

War Breaks With 1 Boy In Action, 27 In Service, 4 Answering Duty's Call

Open warfare with Japan and the Axis powers which flared Sunday with the fiendish attack of Japanese bombers on Hawaii Sunday without warning and the Philippine Islands Monday finds 32 Sherman County boys answering the call of the armed forces of the United States.

P. F. C. Howard Norvell Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Green, was transferred from Nichols field in the Philippine Islands where the attack was made Monday, only a few weeks ago to Clark Field, where he is stationed with the army air corps but is probably in action.

Charles Terry Beauchamp, discharged on account of his age, will be subject to call according to unconfirmed government reports.

Thomas Velton Roberts, also discharged on account of his age, will be subject to the same ruling.

John Murphy Epps and Harold Henry Roper arrived at Fort Bliss Tuesday morning to report for a physical examination and induction into the armed forces.

The twenty seven boys stationed in the armed forces over the nation are: Herschel Spain Swofford, Gerald Ivon Minton, Newton Headrick Foster, Marvin Earl French, William Harlan Beauchamp, Robert Lee Hutchens, Raymond Edward Fritchle, Paul Everett Hudson, Harold Frank Prescott, Amos Ray Esinger, Golden Ray Streby, Howard Arthur Pemberton, Van Dosier Dowda, Tom Glen Ellison, Lorel Homer Halle, Ralph W. Kiser, William Armstrong, Norman Forest Kerns, Herschel Duane Harris, Edward Harold Eslinger, John R. Harlow, Roy Hoeflinger, Jr., Albert Cloud Potts, Forrest Dale Schafer, William W. Steel, Jr., Pleas Harrison and Bryson West.

The silent hush which fell over young men of military age when the fiendish Japanese attack was made and during the United States declaration of war on Japan is gradually passing. Young men who are aware they soon must answer the call of their country have no regrets. Older men who have investments which can not be disposed of momentarily are making arrangements for physical examinations to determine their status in order to prepare for eventualities.

Mrs. Bert Slay left Monday night for a visit with her son, Bert Slay, Jr., who is stationed at El Paso, but will leave Friday for active service, having been drafted into the regular armed forces. Mr. Slay has been ill at their home here for several days.

Roy Worley, Texhoma, who has been employed in the County Agent's office, reported for military service at Woodward, Oklahoma Wednesday morning. His registration was made in Texas County, Oklahoma.

Leon Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie, is one of the 65 Texas boys stationed at the NYA Naval aeronautics school at Corpus Christi, Texas. He hopes to finish his training in ground field work on navy planes before entering the armed forces. Leon is not of draft age.

Although several changes in selective service conscription have been announced, the Sherman County Selective Service Board has received no official information.

Early reports which have not been confirmed stated that drafting of men would be tripled but volunteers have been so numerous it has been necessary for recruiting offices to turn away several men every day.

H. D. Club Ladies Sponsoring Bazaar December 20th

Sherman County Home Demonstration club ladies met in Miss Mabel Martin's office Saturday and arranged for the club bazaar to be held Saturday, December 20, in W. T. Martin's store. Each club member in the county is asked to bring something. Canned fruits, jellies, cakes, pies, poultry dressed and wrapped in cellophane; butter, cottage cheese, hand made Christmas gifts of all kinds, tree decorations, aprons and bonnets will be on sale.

An "Elephant Table" will be provided on which anything that any one wishes to place on sale may be placed. Each person places their own price on the merchandise, and a 10 percent commission will be kept by the Home Demonstration Club Council for displaying and selling the goods.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Life Begins for Andy Hardy," with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland.

Friday and Saturday, "Bad Lands Of Dakota," with Crawford, Herbert, and Devine.

Sunday and Monday, "Our Ruth," with Melvyn Douglas and Ruth Hussey.

Tuesday, "Ice Capades," with Jerry Colonna and Dorothy Lewis.

Dec. 17-18, "Moon Over Miami," with Don Ameche and Betty Grable.

Mrs. Wiginton Injured Seriously In Accident

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton is in a critical condition, Mrs. Frank Judd is suffering from less serious injuries. Mrs. Paul Adduddell is suffering from shock and exposure, C. P. Sigmon, Amarillo, is dead, and Mrs. Ike Record of Dumas is suffering from a wrenched back as the result of a traffic accident on U. S. 287 3 miles south of Dumas Wednesday at 4:00 P. M.

Sleet and snow which started falling over the Panhandle Wednesday afternoon is blamed for the accident.

The car in which Mrs. Wiginton, Mrs. Frank Judd, and Mrs. Paul Adduddell were returning from Amarillo collided head on with a pickup driven by C. P. Sigmon, a representative of the Wolfen Motor Company of Amarillo, who was driving toward Amarillo. Mrs. Ike Record who was driving toward Dumas behind the Wiginton car was unable to stop on the slick highway and ran into the wreckage. A transport truck, whose driver is not known, turned over as the driver swerved from the road to avoid running in to the wrecked cars.

W. R. Rutherford, Moore County News editor of Dumas, who gave reports released from the Moore County hospital Wednesday night described the condition of the injured as follows:

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton is in a critical condition, having severe lip laceration, several ribs broken, and a crushed chest over the heart. Her heart had been acting steadier and it was believed she might have a chance to recover.

Mrs. Frank Judd sustained several facial lacerations, bruises and other minor injuries. Her condition was not considered serious.

Mrs. Paul Adduddell, who was being brought home from an Amarillo hospital where she recently underwent a major operation, was apparently all right, suffering only from shock and exposure during the time they lay at the scene of the accident before an ambulance arrived.

Mrs. Ike Record, Dumas, is suffering from a wrenched back and minor bruises.

New Red Cross Quota Set For \$400

Sherman County's Red Cross membership quota announced since the declaration of war has been set at \$400.00, Arthur Ross, County Chairman, stated Wednesday afternoon. The new National drive is for 50 million dollars.

A new drive will be started to raise the quota. \$201.60 has been raised in Sherman County previously in Stratford and Lone Star. Other communities had not reported.

1 1/2 Million Bushels County Wheat Under Loan

New Loans Must Be Approved By December 31

Sherman County farmers have received a Government loan on more than one and one-half million bushels of wheat and barley. For this grain they have received a cash payment of \$1,475,000.00, and have the opportunity to sell the wheat before April 30th, 1942, if the price should rise above the loan value, according to A. P. Bralley, County Agent.

Harry T. Jackson, Crop Loan Supervisor, reports that some farmers have recently made applications for loans, and he reminds other farmers that all loans on 1941 wheat and barley must be approved by the State office by December 31.

Mist, Sleet And Snow Make Roads Unsafe For Travel

Mist which turned to sleet and later to snow fell over the Panhandle Wednesday. According to reports participation was heavier south. Although the snow here is light and has very little moisture content, roads were reported to be hazardous Wednesday night.

Church Of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Communion Services 11:45 A. M.
Young People's Bible Class 6:30 P. M.
Evening Services 7:30 P. M.
Song Practice Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

You are cordially invited to come and be with us at each and every service and always welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
B. Y. F. U. 6:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00 P. M.

Arrange To Pave 287 To Kerrick

The Amarillo office of the Texas Highway department has been ordered to start "cross sectioning" U. S. 287 from Stratford to Kerrick, it was learned Wednesday night by F. L. Yates from a member of the highway department.

"Cross-sectioning" is the technical term for making all necessary arrangements for letting a paving contract.

U. S. 287 from Stratford to Kerrick is the only unpaved designated military highway in the Amarillo district.

AAA Committee Election Set For December 19-20

Meetings for the election of Sherman County AAA Committeemen will be held December 19 and 20. A meeting will be held at the Spurlock School December 19 at 7:30 P. M. Another meeting will be held at the Texhoma, Texas school at 10:00 A. M. December 20, and the final meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Stratford December 20 at 2:00 P. M.

Representatives will be elected at the meetings at Spurlock and Texhoma to attend the meeting at Stratford where the election of the committeemen will be held. As in former years farm leaders will strive to have representatives from each part of the county on the committee.

Election of representatives in each community for the Sherman County Improvement Association will be made at the meetings and recent changes in the regulations of the AAA program and the "Food for Freedom Program" will be discussed.

Harvey Cartrite Injured In Car Accident Sunday

Harvey Cartrite, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cartrite, is in the Moore County Hospital at Dumas receiving treatment for injuries sustained early Sunday morning when the car which he was driving collided with a truck load of shelled corn. Cartrite suffered deep lacerations on the back of his neck, and several bruises about the body and face.

The accident occurred about 3 miles north of Sunray. Cartrite, who apparently had fallen asleep said he did not see the truck. The truck driver, whose identity was not known by those who viewed the accident thought Cartrite was dead and walked to Sunray to report the accident. His version of the accident is not known.

Visitors to the scene of the accident said both drivers were driving too near the center of the road, the crash catching about half of each vehicle. The Cartrite car was demolished.

Christian Church Missionary Council

The Council met at the church Wednesday of last week at 2:30 P. M. President, Mrs. Keenan, presided over the business meeting in the regular business session.

The meeting was opened by singing, "Is So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," followed by prayer by Mrs. Bernard Dovel. Secretary Mrs. Harmon Lowe, read the minutes and called the roll. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," was sung, followed by prayer by Mrs. Bert Cock.

