minute and then sat down with a sigh.
"All right, fella," he said with the coming again—are you ready? Am I? These are serious and urgent questions.

I. The Lord Is Coming-Be Wait-

ing (vv. 35, 36). Lights burning and loins girt ready to serve Him, such should be our daily attitude toward His com-Blackbeard had been stabbed ing. Believers are to be "looking through the heart. No one knew how he got into the Morello, for his appearing" (II Tim. 4:8). Their there was no entrance to this main hope is not in this world, but they building except the foyer or by elevator from the basement. No idensiring" (II Pet. 3:11, 12, R. V.) the tification had been found in his outworking of God's plan and purclothes, though there was money in his pocket. No one knew whether the Ferriters knew him. Ione was

II. The Lord Is Coming-Be Ready

He may come at midnight, or in Neither of her brothers had come in. Everett had gone out at four o'clock. No one had seen Lyon, the older brother, since he left the state of the morning; we do not know the day or hour (v. 40, cf. Matt. 24:36), but it will be when the world does not expect it (vv. 39, 40). "By DAVID CORY

By DAVID CORY

God grant that I the new year through may strive with heart and soul to do not expect it (vv. 39, 40). "Be ye "That," said Shannon, "is as far Christian, ever wa to add?" ready" is the command to every Christian, ever watchful for the

The full meaning of verse 37 we will not know until we come to that glorious day, but it clearly indicates a great blessing and reward for sion before and after the finding of those who are ready when He the dead man, I had forgotten that comes.

III. The Lord Is Coming-Be Busy (vv. 41-44). Peter's question is not directly

now, blew my mind about.
"Sorry," I told the Captain and answered, but by inference he is gave a weak grin. "I just rememtold that he may be one of those to whom this blessing will come by being about the Master's business.

Critics of the teaching of the hope of the Lord's return sometimes say that looking for Him "cuts the nerve Even the oily little stenographer of missionary endeavor"; that is, "What time was this?" Shannon makes men impractical and vision ary, not willing to work for God. To prove how untrue that is one need only investigate who it is that I told of the phone call from the furnishes most of the men and means to evangelize the world. He thick, foreign tongue, apparently to someone else in the apartment and believers in the Lord's return.

Looking for Christ means occupy-"What number was it?" Shannon ing until He comes (Luke 19:13), doing the Lord's work here and now (v. 42), while awaiting His coming. "Spring—something. It's on the

"Jesus compares teachers to Acts 20:28; I Cor. 4:1; I Pet. 4:10). A steward's business is to give to each one in the household his portion of meat in due season (John 21:15-17; I Pet. 5:2; Jer. 3:15). The faithful and wise steward is the one who actually does this. There are many foolish and unfaithful stewards who feed themselves, not the household (cf. Ezek. 34:2, 3); or they feed only a portion of the household; or they give something erett Ferriter, as I told you, is a else than food (philosophy or sociology, instead of the pure Word of days of the New Moon. God; cf. I Pet. 2:2; 4:10, 11); or they do not give the food 'in due season.' The steward who is faithful and wise is also blessed. Having proved his fitness to rule, he is rewarded with larger rule. At the bottom of the unfaithful steward's neglect of duty lies his view that Christ's coming is far off" (Bradbury).

> IV. The Lord Is Coming-Be Holy (vv. 45-48).

The belief that the Lord will delay His coming leads to all manner of unbelief, betrayal of trust, and of sin. In the case of the servant in verse 45, there was first oppression of those under him, and then gluttony and drunkenness. The picture is revolting, but it was really prophetic of what has taken place even within the ranks of professing Christians in the church itself.

Neglect of the truth of God's Word, scoffing at the promise of Christ's coming (read carefully II Pet. 3:3-9) leads to that perversion ber 31. of Christianity which is evident in much of the life of the church to- honor of welcoming the new year day, and which causes thinking peoto turn away in disgust. us stress the fact that this may be "religion," but it is not real Christianity.

There is a solemn word here for preachers, teachers and Christian workers. A time of judgment is coming, and we are to answer to the Lord for the faithful use of our privileges and opportunities. It is a matter to which we need to give carelooked for a long minute before he great opportunities, our measure of day to learn her fate: responsibility will be great. Every

Greetings and Salutations



A New Year's Prayer By DAVID CORY

God grant that I each morning start My duties with a cheerful heart, And cheerfully perform my part.