Mrs. Keenan had charge of the Bible Study on "The Bible, the inspired work of God."

The following talks were given: "The Bible": Mrs. S. J. Calvird, "Creation": Mrs. Bert Cock, "Man Unaided could not have written the Bible": Mrs. Harmon Lowe, "The Bible Has Triumphed in every battle": Mrs. B. E. Dovel, "Those that grow in holiness cherish the Bible more and more": Mrs. M. Dorch, "The Bible's Influence in the World": Mrs. Joe Billington. We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. S. J. Calvird.

Methodist Church

(J. B. Thompson, Pastor)

Sunday School; 10 A. M.
Morning Worship; 11 A. M. Sermon by pastor.
Evening Worship; 7 P. M. Sermon subject, "Mr. Polley." This is the closing discussion on the series on "Familiar Failures."

THE BIG IDEA THAT WORKED

(An Editorial)

It was on December 15, 1789, that the big idea came into being. It was a new idea of freedom—an idea that American men and women suffered and fought and died for. It was an unprecedented guarantee of the rights of man at a time when men everywhere had no freedom.

It was called the Bill of Rights. It was called many things by many people. It was damned and praised and hated and loved. It was a dream, it was a fact. It was tyranny and it was democracy. It would never work, and it would always work.

To this day the argument goes on, though under somewhat different circumstances than those in which it began. The centuries, it seems, have proven its worth to Americans but not to the rest of the world.

Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito have said again and again that the American Bill of Rights is a nuisance and an imposition. They would be only too glad to relieve us of our burden of freedom. And don't thank them, they say, it's no trouble at all.

That's true. Throughout the centuries men have lost their freedom without any trouble. But preserving our freedom in this year of Hitler, 1941, means a fight. It will be a winning fight for us, because we will fight for the rights of the many—and Hitler will fight for the rights of Hitler, as he always has.

Are our rights worth fighting for? There is no more elegant answer to that question than the Bill of Rights itself.

Here it is, America. They are your rights. Read them carefully. And then remember what Hitler has to offer.

BILL OF RIGHTS

1. There shall be freedom of religion, speech and press in the United States. Its people shall further have the right to assemble peaceably and to petition the government for redress.

2. The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

3. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of its owner.

4. The people shall have the right to be secure in their own homes against unreasonable searches or seizures.

5. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

6. Every person has the right to trial by jury in all criminal prosecutions.

7. In common law, suits where the value of the controversy exceeds \$20 shall also be heard before a jury.

8. Excessive bail and fines shall not be imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

9. Basic rights of a democracy, not specifically mentioned by the Constitution shall be retained.

10. Powers neither delegated nor prohibited to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the individual States.

KERRICK NEWS

(By Homer Mathews)

Am I proud? I found three people who noticed I failed to write a column last week. To all three loyal readers, Thanks. It is a pleasure to know my efforts are appreciated by as many as three people.

With the wife, and sister-in-law Mary Taylor, I motored to Amarillo Saturday. While the before mentioned two were struggling in and out of "Kress" (one of the army's tanks couldn't have plowed through that crowd), I attended the dedication of the new home of the Consumers Cooperatives Association. 975 people were on hand to help dedicate the building and eat John Snider's Barbeque. (Probably 100 came for the ceremony and the other 875 for the Bar-B-Q.) The building really is swell and something for the people of the Panhandle to be proud of. So was the Bar-B-Q.

With a little more interest, Kerrick will have a flying club, a plane and an airport. Woodson Wadley, our No. 1 pilot, has been giving a few demonstrations and has taken several for short flights. So far, a little over one half the members necessary to form a club have signified their intentions of joining. As soon as R. P. Crabtree and Al Boren join, the club will be complete. It was my pleasure to make a flight with Woodson to Texhoma and back to Stratford last week which sold me on the Club 100 percent.

Tom and Newton James and Pete Taylor attended the Yellow Jacket ball in Clayton Friday night.

Al Boren and J. C. Fastnow were in Amarillo Saturday on business. So were Roy Allen and the "Missus."

H. E. Stevens made a trip to Liberal Friday night for car repairs, another to Dalhart Saturday for the same reason.

Al and Earl Boren entertained their brother and wife of Pampa last week. Any of the Boren brothers (there must be at least ten) can be easily identified by

11 Counties Adopt County's AAA Program

GULF TEST DRILLING AT 3,000 FEET

Gulf's Cox No. 1 well in the Griggs community was drilling at 3,000 feet according to last reports. The Michigan drillers took precautions in installing a heavy drilling gate at the well to handle heavy gas pressure but no signs of gas were evident.

A modern portable laboratory is being used at the well and samples were being taken every five feet.

Gulf and Pure Oil company blocks extend from the drilling site, about 24 miles north of Stratford into Sherman County and deep into Dallam County. Land owners contacted have made no reports of the expected leasing play which will probably extend from the drilling site to the leasing block of Cities Service in the south part of the county.

No oil leases were filed in Sherman County this week, the second week of the year when some documents pertaining to oil activity have not been listed.

Junior Class Will Present 3-Act Play December 17th

On Wednesday evening at 7:30, December 17, the Junior Class will present their play, "Dotty and Daffy." The story of the play is hilariously funny. It has a cast of characters who are scheming and who try all manner of tricks and plans throughout the story.

The characters and members of the cast are: Hilda Johnson, Swedish maid, Doris Blevins; Alfred Hopkins, English Butler, Billy Ben Woodard; Molly O'Mulligan, Irish cook, Pauline Keener; Dorothy Travers, Phyllis' older daughter, known as Dotty, Bobbie Wiginton; Daphne Travis, Phyllis' younger daughter known as Daffy, Leona Pigg; Jimmie Rand, a collegian in love with Dotty, Dickie Buckles; Freddie Rand, his brother in love with Daffy, Willie D. Brannan; Mrs. Phyllis Travers, (an impetuous widow, Zola Faye Hodges; Paxton Belmont, a rich widower, Tommy Guy Grimes; Jack Belmont, his son; Lloyd McDaniel; Aunt Hester Harley, who hates men, Mary Frances Taylor; Hugh Rand, uncle of Jimmie and Freddie, Robert Steele.

The junior class promises an evening full of fun and entertainment with this 3 act farce comedy and cordially invites everyone to come to see it.

U. S. Savings Bonds And Stamps Sale Honor Roll

U. S. Savings bonds issued by the Sherman County Committee since May 1, have been sold to: Conrad Earl Riffe, Albert H. Adams, Linda Ann Riffe, Richard Albert, Edward T. Allen, Sattie Clyde Hill, Wright W. Davis, Mrs. Bessie Wiginton, Ermalee Bonar, Kathryn Bonar, Guy B. Tabor, Pronger Bros., Arthur Lee Ross, Cooper Dewey and wife, Mrs. Clea Garrison, Mrs. Bess C. Reed, Roy Jefferson Davis, William Preston Foreman, Donald Ritchie, Clinton Belcher, Mrs. Nelle Alexander, Nann Davis, J. T. and Olga Utley, Miss Mabel Martin.

Alana Bell Davis, Mrs. Ella Belcher, Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Mrs. W. P. Foreman.

Hose Flores, J. W. Hodges, Alfred Bammes, M. H. Etheridge, Mrs. M. H. Etheridge, Dorless Ann Parker, Gaynell Parker, M. L. Keener, H. E. Lowe, J. D. Billington, Mrs. Leslie Parker, W. T. Martin.

DEFENSE STAMPS SALES

U. S. Savings stamps sold by the local committee have been issued to: Arthur Lee Ross, Pauline Keener, R. M. Trainham, Richard Albert, Lenoir Alexander, Jeanne Price, Alice Weatherly, Alana Davis. (Continued on Page 5)

that half shy grin which seems to be a trade mark of the Boren family.

The first of Uncle Sam's draftees to return to this community arrived last week when Willie Schrayker came home from Little Rock, Arkansas. Willie, released because of the over 28 age rule, had some very interesting stories to tell, especially about last summer's maneuvers in Louisiana.

Dalhart visitors Monday included Mrs. R. P. Crabtree and daughters, Minnie McDaniel and others (I can't mention the family in every item).

No school Monday and Tuesday due to the serious illness of Mrs. Stevens' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson motored to Amarillo Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strothers were Sunday callers at the W. H. Pemberton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James attended the sale in Dalhart Friday. Frank was also in Stratford Monday on business.

From Sherman County to 12 counties in four years is the record of growth of the special farm program of the southern great plains area, Charles L. Thomas, state AAA committeeman of Pampa, has announced.

Panhandle counties voting to use the great plains program for the first time in 1942 are Armstrong, Potter, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Hutchinson. Farmers voting in these counties approved the plan approximately 92 percent.

Counties already operating under the special program are Sherman, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Moore, Hartley, and Oldham.

Recognizing a need for a more stable type of farming, Sherman County farm leaders developed the special program in 1939 to solve drought and erosion problems. Farmers in six more counties voted to use the special program the following year.

Within a radius of approximately 100 miles involving about 50 counties in five states, the southern great plains farm program covers specific conditions applicable to this area, the state committeeman said.