To wear a smile all through the day, To banish thoughts unkind away; And when my bedtime comes, to pray.

To say my prayers with folded hands As night comes softly o'er the lands, To Him, who always understands.

And when the bells on New Year's dawn Proclaim the bright New Year is born, And I awake on New Year's morn.

I pray Him whisper, low and sweet To help me guide my wayward feet, Lest I forget my prayer to meet.

Ancient Rites Mark Chinese New Year

Magnificent parades of giant dragons and bright lanterns help cele-brate New Year's in China's big cities, but simple ceremonies mark the passing of the old year in the great mass of homes.

Great care is taken that ancient customs are nicely observed, because New Year's is the time when many events of the coming year are determined.

Four days before the new year begins, a feast is spread before the idol in every home. This almost invariably contains sticky candies and syrups, although the gods are not especially pleased with sweets. The candy is offered to stick the god's jaws together so he cannot tell too much of what he saw on earth when he returns to the heavens.

On the last day of the old year, large quantities of water are stored in the house because it is unlucky to draw water during the first three

The door to every simple home is opened at midnight of the last day as its god re-enters amid blazing firecrackers, incense sticks and flaming candles. After a few minutes the door is tightly closed to keep in the good luck which he brought with him.

New Year Is 'Born' In Chatham Islands

The New Year will be born January 1 in the lonely Chatham islands 414 miles southwest of New Zealand and race westward 1,000 miles an hour toward the U.S.

In accordance with tradition, some 200 shepherds and fishermen will celebrate the arrival of 1941 by proudly ringing the bell of the little church on Hanson island as clocks in New York point to 5 a. m. Decem-

The Chatham islands have the at its birth because they are the nearest land points to the British admiralty dateline from which the time zones are marked throughout the world. The line curves east and west of the 180th meridian of longitude so that it lies always in the ocean.

New Year's Eve Fates

Every maiden wonders what the future has in store for her, and this ful attention. If God has given us is what she must do on New Year's

Turn the pillow at midnight, the chance you and I have to present the thirty-first of December, and you gospel, influence the life of our ac- will dream of the man you are to quaintances for God, turn the interest of our community or neighbor-book to her bedroom, blow out the toward righteousness, these lamp, open the book and mark a are God's gifts of opportunity to us. hymn (in the dark), put it under We shall answer one day to Him the pillow and sleep on it. Next for the manner in which we use morning when she reads the hymn her fate will be revealed.

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Make Opportunities A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.—Bacon.

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Watch Your Kidneys! Help Them Cleanse the Blood

of Harmful Body Waste Your kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as Nature intended—fall to remove impurities that, if retained, may poison the system and upset the whole body machinery.

Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

Washington, D. C. DONOVAN'S REAL GOAL IS GREECE

Inside fact regarding the present mystery trip of Col. William Donovan to Europe is that his real destination is Greece.

En route, however, he will stop in North Africa where he will see his old World war friend, Marshal Weygand, now controlling the large

French army in Africa.

If this powerful force took the field on the side of the British, the Italians, already in a precarious position as a result of their defeats in Greece, would be finished. This would release British naval forces for desperately needed convoy work in the Atlantic.

Also it would have repercussions in the Far East, where the Japanese military have been greedily eyeing the rich Dutch East Indies and Indo-China. With the British supreme in the Mediterranean and their big fleet available for operations elsewhere, Japan would think twice before at-

tempting any new grabs.
On the Greek front, Donovan will make a survey similar to that which he made in England last spring.

In England last spring, Donovan made a thorough survey of invasion defenses, military intelligence and the royal air force. He spent a week in the field with the British army and made several flights with the R.A.F. Various U. S. army, air corps and navy observers are now attached to the British forces as the result of Donovan's trip; also he established close intelligence ties on Axis espionage and fifth column op-

On his previous British mission, Donovan traveled as the personal representative of Navy Secretary

PRE-ADJOURNMENT JUNKET On November 19, when the house defeated a motion to adjourn until January, members righteously declared that congress should remain on the job in these grave days of

emergency.

But today a dozen members of the house are enjoying a cushy of the government. And with one exception, everyone of the group voted to stay on the job.

On December 5, a fortnight after so voting, they quietly sailed from some do.

New York on the S. S. Panama, Others. which is owned by the government. They will spend two weeks cruising and three days in Panama.