Under the special program, total AAA payments are earned by carrying out approved soil-building practices and land uses on the entire farm. Farms are typed according to major crops customarily planted and payments are made by applying productivity indices. Weather conditions, soil types, production practices and general fertility determine indices, the AAA official said.

Through county AAA committees particular practices are designated for use which bring about most conservation on farms within the special program district.

Taylor Mercantile Was Burgarized Monday Night

The Taylor Mercantile Company was burglarized Monday night by a prowler who entered the building through a rear window.

About ten dollars in cash is thought to have been taken, a pair of tan leather oxfords, size 9; 1 medium weight grey sweat shirt, and a Rainbow brand dark tan leather zipper jacket, size 40. A purse belonging to Miss Hazel Harris, which she forgot, and left at the store Monday evening was rifled of its contents, but Miss Harris stated there was no money in the purse.

The prowler left a worn out pair of black oxfords, size 8 1/2, on a D last, a shirt and a sweat shirt.

Painters sleeping in the old First State Bank building were awakened during the night by a prowler who raised an unlocked rear window but fled when the men were aroused. Footprints at the window corresponded with the shoes taken from the Taylor Mercantile.

A man wearing clothing similar to that stolen from the store exchanged nickels for three \$1.00 bills at Marvin's Cafe. Jim Brown, acting night watchman, talked to him at the cafe but was not aware of the robbery at the time.

Mrs. Harrison Will Present Pupils In Recital Monday Night

Mrs. Homer Harrison will present her music pupils in a recital in the school auditorium Monday night, December 15, at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Billington Responding To Treatment

Miss Joyce Ann Billington, who was taken to St Anthony's hospital in Amarillo Monday for treatment for an infection of the throat, was reported to be improving Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. D. Billington is in Amarillo with her daughter.

Assembly Of God Church Under Construction

Workmen have renewed work for the construction of a 24x36 feet frame and stucco building for an Assembly of God church just across the street east of the Court House. Rev. Bob Ridener, Dalhart, gave authorization for construction of the church, workmen stated.

Christian Church

(L. B. Chaffin, Minister)

Bible School 10:00 A. M. J. R. Pendleton, Supt.
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 8:15 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.
Orchestra Practice 7:00 P. M. Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Boy! Oh, boy! We defeated Texline in a big and hard way. Our girls won by a score of 40 to 25; they really played a swell game. The girls who went were Marcella, Vondell, Bobbie, Marcella, Dorothy, Leona, Wanda Jean, Patsy, Billy Merle, Billy Frank, Mozelle, and Selma.

Our boys really had a hard game all of the way. Most of the game was played with neither team over three points ahead. Right at the last of the game we got ahead and won by a score of 34 to 33. The boys who went to Texline were J. W., Bill, Edward, Edgar, Willie D., Dickie, N. W., Bob, Ira Lee, Arthur, William and Leon. Marvin Patterson also went with us.

All of us really had a good time and are looking forward to our next trip. We were supported by many people from our home town, which helped us a great deal.

Our next game is with Dumas Tuesday at Dumas. Our first home game will be with Dalhart Friday night on our home court. Don't miss it.

STRAFORD ELKS vs. DALHART COYOTES HERE FRIDAY

The Stratford Elks will meet the Dalhart Coyotes in the gymnasium of the Stratford High School on Friday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. The admission will be 10c and 25c plus tax. This should be one of the best games of the season, although it is the first home game. Don't miss it.

ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 105, Revised Statutes of Texas (1925), as amended, relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is **TEXHOMA FLYING SERVICE, Ltd.**; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted is maintaining and operating an airport, operating a flying school, buying and selling aeroplanes and aircraft and parts therefor, repairing aircraft and motors therefor, and selling gasoline, oil, grease and accessories for aircraft; and same will be transacted at Texhoma in Sherman County, Texas; that the name of the general partner of said firm is J. Frank Shaw, and the name of the special partner is Carl Craig, both of whom reside in Sherman County, Texas, and the postoffice address of each being Texhoma, Oklahoma; that the capital contributed by said Carl Craig, special partner, aggregates Sixty-five Hundred Fifteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$6,515.50) in cash and property as set forth in the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed in the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas, to which reference is made; that the period at which said partnership is to commence is the 27th day of October, A. D., 1941, and it will terminate on the 27th day of October, A. D., 1944.

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SENIORS HAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Because of a full last-week schedule, the seniors had their Christmas party early, Wednesday, December 10. Following a theatre party given by Mr. Tabor, members of the class and their sponsors, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mullins went to the home of Mrs. Alexander, where gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Christmas in advance is really quite nice.

TEACHERS ATTEND MEETING OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Mrs. Van Boston, Mrs. John Bird, and Mrs. Nelle Alexander attended a meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma at the home of Mrs. Texanna Wulfrum at Dumas on Saturday evening.

A Christmas social had been planned for the meeting. Following a brief business session, Mrs. Bird gave a report of the regional meet in Lubbock. Refreshments were served to members from Dalhart, Hartley, Stratford, and Dumas.

JUNIOR REPORT

Santa Claus is coming to town, so you'd better be good, fellow classmates of the junior class!

It is said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," so we decided to give to the citizens of Stratford (for a small admission fee) a play. We are proud to be able to present "Dotty and Daffy," a hilarious comedy, on December 17, 1941, at 7:00 in the grade school auditorium. We shall appreciate your patronage, and we shall certainly do our best to make it a memorable evening.

(Note to parents, friends, and sweethearts: We think our motto is a pretty good one, so why don't you adopt it?)

Many prank gifts are expected to be received this Christmas so you'd better watch out!

ATTENTION, ALL!

A committee has been appointed by the senior class president to accept for investigation and vote any suggestions you may have for the senior gift to the school. If you have any ideas, please report them to the committee.

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Mary Helen Hamilton
Margaret Gibbins

GRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION

The seventh grade spent a pleasant week end at home, that is, all except Melvin Bachman, who went to Dalhart.

There are three seventh graders on the Distinguished List: Louise Carter, Maxine Palmer, and Dolores Pleyer.

On the Honor Roll are Beverly Smith, Rae Delle Griffith, Betty Jeanne Blevins, Charlie Thomp-

son, and Billy Reid.

From the sixth grade, Mary Katherine Woodard went to Goodwell this week end.

Several boys and girls are buying defense stamps.

To show how alert the sixth graders are: when the teacher assigned eleven sentences instead of the usual ten, Don Riffe said, "My goodness! We even have a tax on sentences now!"

The fifth graders are already thinking about Christmas. They have drawn names for gifts, but each one is keeping his name secret. Several members of the class report Christmas shopping.

Ruby Dell Harding went to Amarillo Friday.

Sonny McAdams went with the Stratford Band to Stinnett Monday.

The fourth grade students who are on the Honor Roll are Jack Reid, Marjorie Boney, Donna Jean Bryant, Patsy Jean Coffman. On the Distinguished List are Garnett Bryan, Marlene Brown, Lloyd King.

The second grade Distinguished List: Jimmy Arnold, Billy Keener, Carroll Reid, Tommy Wakefield, Richard Warner Williams, Dorothy Nell Harding, and Georgia Lowe.

On the Honor Roll are Don Kay Knight, Bill Riffe, Peggy Jo Coffman, La Nelle Naugle and Almata Jo Wall.

The first grade reports three on the Distinguished List: Jeanne Price, Lyle Wakefield, and Serafin Ramon. Those on the Honor Roll are Butch Bryan, Alvin Bachman, Lola Norris, Wilma Smith, John Harrison, Gay Parsons, Mary Louise Lavake, Wesley Murl Weston, Lynn Ruth Carter, Ronnie Engelbrecht, Gollo Ramon, Luvada Thompson, Joyce Thompson, Dorothy Jean Arnold, Shirley Ann Plunk.

We are having a party and our Christmas tree in Mrs. Allen's home on December 19 at 12:45 p.m.

Watch for third, fifth, and sixth grade honor rolls next week.

Proclamation

By the Governor Of The State Of Texas To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, the State and people of Texas have always fully cooperated with the United States Army in its program for the development of our defenses, and

WHEREAS, The Commanding General, Eighth Corps Area, desires to bring to the attention of all eligible young men the need of the Army for an increasing number of Pilots and the great opportunities now existing for young men in the Army Air Corps, and

WHEREAS, the Thirty-eighth Anniversary of the first successful

Airplane flight by the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, comes on December 17,

NOW, THEREFORE, to commemorate the Wright Brothers' first successful flight, to bring to all citizens of Texas a knowledge of the opportunities awaiting their young men as Aviation Cadets and to assist the Army in procuring Aviation Cadets,

I, Coke Stevenson, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the period of December 14 to December 20, 1941, inclusive, as

"KEEP 'EM FLYING" WEEK in the State of Texas, and bespeak for the Army during that week especially, cooperation and assistance on the part of all the citizens of Texas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereby unto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereon at Austin this the second day of December, A. D., 1941.

(signed) COKE R. STEVENSON
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS
(signed) WM. J. LAWSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

For best production milking should be done at regular hours. After milking is started, it should be completed without interruption and as rapidly as possible.

Feeder lambs should have a shed for shelter against wind and rain, allowing four square feet to each. A wet lamb in a muddy lot will not make good gain.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF SHERMAN.

TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY FOXWORTH, DECEASED.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Executor of the will and estate of Mary Foxworth, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by L. P. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 10th day of November A. D. 1941, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his Residential Office in The Allen Building in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 13th day of November A. D. 1941.

WALTER L. FOXWORTH
Executor of the Will and Estate of Mary Foxworth, deceased.
(SEAL)
(Pub. Nov. 20, 27; Dec. 4, 11)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

The State Of Texas, County Of Sherman;

To those indebted to, or holding

AVON Products
This Month's Special
Apple Blossom Toilet Water 25
With Good Order Sold By
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claims against the Estate of C. R. Foster, deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed Executrix of the Estate of C. R. Foster, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by L. P. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 24th day of November A. D. 1941, here by notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having

claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence near Stratford, in Sherman County, Texas, where she receives her mail, this 24th day of November, A. D., 1941.

AGNES A. FOSTER
Sole and Independent Executrix of the Estate of C. R. Foster, Deceased.
(Pub. 11-27; 12-4, 11,18)

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When Registering
Your Automobile

Owners of Motor Vehicles purchased after January 1, 1936, must have a Certificate of Title before license for the 1942 registration can be completed.

The certificate of title should be in your possession at all times while driving your automobile. Therefore we suggest that you not wait until you are ready to register your car before determining if you have a certificate of title in your possession.

It takes time to obtain a certificate of title, and if you wait until you are ready to register your car before obtaining a certificate of title, you may not be able to complete registration until after the deadline for registration.

Remember a car purchased after January 1, 1936 cannot be registered without a Certificate of Title. A fee of 50 cents is required for each application of title.

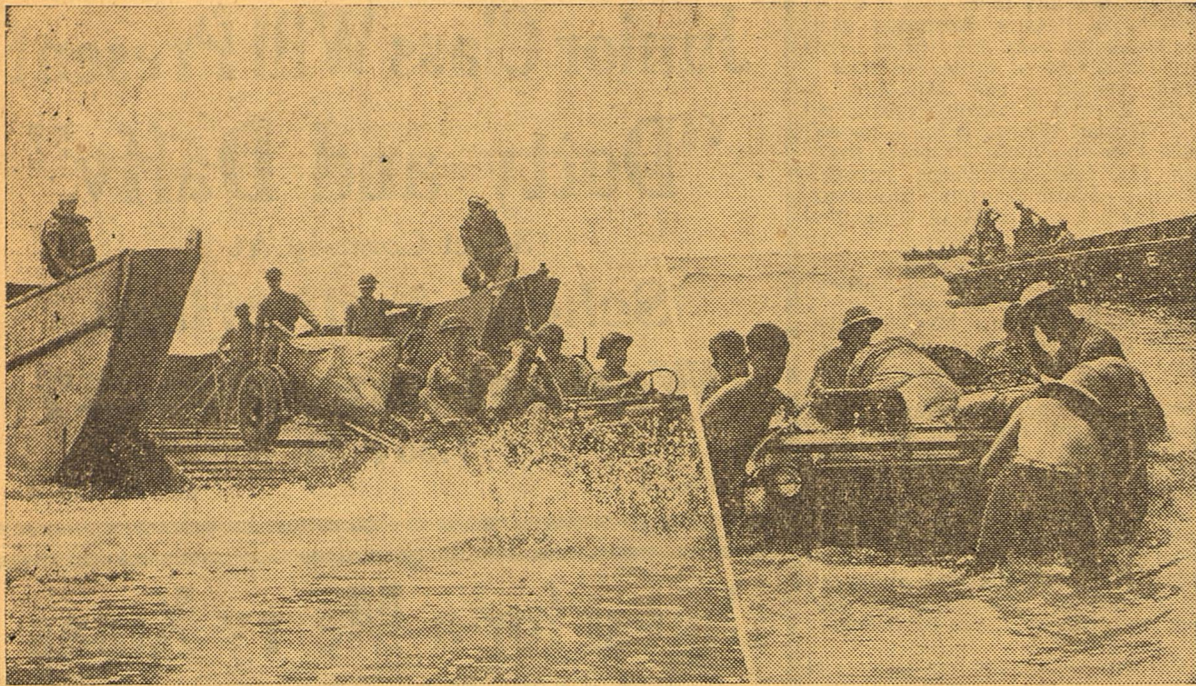
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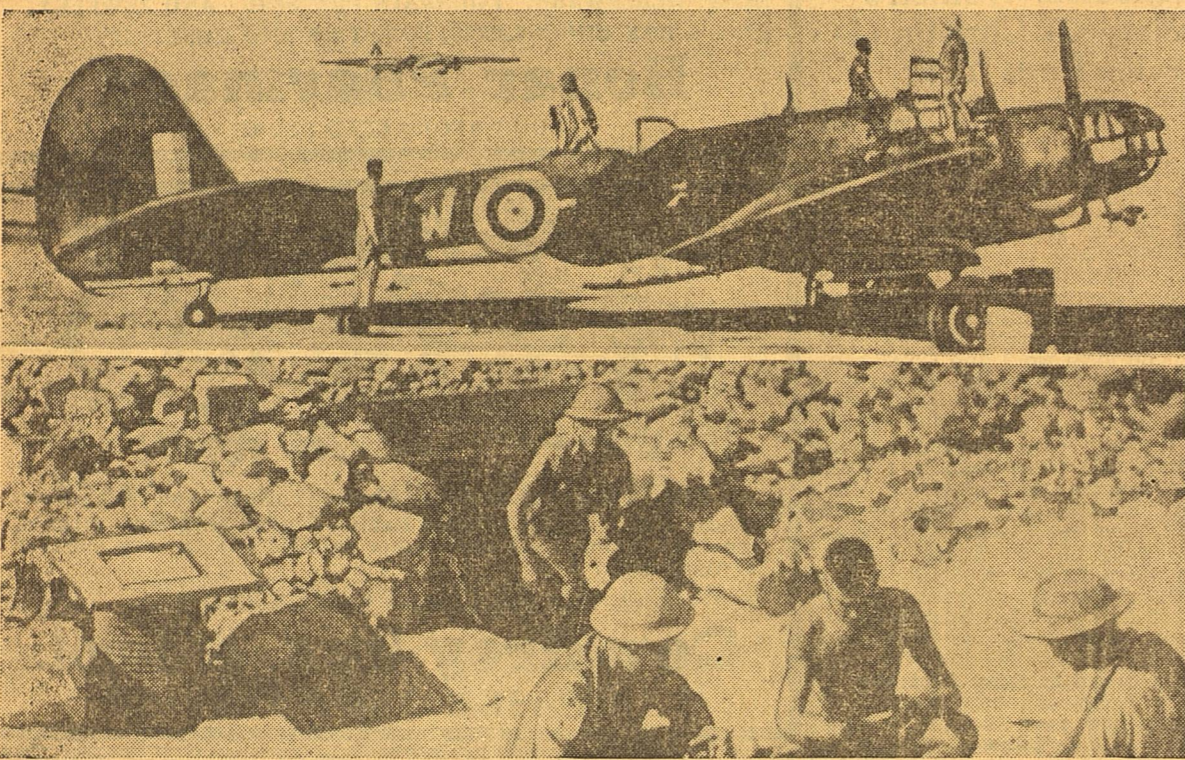
Davis Motor Co., Stratford, Texas

Atlantic Amphibious Force (A.A.F.) in Action



Hitherto unused are the members of the Atlantic Amphibious force, comprised chiefly of marines with a complement of U. S. army men. The A.A.F. is now in training at New River, N. C., where this picture was made. At left, members of the force are driving a K-jeep, trailing a field piece, off a landing barge into shallow water. Right: A jeep, after being driven off a landing barge into the shallow water of the beach, is both driven and pushed up to dry land by members of the A.A.F. This jeep is being landed with adequate supplies.

Men and Machines in Desert Role



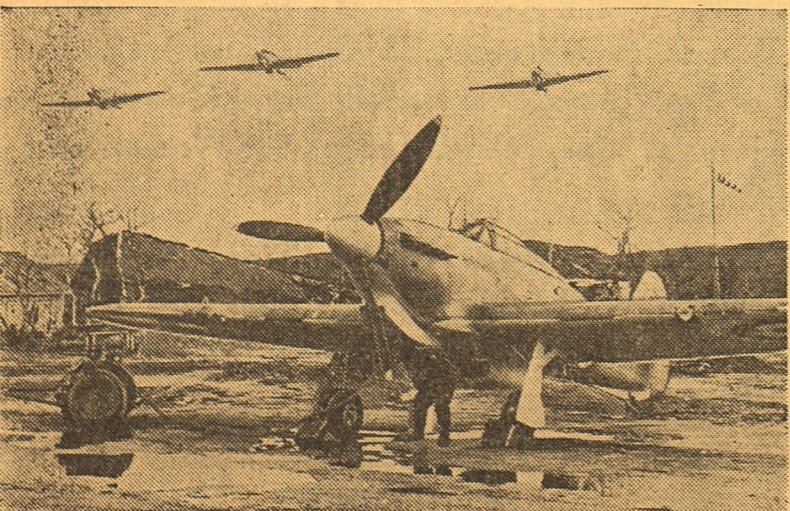
In the picture at top streamlined Martin Marylands are shown somewhere in the desert sands of the Middle East, where they are playing a vital part in the battle of Libya. Below: The British empire forces defending Tobruk fortress spend much of their time in dugouts, shelters dug from solid rock. Some of the defenders are pictured before a typical Tobruk "mansion."