Several are members of the milihave some legitimate reason for making a "defense inspection," but the war department says it knows nothing about the junket.

LONGEST SPEECH

Tom Dewey got a thrill and a chuckle from his luncheon at the Capitol with Floor Leader Joe Martin and other house Republicans. The thrill was an invitation to be the principal speaker at the G. O. P. Lincoln day dinner, which the ambitious district attorney accepted.

The chuckle was evoked by a story about the "longest political speech on record" which gangling, curly-haired Rep. John M. Robsion of Kentucky, a member of the Lincoln day committee, said he made when he first ran for congress in

One hot July night during the campaign Robsion addressed a big crowd in a county courthouse and was amazed by the enthusiastic reception. Cheers rent the air with every sentence and there was a vo-

ciferous "more, more" when he tried to conclude after an hour. As he was leaving with the local sheriff, Robsion boasted: "These people sure were enthusiastic. It

looks like this county is in the bag.' 'Don't set too much store by the way them fellers carried on, Jack," confided the sheriff. "Nobody there (hic) was sober but you."

WHAT BRITONS READ

WPA's library service made an interesting discovery in a survey to ascertain what the people of warstrafed Britain are reading these

One fact uncovered was that the long, dreary hours of blackout, with no outside recreation, have greatly revived interest in household arts and handicraft. Books on these subjects are at a premium. Also, the classics are in heavy demand, with Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens and Kipling as the favorites.

But the one subject in which Britons are most interested is the author of their affliction. The most widely read book in England, according to the WPA survey, is Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Every ship in the U.S. navy is being equipped with a DeGaussing cable, the anti-magnetic mine device used so successfully by the British. The installation job is tremendous and will require more than 40,000,000 feet of cable.

Nels Anderson, WPA labor relations director, received a letter from a wartime buddy addressed, "Nels Anderson, White House, Washington, D. C., care of Secretary of Commerce." Notwithstanding this, the letter was delivered promptly.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Being Good Is Sometimes Being Dull

(Bell Syndicate-WNU Service.)



When a mother of young daughters makes no effort to help them socially; ignore their longings for parties and companions; is out of sympathy with their inexperience efforts to make their home a pleasant place in which to gather their friends, she is a much to blame as if in babyhood she had left them for days without care.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

HE problem of the decent girl, who at the same time is young, pretty, and eager for life and companionship, is a complicated one. Girls who want junket to Panama, at the expense to retain their high ideals of self-control, to preserve their standards of purity and dignity, have a hard time. That is,

Others have mothers and fathers who remember that once they were young themselves. They encourage youthful home tary affairs committee and might entertainments from the time the girls are in grammar school. They build about them a ring of young friends; they cure shyness and awkwardness by all sorts of encouraging and unsuspected devices and their girls go nat-urally from a gay and hospitable home to gay and hospitable homes of

But all parents aren't like that, And it is to the other mothers and fathers that I'm directing this article, rather than to the girl who wrote me the poignant letter that I'm presently going to quote.

Up to Mother.

When a mother of young daughters makes no effort to help them socially; ignores their longings for parties and companions; is out of sympathy with their inexperienced efforts to make their home a pleasant place in which to gather their friends, and at the same time harshly forbids their going about at night with the fast little crowd that frequents night clubs, roadhouses, questionable dance halls and coarse variety shows, she is as much to blame as if in babyhood she had left them for days without care, or in childhood had refused to have them instructed in the three Rs.

Every mother of girls ought to ask herself just what she is doing to prepare them to meet their associates on even terms. How free are your girls to say to any chance attractive young man they may meet "Mother'd like you to come in to supper on Sunday. We always have supper and dance or play games." How free are they to bring oung men to the house with the idea that if Dad likes them and Mother likes them, then new friendships are in the making? Is your house a house where hamburger sandwiches and chocolate bars and hot coffee and pencils and tablets and Victrola records are part of the Sunday night program, or do your girls giggle and apologize and fall into silent embarrassment and vainly search the ice box when the new young man

in town bashfully calls? Hilda's family is completely spoiling her life. This is part of Hilda's letter. She couldn't possibly be your

daughter, could she? Hilda's Problem.

"Dear Mrs. Norris," she says, "I am one of five daughters. We are 27, 25, 21, 17 and 13 years old. I'm the 25. We're none of us bad-looking; the oldest and the youngest are blondes, the rest of us dark. My father is a chemist; he has never gotten over the sorrow of losing my only brother, the fifth child, who died as a baby of three 12 years ago. My father despises women, he rarely speaks to us, listens at the table as if he were under pressure, and | able to do for you.

FUN AT HOME

Kathleen Norris feels it is lamentable when a young girl is denied the use of her own home to entertain friends and have a good time. She says it is a mother's duty to give her daugh-ter a happy home so that they may later have gay and hospitable homes of their own. Miss Norris suggests that par-ents help their daughters make their home a pleasant place to entertain their

spends all his evenings in his laboratory.
"With my mother, we are six

women. The house is full of dresses. hats, powder, hair brushes. We make beds, sweep halls, wash dishes, plan meals, cook together. Of course we gossip, and of course little things are important to us; weddings, babies, illnesses, scandals. Our friends are all women. Girls come in and sit with Mother in the kitchen.

"We have never had a party, my father not permitting it. He always says that we ought to find enough tell you the truth the one thing we would dread above all others would be necessity of having a party. know so many girls, and hardly any boys at all. To have 30 girls arrive,

and 7 men, would be too horrible! "My mother is an angel, but she is too gentle, endures too much, and is far from well.

Father Forbids Change.

"My older sister, Alma, and I have been school teachers for five and three years. Now Alma has been offered the superintendency of a high school in a town 200 miles away. We have a car: her salary would be ample for us both, and she wants me to go with her. father and mother flatly forbid it. At least my father does, and Mother says 'you must obey Pa.'
"Alma has accepted, for January

first. But if we go we go against bitterness and threats, and against the tears of three little sisters, who say, 'Now NOTHING will happen, if you two are gone!' Mother says she needs me to give her her alcohol rubs and cook her special food. But Grace, who is strong, 17, and much at home could do that.

"What shall we do? We've always been 'nice,' even though the girls who go a very different path seem to have all the fun. But there's never been any question of any one of us doing anything wild or wrong. If Alma and I go away it'll be as gentlewomen. My father needn't worry about that. But shall we go?" Build a New Life.

My answer is "Go." And it would "go" if you two were the only girls of the family. Get away from that stifling atmosphere. Set up your own little establishment. Make a few friends, make them slowly and carefully, and when you feel ready for it begin with informal little suppers, and be ready with pencil games. The smartest folk I know

never attempt to get through an evening without some casual plan for entertainment. Keep a pleasant easy conversation going, grow confident and natural in manner because everything you attempt is natural and simple.

After a while, when you and Alma are happily engaged, send for the next girl in line, and then the one after that, and so gradually do for yourselves what a selfish, cold father and a weak mother haven't been

CHARLES SOCKER COE, the first and best of the gangster novelists, is now an eminent Florida attorney. Before that Socker was

a navy ring champion and also one of the closest students of ring form. He is still a keen student of the modern art of self-defense, which is largely "100 yards in 10 sec-onds." Socker happened to be on hand when

Conn fought Savold. "Conn," he said, "as everybody knows, is a fine boxer and he is also dead game. That ought to be enough for a 175-pound fighter. But apparently it isn't today, when almost everyone is looking for a

"Conn simply doesn't know how to punch-I mean the art of punching. He relies only on his wrists and arms. There is no shoulder or body support back of his blows.

"To be a good puncher," Socker said, "a fighter must know how to get in those shoulder and body muscles. I've talked about this with Bobby Jones in hitting a golf ball. As you know, Bobby in his prime was as long as anybody. He was far past Hagen and Sarazen off the tee, 10 or 12 years ago-when they were all at the top. Bobby relied a lot on shoulder and body and hip power to get this distance. The same thing is true of boxing when it comes to the punching side.

Dempsey and Tunney

"When Jack Dempsey nailed you with a left hook," Socker added, "he wasn't just flipping you with a wrist and arm motion. He had those big shoulder muscles, under the shoulder, working with the punch. He had his whole left side in that wallop. The same, to a lesser degree, is true of Gene Tunney. Tunney nev-er had the explosive force that belonged to Dempsey-that belongs to Joe Louis-but he was a much better puncher than most ring followers know about. Tunney wasn't a natural athlete, but a great student of ring science and form. He was also a fine student of the de-tails that produce force. Gene knew how to get shoulder and body back of his punches.