Youth of France Band Together



A view of the opening of the congress of the "youth of France and overseas," during the address of Roger de Saivres, member of Marshal Petain's cabinet, at Nice, France. The slogan which appears on the wall at the left reads "Frenchmen, you are not sold, nor abused, nor abandoned."

Gen. M-U-D in Action



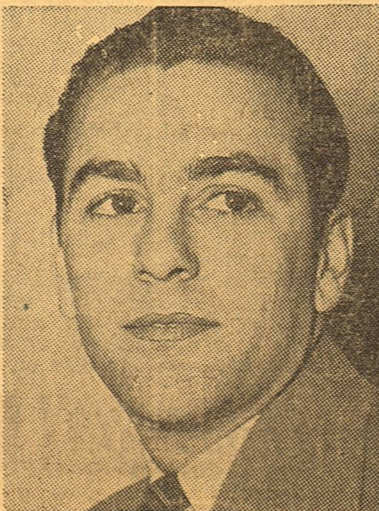
This photograph which arrived from London via clipper plane shows how heavy rains in northern Russia have hampered activities of the Royal Air force wing serving there with the Reds. The improvised landing field is waterlogged. However, the planes do get into the air. Three Hurricanes roar in for a landing, while another stands on the muddy field.

Last of U.S.S. Lehigh



This striking series of photographs of the sinking of the U. S. S. Lehigh was made by Samuel Hakam, its radio operator. An unseen submarine fired a torpedo into the ship near Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa. Note U. S. flag painted on her side.

New Indian Boss



Louis Boudreau, 24, regular Cleveland Indian shortstop for the past two seasons, who was appointed player-manager of the club, succeeding Roger Peckinpaugh.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for December 14

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

LESSON TEXT—II Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6, 7.
GOLDEN TEXT—It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.—I Corinthians 4:2.

The Christmas season, when there is so much thought about gifts, is a most appropriate time for a lesson on Christian giving. Dr. John Willis Baer was once asked: "How can we raise money for foreign missions?" Quick as a flash, he answered: "Don't raise it, give it." "If all believers could come to a true knowledge of what the New Testament teaches regarding giving, and would seriously put this knowledge into practice, the Christian church could advance more in the next 10 years than it has advanced in any 50 years in its history" (Wilbur M. Smith).

I. An Example of Liberality (8:1-5).

For some reason people are overly sensitive when one speaks of money. The subject must be approached tactfully, so Paul skillfully directs the attention of the Corinthian church to their fellow Christians in Macedonia. They had been in great affliction and were in "deep poverty" (v. 2), but out of their sorrow and want they gave far above Paul's expectation (v. 5) and "beyond their power," and then pleaded with Paul that he should let them give more. The explanation is found in verse 5, where we learn that they had first given "their own selves to the Lord" and then in loving co-operation with Paul himself, as the Lord's agent, in this matter of the offering.

Is it not strange that those who suffer most for the gospel and have the least to give are the most generous in their giving. Those to whom the gospel has come easily, who bear no special burdens for Christ, and who are well situated financially, are commonly the most stingy with their money. Could it be that they have not really given themselves to the Lord? One wonders.

II. An Exhortation to Faithfulness (8:6-9).

Apparently the Corinthians had made a promise or pledge to give for the poor at Jerusalem, but had become a bit forgetful and negligent. It seems to be so easy to neglect to keep up a pledge for the Lord's work. Some folk even feel that they cannot make a pledge. They pledge to pay their rent, to make payments on a car, or a washing machine; but to the church they just can't pledge, or if they do, the promise is often neglected. Such things are dishonoring to the name of Christ.

As they abound in other graces (v. 7), Paul exhorts the Corinthians to abound in "this grace also." So giving is a Christian grace! And why not? Consider Christ (v. 9), who left the glory He had with the Father and came to the poverty of the One who had not where to lay His head, that we through Him might be eternally rich.

Christian friend, when that truth lays hold of your heart and life your purse strings will loosen, your check book will open more easily, you will gladly give—for Christ's sake.

III. A Principle of Christian Giving (9:6).

The harvest is always in proportion to the sowing of the seed. The man who is stingy with his seed at sowing time will reap that kind of a harvest. The opposite is also true.

It works in the field of business too. The merchant who gives the fullest return for one's money and the most liberal measure of service is bound to prosper, while the stingy one is left to lament the fact that his goods rot on his shelves.

In the spiritual realm it is even more true. But, someone may say, we ought not to do good that we may profit by it. No real Christian will give just that he may prosper, but, mark it well, if he does give for Christ's sake and His glory, God will prosper him. "You can't beat God giving."

IV. The Spirit of Christian Stewardship (9:7).

Our giving is to be done according to the purpose of our heart—not grudgingly, nor with grief, nor yet by compulsion, because someone put on pressure.

God loves a cheerful or (as it may be translated) hilarious giver. When done in the right spirit, giving for Christ can be one of the happiest experiences of the Christian life. Let's make offering time in our church services the most joyful time in the meeting. Then we shall be liberal as well as cheerful in this grace of stewardship.

Faith in Christ

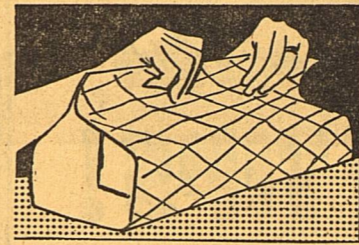
"Martha said, 'Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.' Of all the true disciples of Christ this may with perfect confidence be said, 'He is here, therefore they shall not die.' Faith causes Christ to be present in the heart; and where Christ is, eternal death cannot be." —Dean Howson.

Neat Wrapping Aids Appearance Of Holiday Gifts

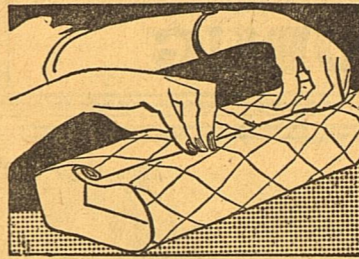
Men are seldom noted for their daintiness, especially around Christmas. But they aren't the only ones whose gifts present a sorry sight with bulgy paper covering and loose string that portends early disintegration of the wrapping. Even some women confess that they wrap their gifts several times before their appearance is satisfactory.

The best of "wrappers" are only amateurs, however, compared with the girls in large department stores who "gift wrap" all day long.

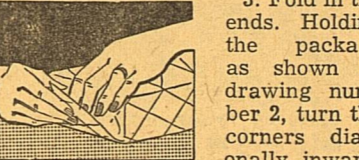
For most articles whose shapes make wrapping difficult they have an effective solution: "Corrugate it." This means that the bundle is wrapped lengthwise and sidewise in corrugated paper before putting fancy Christmas paper around it. "Corrugation will cover a multitude of shapes," they explain. They suggest five steps when wrapping simple packages:



1. Fold the paper over the bundle. Line up the two open sides, then fold them back two or three inches to prevent paper cuts by getting the sharp edge of the paper out of the way.



2. Draw folded paper snug. The paper should be made to rest tightly around the lengthwise section of the bundle.

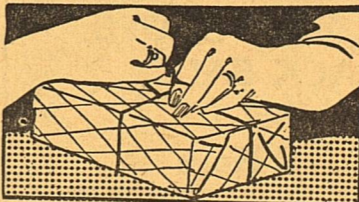


3. Fold in the ends. Holding the package as shown in drawing number 2, turn the corners diagonally inward.

The pointed section that remains is then folded back against the side of the package.

4. Wind string around package. First wind the string around the bundle lengthwise and then make a "figure 8" knot. This is an ordinary slip knot that is turned once before it is slipped. It looks like a perfect slip knot.

5. Tie the string. After the string is run through the figure 8 knot lengthwise, simply continue the string around the bundle sidewise, and tie the ends of the string.



Extra care in wrapping will make even the most inexpensive gifts more presentable.

Cleveland Sells Stocks To Buy Community Tree

Sale of stock certificates unparalleled in history brought America's first community Christmas tree to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912.

To raise money for a community tree, preferred stock was sold in "Cleveland, the City of Good Will (Unlimited), Incorporated." It was listed at the head of other securities on the Cleveland Stock exchange. Although no personal solicitations were allowed, more than \$12,000 was realized from the sale. A community celebration was held around the 70-foot, illuminated tree that was erected in the public square.

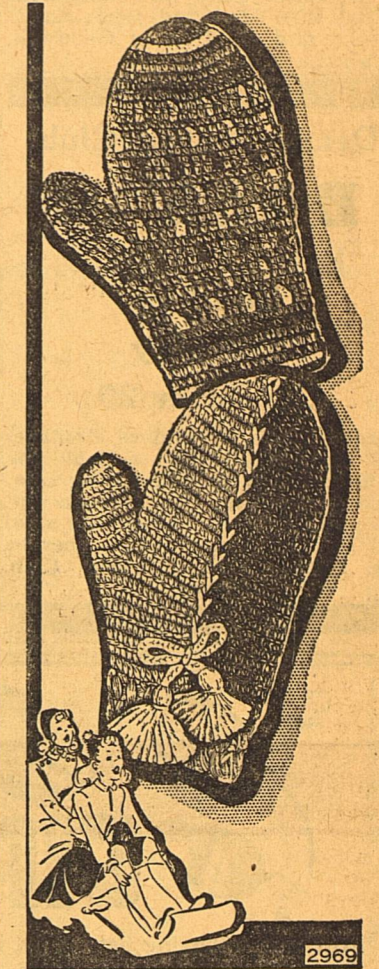
The next Christmas brought a veritable avalanche of community Christmas trees throughout the country. The idea has become almost a national custom, with more than 15,000 American cities and towns setting up their own community trees during the Christmas season.

Over 300 Years Ago

The hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," was written in 1739 by one of the greatest hymn writers, Charles Wesley, brother of John, the founder of Methodism. The music to the hymn is a chorale from Mendelssohn's beautiful cantata, "Gott Ist Licht."

The hymn "Adeste Fideles" ("Oh Come All Ye Faithful") has been translated into 76 languages. The words are sometimes ascribed to St. Bonaventura, bishop of Albano in the Thirteenth century.

Things to do



BE SMART! Crochet these mittens for that outdoor girl. The one laced up the back is "tops" in red, white and blue. The other is worked in one piece.

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Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cromer and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Blevins were visitors in Logan, New Mexico Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reeder and daughter Lynne, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodard, Billy and Katherine visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed K. Lavake and children in Goodwell, Oklahoma Sunday.

E. M. Boswell, Dallas, arrived Friday to visit his wife and son in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Norvell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steel, David and Bobby Steel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Steel in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pendleton, Lubbock, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton, Sunday.

Mrs. M. Dortch, Mrs. S. J. Calvird and Mrs. Earl Shirk were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Berry left Monday for Killeen, Texas to visit with her mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien honored her husband with a birthday

Demonstration Club
BAZAAR
In W. T. Martin Building
Saturday
December 20

Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Produce, and Home Made Gifts suitable for Christmas will be offered for sale. Each person sets the price on the merchandise they offer for sale, and 10 percent commission goes to the Home Demonstration Club Council.

Special Prices For Christmas
Permanent Waves
Please make your appointments early to avoid the rush.
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dinner Sunday. Guests enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander, Gruver, and Mrs. Paul Dixon of Kress, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Richardson, Pueblo, Colorado, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Green from Wednesday until Friday of last week.

Mrs. W. R. Gamble, Graydon and Oris spent Sunday in Phillips with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Gamble's birthday.

Mr. H. J. Austin, Lamesa, arrived Tuesday to visit his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Vera Noland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Noland, in Clarendon, last week. They returned by Perryton and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Witt.

T. J. Weatherly and E. J. Massie Jr., left Wednesday for Springer, New Mexico, on business.

Miss Alice McAdams, Amarillo spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. V. McAdams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Love, Goodwell, Oklahoma, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Bird. Mrs. Ida F. Wray, who had been visiting with them returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cummings and son, Billy, Dalhart, spent Sunday with relatives. E. F. Spurlock accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. Russell Beall took her daughter to Amarillo Monday to have the cast removed from her ankle.

Mrs. W. F. Wiginton and Mrs. F. A. Judd went to Amarillo Wednesday for Mrs. Paul Adduddell, who was in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price were business visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Misses Mary Woodford Kidwell, Jo Bryan and Joyce Ann Billington, Canyon, spent the week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mrs. Archie Arnold and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. M. H. Brown and Mary Elizabeth Brown were visitors in Dalhart Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Headrick, Amarillo, were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. R. Foster and other relatives. Mrs. Foster returned with them and will come home today with Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Foster. Garden Morse and Miss Betty Reese, Dalhart, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hailey, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding and daughters, spent the week end in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemke, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noblitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk.

Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and son, Elliott, are guests of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cummings motored to Amarillo last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price were in Amarillo last week on business.

Mrs. O. E. Hailey, Dalhart, spent Sunday with her son, Elroy and Mrs. Hailey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grimes, Mrs. Sallie V. McAdams, Peggy Morse and Peggy Jean Wilson motored to Dalhart Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Brown, Amarillo spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Hankey, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. E. J. Massie were visitors in Dalhart Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk Green left Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will B. Green in Iowa.

Judge and Mrs. L. P. Hunter left Tuesday evening for a visit with his mother in Albany, Missouri.

Dan Allender, Dalhart, was a business visitor here Monday.

Ernest Kelp is expected to return to his work this week. He was injured Wednesday of last week when a chain hoist at the T. O. C. Service Station broke, allowing a car to fall on one leg.

Rentle Hamilton, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lavake and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lavake and children returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Rogers, Arkansas. Mr. Lavake stated crop conditions here were far ahead of those in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri.

Mrs. Everett Toomey, Sunray, Mrs. William Green, Dumas, were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Turner, Sunday. Wade Turner returned with them for a visit in Amarillo Monday.

Miss Lucile Parsons spent the week end with friends in Spearman.

Mrs. M. B. Green, Mrs. Bonnie Tackle and Mrs. N. D. Kelp were visitors in Dalhart Saturday evening.

Arthur Milton, Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Mike Smith, Amarillo, are here invoicing the stock of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber yard.

Mrs. L. V. Schafer, Mrs. S. J. Calvird, Mrs. M. Dortch, and Mrs. Bert Cook were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. Wright Davis and children and Mrs. Josie Roberts spent the week end with relatives in Canyon and Amarillo.

Miss Violet Chisum has accepted a position in the office of County Judge L. P. Hunter.

Byron Moore, Texhoma, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Emmett Turner and Albert Lee were business visitors in Sunray Thursday morning.

Misses Jerry Kelp, Selma Mullins, and Bobby Wiginton were visitors in Dalhart Sunday evening.

During August egg production record high of 12.25 eggs per laying in the United States reached a hen.

Junior Class Will Present
"Dotty and Daffy"
3-Act Comedy At
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Wednesday, Dec. 17
7:30 P. M.

Admission 15c, 25c and 35c

Digest for a Merry Xmas

Christmas will soon be with us again. Same old problems. What to give and what can we afford to pay. What would be appreciated and what would be just one more "dud."

How about those good friends of yours? Do you want to do something for them this year that will be unusual, that will be appreciated, that will remind them of your friendship for a full year to come and that will cost you very little?

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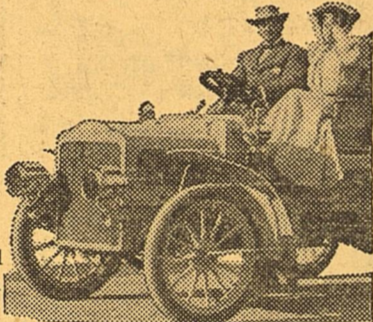
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RUSSELL BEALL, Proprietor

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer Honor
Daughter's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer entertained with a six o'clock dinner, December 8th, in honor of their daughter, Maxine's 13th birthday.

Guests enjoying the dinner and games were Beverly Smith, Bobbie Dortch, Louise Carter, Geraldine Gunne, Dorothy Walsh, June Palmer, Maxine Palmer and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

Inter Se Club
Members And Guests
Are Entertained

On the evening of December 5, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton entertained the following Inter Se club members and guests in their home:

Messers and Mesdames, J. C. O'Brien, H. E. Smith, Walter Pendleton, W. G. O'Brien, Duby, Shirk, F. B. Mullins, King, Leo Smith, J. R. Pendleton, G. L. Taylor and Tim Flores. "42" was the game of the evening, high score going to Mrs. Flores.

A delicious salad course was served, the Christmas motif being carried out in table decorations and refreshments.

A business session was held and plans were made for a Christmas party on December 19.

Everyone reports a jolly time and since the hour of home-going was rather late we feel that Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton can be assured that their hospitality was greatly enjoyed.

RED CROSS
MEMBERSHIP
CLIMBS TO 201

Sherman County Red Cross Roll Call Membership climbed to 201 this week with final reports having been received only from Stratford and the Lone Star Community. Mrs. F. L. Yates reported Tuesday that Red Cross funds raised to date were \$201.60.

Annual Report Of Sherman County H. D. Club Work

In 1941 the Home Demonstration club women and the 4-H Girls of Sherman County did much to improve their homes, yards and daily diets. The women worked with the Yard Improvement demonstration and the yeast bread phase of the Home Food Supply Demonstration. The girls carried the bedroom phase of the Home Improvement Demonstration and the vegetable phase of the Home Food Supply Demonstration.

There were 5 4-H girls clubs in the county with an enrollment of 65 girls. Eight of the sixty-five girls were vegetable demonstrators and six were bedroom demonstrators. The girls had as their vegetable goals:

1. To can vegetables.
 2. To plan and help grow vegetables for the family garden.
 3. To prepare and serve vegetables at least six times during the year.
 4. To make a frame garden. Their bedroom goals were:
 1. To arrange all furniture to the best advantage and put it in good condition.
 2. To improve storage space and add one piece of bedroom linen such as dresser scarf, face towels, and to show them at the H. D. Fair.
 3. To have suitable curtains for the windows, well hung, and in good condition.
 4. To add one good picture and hang all pictures correctly.
- The Home Food Supply is always of utmost importance to the home maker and for that reason the production, preservation, and uses of food was stressed. The phase of study chosen was yeast bread and variations, for the women felt that they could improve their

products. During the year there were six womens clubs with an enrollment of 74. Every club member has improved food preparation practices and 50 have improved family table setting and service. 111 small pieces of equipment has been added to aid in the preparation of food. 27 have tested recipe files and food scrap books.