"Carnera was six feet seven and he weighed 270 pounds. He was a professional strong man. But he wasn't big enough or strong enough to hurt or even jar anybody with this wrist and arm swing that had no other support. You can't flick at somebody and do any damage unless, of course, you use a thumb, as quite a few have done. But I'm not speaking of gougers. I'm speaking of real punchers.

About Billy Conn

a Joe Louis," Socker rambled on. "Louis can hit too hard with either hand. But Conn should be a better puncher than he is today. The kid is a fine boxer, he is fast, and he is dead game. But apparently no one has ever taught him how to hit. No one has shown him what true balance means when you deliver a No one has told him the value of shoulder and back muscles, working with hands and arms.

"If they have, Billy simply hasn't learned his lesson. He was able to measure Savold and hit him at will -at any spot, at any time. Yet he couldn't even rock him. If Joe Louis had delivered any one of those 50 or 60 punches to the chin Savold would still be dreaming of the hour. They would have found his body somewhere in the upper stands.

'Conn is still just a kid. He still has a lot to learn. Not about boxing, but about punching. He should punch the heavy bag oftener, and learn how to get in those shoulder and back muscles. Otherwise he is just going to be another good light heavyweight. I doubt that he will ever get much bigger. His thin legs show that. He may reach 180. But he has enough boxing skill to get his opponent ready for the kill-if he only could get that kill into his right or left hand. You can't get that with a flick."

"What about another Pittsburgher, Harry Greb?" I asked. "I still think Greb in his prime could beat any heavyweight I ever saw, and Harry was no great puncher."
"Greb was different," Socker said.

"Greb, a little Hercules, was a stick of dynamite. He was even faster than Conn. I'd say much faster. And he'd hit you with everything from the laces on his glove to the stool he used between rounds. Greb knew no rules-except to win.

"He was one of the greatest fighters we've ever seen. If Greb, in his prime, had been fighting Savold the other night, Savold would have died by drowning-in his own blood. His face would have looked a horrible sight. It wouldn't have been a

"Greb came into the ring with everything but a hand grenade and a machine gun. And yet I never saw him hit a low punch. He belonged to that old school that knew all the tricks and how to use them. And, believe me, they had plenty in the way of tricks

by Ruth Wyeth Spears I

NARROW SPACE BETWEEN DOOR AND WINDOW BEFORE ADDING LONG CURTAINS, SHELF AND MIRRORS-3 SMALL MIRRORS JOINED WITH METAL STRAPS ALONG BACK OF FRAMES 8"BOARD COVERED WITH MONK'S CLOTH UPHOLSTERY BRACKETS FRINGE

ON HER way home from the ton fringe tacked on with large club Mrs. Martindale was red tacks. thinking, "It will be my turn next. What will they think when they come to our house?" Then she put her latch key into the lock and stepped into her own front hall. "Just what I was afraid of," she said aloud. "When you look at this hall as an outsider the worst thing you think is that its owner s lacking in imagination."

Right then things began to happen. The shabby old hall carpet was washed right on the floor and then dyed a deep green with hot dye applied with a scrub brush. The long lines of the new green sateen curtains turned the space between door and window into a definite panel crying for a long mirror and a console shelf. The sketch shows you how these were made from next to nothing. The frames of the three inexpensive small mirrors were painted red before they were fastened together. The shelf was covered with cream colored monk's cloth to match the walls and woodwork and edged with cream color cot-

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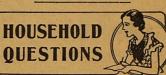
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Stubborn rust stains sometimes can be removed by boiling the article for 10 minutes in a quart of water containing two tablespoons of cream of tartar, then rinsing thoroughly in cold water.

To make your popovers really pop over, be sure to have the bak-The pans should "sizzle fingers dipped in cold water.

Salt meat requires longer boiling than fresh meat.

To prevent rust in the stove oven, leave the door open for an hour after baking.

Oatmeal on a dampened cloth will clean white paint.

Freshen up stale loaves, buns or small cakes by brushing over with milk and putting into the oven to crisp again.

If the roof should leak and stain your ceiling, cover the stain with block magnesia. Rub the block over the spot until the stain is covered, then smooth over with the tips of your fingers. It works like magic.

Rain spots can be removed from suede shoes by rubbing with fine emery board.

When lemons become dry immerse them in cold water. They will soon become quite soft and

World Open The world is all gates, all op-portunities, strings of tension waiting to be struck.-Emerson.