42 reported growing vegetables for home use and together the women and girls reported 45 frame gardens. 8 planted in field gardens. 54 ladies and 35 girls have memorized and are following the TEXAS FOOD STANDARD.

In the food preservation phase the women have canned 5415 qts. vegetables, 4772 qts. fruit and 1635 qts. meat. They have stored or cured 1700 pounds vegetables, 100 pounds fruit, 2475 pounds meat, 580 pounds lard. In freezer lockers they have 10,570 pounds meat, 301 pounds fruit, and 270 pounds of vegetables.

In the Yard Improvement there have been six demonstrators. 10 lawns were sodded, 60 nursery shrubs planted and living, 33 native shrubs planted and living, 275 trees planted and living, 210 shrubs and trees rooted from cuttings or seed. One outdoor recreation area has been made. The total amount spent on yard work was \$188.70.

In the Home Improvement work 9 bedrooms have been added and 35 improved, 7 living rooms added and 42 improved 3 kitchens have been added and 56 improved, 18 bathrooms have been equipped or repaired, 18 closets added and 7 cabinets built, 60 articles of living room furniture has been added as has 45 articles of bedroom furniture 8 mattresses were made and 11 renovated and 14 others added, 500 pieces of bed linen has been added as has 127 other pieces including bedding protectors, bedspreads, and woolen covers.

The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Mabel Martin, spent 80 days in the office and 48 in the field during the 11 months included in the report. The extension program was planned cooperatively by the agent and local committees in 7 of the 8 communities of the county.

During the year 373 farm or home visits were made throughout the county in carrying on the Extension program. 546 office calls and 37 phone calls were made to the home demonstration agents office for help, information, and bulletins. A total of 197 news articles were published concerning Extension work in Sherman County. 487 individual letters and 9 circular letters were written. Exhibits were shown at three events. 1477 bulletins were distributed concerning various phases of home demonstration work. 123 method demonstrations were given by the agent to 1426 women and girls. 20 training meetings were held for adults and 1 for 4-H girls. 7 meetings were held at result demonstrations and 2 tours were conducted. 3 adult and 1 4-H achievement days were held. One encampment was held for girls and 48 other meetings were participated in by the agent and the attendance at these meetings was 14,573.

the Robison tract;

Thence N. 1' 45" E. 4244.8 feet to the S. E. Corner of the Mason Block;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 710 feet;

Thence S. 1' 45" W. 2090 feet;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 1455 feet;

Thence S. 1' 45" W. 1010 feet;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 400 feet to the S. W. corner of the Short Block;

Thence N. 1' 45" E. 520 feet to a point in the S. line of the Williams Block;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 385 feet to the S. W. corner of the Williams Block;

Thence N. 1' 45" E. with the W. line of the Williams Block 970 feet;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 245 feet, to the N. E. corner of the School Block;

Thence S. 1' 45" W. 300 feet to the S. E. corner of the School Block;

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 365 feet to the S. W. corner of the School Block;

Thence N. 1' 45" E. 300 feet to the N. W. corner of the School Block.

Thence N. 89 degrees 58' 15" W. 930 feet;

Thence N. 1' 45" E. 1240.09 feet to an iron rod in the S. line of the Rock Island R. R. right of way;

Thence S. 54 degrees 9' 5" W. with the said right of way 857.4 feet to the W. line of survey No. 20, block 1, P. S.

Thence S. 36' 45" W. 2734.7 feet to the N. W. corner of the Cemetery tract and the W. line of said survey No. 20;

Thence S. 89 degrees 58' 15" E. 416 feet to the N. E. corner of the cemetery;

Thence S. 36' 45" W. 584.2 feet.

SECOND TRACT: Being 170.5 acres out of Section No. 19, Block No. 1, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of survey No. 19, block No. 1, Public School, a 1 1/4" galvanized iron pipe marked 19-20-106.

Thence N. 89 degrees 19' 35" W. at 1270.4 vrs. pass a 1 1/4" galvanized iron pipe marked 19-106-135, the N. W. corner of survey 106, block 1, C, at 1613.2 vrs. a point on the S. E. line of the Rock Island R. R. right of way and the north line of survey No. 135, block 1-C.

Thence N. 54 degrees 9' 5" E. with the S. line of the Rock Island R. R. right of way 2005.3 vrs. to a point in the E. line of survey No. 19, block 1, Public School.

Thence S. 0 degrees 36' 45" E. 1193.1 vrs. to the place of beginning, same being generally known as Williams land.

Dated Dec. 2, 1941.

Terms: Cash

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3 Packages for		Del Haven	25
PEANUT BUTTER		No. 2 Can, 2 for	
Quart	25	PEACHES	25
Jar		Tall Can, 3 for	
FIELD CORN		SYRUP	
Cream Style White		Penick Crystal White	
Or Yellow	5	5 Pound	33
9 Ounce Can		Bucket	
TOMATO JUICE		KLEK	
Armour's Star	39	Beads of Soap	17
Gallon Can		Large Box	
TABLE SALT	17	QUICK ARROW	
10 Pound Bag		SOAP FLAKES	35
Crystal White		2 Large Boxes	
TOILET SOAP	10		
3 Bars for			
LYE			
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3 Cans for			

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued on the 3rd day of November, 1941 in Cause No. 215,275 of the District Court of Harris County in and for the 61st Judicial District of Texas, in favor of the Great Southern Life Insurance Company against J. L. Williams in the sum of \$14,130.81 with interest thereon from October 1st, 1941, the date of the said judgment, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$1,418.08 attorney's fees together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of said judgment, and the further sum of \$33.50 as taxed on said execution, and the further costs of executing the same and foreclosure of a lien as decreed in said judgment for the above sums on the hereinafter described premises against J. L. Williams, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Maria Evelyn Williams, Deceased, and Margaret Williams Travis and husband, Kenneth W. Travis, I have levied on the 2nd day of December, 1941 and will offer and sell on the first Tuesday in January, 1942, the same being the 6th day of January, 1942, at the courthouse door of Sherman County in the City of Stratford, the County Seat, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M., and four o'clock P. M., any and all right, title and interest which the said defendants, J. L. Williams, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Maria Evelyn Williams, Deceased, and Margaret Williams Travis and husband, Kenneth W. Travis, had in and to the following described lands and premises situated in Sherman County, Texas, and being the same property described in the Deed of Trust from J. L. Williams and wife, dated June 20th, 1925, to secure the payment of the note therein described, said Deed of Trust being duly recorded in Sherman County, Texas in Volume 14, Page 362 of the Deed of Trust Records of Sherman County, Texas, to which Deed of Trust and record thereof reference is hereby made for description of said lands and premises by metes and bounds, same being situated about twenty miles northeast of the City of Stratford and described in said judgment, order of sale, and here-in described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Being 307 acres out of Section 20, Block 1, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the S. W. Corner of Survey No. 20, block 1, Public School, a 1 1/4" galvanized iron pipe marked 19-20-106;

Thence S. 89 degrees 19' 35" E. 416 feet to the S. S. W. and beginning corner of this tract;

Thence S. 89 degrees 19' 35" E. with the N. line of block 1-C; 4802-4 feet to the S. W. corner of

Golden Cross Society Met Wednesday

The Golden Cross Society met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. H. M. Brown. Following the lesson and business meeting, those present were entertained with several songs by Misses Selma Mullins, Ermalee Bonar and Ernestine Thompson, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Velma Plunk.

Mrs. Brown served delicious refreshments to the following members and visitors: Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. B. A. Donelson, Mrs. F. E. Mullins, Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mrs. Velma Plunk, Misses Ermalee Bonar, Selma Mullins and Ernestine Thompson.

The next meeting is to be January 7 with Mrs. Roscoe Dyess as hostess.

DEFENSE BONDS

(Continued from Page 1)

vis, Lloyd King, Bill Riffe, Rudolph McAdams, Peggy Morse, Jimmy Arnold, Mildred Bennett, Florence Alexander, Dale Knight, Loretta Houser, Rosemary Keener, Virginia Mowrer, Irene Beall, Jackie Williams, Charlotte Wolfram, Mary Lou Griffith, Jimmy Arnold, Dorthea Beall, Doris Ann Beall, Bill Riffe, Don Ray Knight, Bobby Lovelace, Joe Bob Bralley.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA

BY GENERAL ARED WHITE
W. N. U. Release

THE STORY SO FAR: More than 200,000 foreign troops, which had been secretly transported to Mexico suddenly invaded the United States. Intelligence Officer Benning had discovered their plans while a spy in Mexico City where he had gained the confidence of Fincke and Bravot, two enemy officers, but his

CHAPTER XIV

Benning left the hotel at nine o'clock and walked to the Empire State Building. During the night he had collected available information of the Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company. The firm had been operating in New York for ten years past. It was a small but regular dividend payer, was not listed on the stock exchange, and had conformed to all laws and requirements in regard to its operations and transactions. Simon Salvatore, a Chilean, had recently taken over as managing director.