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From the town of Stratford in a northwesterly direction to the county line said bonds to bear interest at a

said bonds at maturity.
THE SAID ELECTION shall

held under the provisions of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legisla-ture, First Called Session, Chap-

THEREOF."
THE POLLING PLACES and Presiding Officers of said election shall be, respectively, as follows:
COURT HOUSE, STRATFORD,

TEXAS, Harry Ingham, Presiding Officer; RUBY SCHOOL HOUSE, Dan Foreman, Presiding Officer; LONE STAR SCHOOL HOUSE, J. B. Craig, Presiding Officer; and TEXHOMA, TEXAS, SCHOOL HOUSE, Rentie Hamilton, Presiding Officer.

ing Officer.

A COPY of this order, signed by the County Judge of Sherman County, Texas, and certified to by the County Clerk, shall serve as a proper notices of said election.

THE COUNTY CLERK OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, is hereby authorized and directed to cause said notice of election to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, in some news-

consecutive weeks, in some news-paper of general circulation that as been continuously and regular-

has been continuously and regular-ly published for more than one year previous to the date of this order, in Sherman County, Texas, and, in addition thereto by posting notices of such election at four public places in Sherman County, Texas, one of which shall be at the

courthouse door of said County, for three consecutive weeks prior to

The above order having been ead, it was moved by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Com-missioner Layton that same be

chassed and adopted. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of said Court voted "AYE": Commisoners Hamlton, Layton, Cartrite, Wohlford;

nd the following voted

Notice Of Road-

(Continued from Page 5) of Article 3, of the and Chapter 16, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, at its First Called Ses-

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the issuance of the proposed bonds is approved by the necessary vote of the qualified electors of said County at such election, the bonds will be issued and sold and the tax levied in payment thereof when and only when the County receives from the State Highway Commission and the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness definite assurance that the roads hereinabove described will be taken over, acquired, or purchased by the State of Texas, and that the principal of and interest on said bonds will be paid out of funds lawfully appropriated or set aside for that purpose by the proper State Agency; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as releas-

But it is herein expressly stipulary other county officials, from lated that if the proposition for the issuance of the proposed bonds and all duties devolved upon them determine whether or not the

petition is signed by more than fifty (50) qualified resident property taxpaying voters of said Sherman County, Texas; and WHEREAS, this Court has also ascertained and determined that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Sherman County, Texas: said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum, and to mature at such times as may be fixed by said Commissioners' Court, serially, or otherwise, not to exceed Twenty (20) years from the date thereof; and whether or not an advalorem tax shall be levied, annually, upon the property of said Sherman County, Texas, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the annual interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds at maturity.



TT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDER-ED AND ORDERED by the said Court that an election be held in said Sherman County, Texas, on

AS OLD FRIENDS

ter 16.

ALL PERSONS who are legally qualified voters of said Sherman County, Texas, who are resident property taxpayers of said County and who have duly rendered their property for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

ALL VOTERS desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF We again send our greeting a full sense of gratitude for having been able to serve you, and to take part in the life of this community. May all the joys of the Yuletide be yours. May you find Prosperity, Health and Happiness in fullest measure.

Abstract

BONDS.

VALOREM TAXES IN Proposition of the proposition shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

THEREOF."

J. W. ELLIOTT, PRESIDENT

ing the Commissioners' Court, or the 31st day of December, 1940, UTES showing the passage thereof. WITNESS MY HAND WITH THE SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS' ************* COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY TEXAS, affixed, this the 29th day

of November, 1940.
(Seal) (Com. Court Seal)
J. R. PENDLETON,
County Clerk and Ex-OfficioClerk of the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas. By Lelah Boney, Deputy

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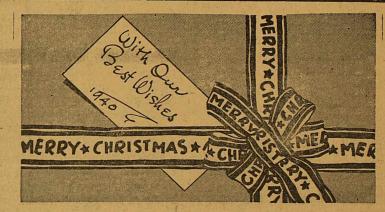
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Commissioner of Precinct
Number 4.
(Seal) (Com. Court Seal.)
The above and foregoing NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION
is issued and given by me pursuant
to authority conferred by the above
and foregoing order of the Commissioners' Court of said County,
and I HEREBY CERTIFY that the

above and foregoing is a full, true correct and complete copy of the order of said Court, ordering said



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