On reaching the forty-fifth floor, Benning went direct to the company's offices and stepped inside.

A fat poly-olp of a man with catlike smirk stamped on his round face came up to Benning at once to search him with small round eyes that glinted suspicious appraisal through horn-rimmed glasses.

"I am Mr. Oldfer, office manager," he said in an ingratiating purr. "Is there something I can do for you?"

"I am a stockholder," Benning said, intent on completing his reconnaissance of the room in the shortest possible time. "I wish to inquire if it is true the company is disposing of two mines, the Palacio Quatres and the Silver Sabers?"

Oldfers upper teeth gnawed nervously at his lower lip at this blunt identification of the visitor as a Van Hassek agent.

"Maybe," Oldfer hesitated, "you want to see Senior Salvatore?"

"Nonsense!" Benning said with authority. "You say you are the office manager and I have just introduced myself fully. I'm in a great hurry, Oldfer."

Benning stepped decisively past the fellow and went to the open "B" cabinet at which a ruddy clerk of Slav features was working. While Oldfer pattered up with muttered protests, Benning thumbed through the Baltimore entries. Ramsey, Ringgold, Rosser, Rouse, Rumbolt. He noted that after each listed stockholder there were symbols purporting to show number of stock shares held, dates of dividend payment, and other littered data.

His eye caught the pertinent detail that in the Baltimore file, as compared with other files through which he hurriedly skimmed, there were many more entries on each card. Baltimore, headquarters of the Army's Third Corps Area, and flanked by some of the Army's important arsenals and secret proving grounds, was a logical beehive of espionage activity.

"Very good, your Baltimore file shows the proper activity," Benning announced, turning abruptly away to face Oldfer. "Thank you for your courtesy."

"Senior Salvatore will be here very soon," Oldfer said. "It is necessary that you talk with Mr. Salvatore before you leave."

"Tell Salvatore," Benning said, scowling at his watch, "that I'll be back by eleven at latest. Just now I'm in a hurry."

"Oh, no, but you will wait," Oldfer whined. "Ja, you will wait, or Senior Salvatore would never forgive me." He turned to one of his clerks and cried, "Here, Backropp, you will keep the gentleman company until Mr. Salvatore arrives!"

A barrel-chested man whose squat legs, long angular face, and flail-like arms gave him the aspect of an orangutan, stepped forward with a nod. The others moved closer. Benning saw that only by force might he pass out the door of the Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company. Numbers were against him.

"All right, Oldfer," he yielded with annoyance, "I'll wait a reasonable time."

Backropp escorted Benning into the Salvatore private room behind the main office, where he indicated a seat in front of Salvatore's mahogany desk. Backropp sat down close by and folded his ponderous arms across his chest. Two others of Oldfer's men quit their work at the files to take position just outside the Salvatore door. Benning saw that he was as definitely a prisoner as if he had been bound and gagged.

Benning waited, impatiently consulting his watch from time to time. Barely fifteen minutes had passed before he heard someone enter the office from outside. He rose and walked to an open window, Backropp watching him narrowly. Casually he selected a cigarette from his case, lighted it, took two quick puffs and cast it out the window.

"It's a long way down to the street from here, Backropp," he said, leaning out for a brief survey below.

Benning saw a yellowish phosgene smudge trail out behind his falling cigarette and turned back to Backropp.

"It's not so far down," Backropp muttered, "if you don't wait to take an elevator."

Out in the office Oldfer was speaking in a tremulous voice.

"Ja, Senior Salvatore, he may be all right," Oldfer said anxiously. "He introduced himself, but I don't

INSTALLMENT THIRTEEN

warnings had gone unheeded. The President was killed when Washington was bombed. General Brill, commander of the U. S. army in Texas, was opposed by greatly superior forces led by Van Hassek. In spite of Brill's desperate resistance, Van Hassek's troops pushed relentlessly forward. Returning to Wash-

like the way he nosed about into our things, so I have him waiting for you."

Salvatore strode into the room, an erect, saturnine man in morning coat, striped trousers, and lurid neckwear. Even in the shock of recognition, Benning's startled mind flashed to a whim of professional observation. This man's presence confirmed his every suspicion of the Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company. Salvatore was Gaujos, the masquerader with whom he had traded shots at San Antonio, the man who as Colonel Bravot had been his chief of section in Van Hassek espionage service at the Palacio Nacional.

Bravot sat down at his desk and fixed his gaze on his visitor. In his cold, blunt eyes there showed no recognition of the American agent whom he had glimpsed at San Antonio and failed to recognize in Mexico City.

"What explanation have you to offer of your visit here?" Bravot inquired.

"I'm here from Mexico City, Colonel Bravot," Benning answered with



"A ponderous hand closed over Benning's mouth."

calm assurance. "I have identified myself and am prepared to do so again. The precise nature of my mission I am not permitted to disclose to you. Beyond that I've nothing to say."

Without taking his eyes from Benning, Bravot slowly opened a drawer of his desk and brought out an automatic pistol.

As he leveled the weapon across the desk Bravot's left hand went to a call button which sent a rasping summons into the outer office. Oldfer came in at once.

"We have had a close call, Oldfer," Bravot said. He passed his left hand across his forehead, now wet with perspiration. "This man is an Army Intelligence agent who shot at me once, and whom I stupidly overlooked in Mexico due to my preoccupation with other matters."

Benning heard the outer door open. Oldfer, terror leaping into his little eyes, jumped across the room and slammed Bravot's door. Benning sprang to his feet, but the ape-like arms of Backropp were about him in an instant with all the crushing force of motor-driven prongs. A ponderous hand closed over Benning's mouth and shut off articulation.

Benning felt himself lifted clear of the floor by a strength against which his own sinews were powerless. Backropp carried him across the room to the Bravot concrete vault that lay open behind heavy steel doors. The ape-man hurled him inside with a stunning violence and heaved the doors shut.

Benning picked himself up and shook his head to clear his wits from the shock of his fall. Only the habit of self-discipline saved him from panic as he found himself engulfed in this black, steel-encased void. He heard the vague click of bolts as the door was locked, then silence.

He felt about the interior of his prison and estimated its dimensions as some six feet wide by ten feet in depth.

He knew that rescue depended largely upon that phosgene cigarette he had tossed out the window as a signal to Intelligence operatives below. He argued that they had caught the signal; it must have been G-2 men who invaded the Andes office at the critical instant of his imprisonment.

His ears strained for sound, but there was only silence. He tried kicking at the foot-thick steel doors, but there was no response. It came

NEXT WEEK
Another Absorbina Installation

ington, Benning met Fincke who had come there to do espionage work for his government. Benning continued to pose as a friend, and proceeded to investigate a mysterious gold mining company operating in New York. He believed it was a "front" for a vast spy ring.

Now continue with the story.

to him that in the heart of a great city, with its teeming millions, he was as completely sealed away as a dead man in a tomb.

Out in the offices of the Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company a blunt new crew had taken over, headed by Lieutenant Colonel Wallace, corps area Intelligence officer. Three of Wallace's officers were checking through the company records, three others were standing guard over four glum prisoners.

This sharp transfer of authority had been accompanied by a brief, tragic violence. In a corner of the office, covered by a rug, lay the body of Backropp. A bullet from Wallace's pistol had been needed to end Backropp's resistance.

"All right, Oldfer," Wallace threatened the covering fat man who sat in front of him. "I'll give you one more chance to remember the combination to that safe. If you do remember, I'll make it an internment camp, if you don't I'll have you hanged inside a week!"

He lifted his wrist to his eyes and glanced at the time. "I'll give you exactly thirty seconds more to decide whether you live or hang."

Ten seconds had passed when the office door opened. Safe experts reported in to tackle the job of opening the vault. Oldfer was jolted into decision by knowledge that if the man in the vault emerged alive, the jig was up with him.

"I'll open it!" he cried, leaping to his feet. "Ja, I'll open the safe, if you promise me I don't hang for it!"

Oldfer fairly raced to the steel doors and nervously fingered the combination. In his excitement three trials were necessary to complete the combination. Colonel Wallace seized the door and pulled it open. Benning was lying on the floor, his right hand clutching a small pocket notebook.

Wallace lifted the unconscious man to a sofa in the Salvatore room. A medical officer, who had been hurried in from Governor's Island, took pulse and temperature and applied stimulants. In a minute Benning opened his eyes and, on orienting his mind to the whirling spy world about him, attempted to sit up.

"The captain will be all right shortly," the doctor predicted. "It's just as well, however, you got him out of there without much more delay."

Half an hour later Benning insisted on getting to his feet. His legs were wobbly under him, the slow, steady throbbing of his pulse reverberated in aching temples. But he waved the medico aside and went into the office where Wallace and his men were working.

"Here, Benning, you'd better take it easy," the corps area G-2 chief admonished.

"I'm feeling better," Benning answered. "What's the score now, Colonel?"

Colonel Wallace was effervescent. "The Andes Gold Mining and Milling Company," he exclaimed, "is the most valuable mine in the world right now. No question about it, we're headed for the biggest spy roundup in history." "Where's Bravot?" Benning wanted to know. "Bravot, alias Salvatore."

The glow of Wallace's face vanished into gloom. "Pretty bad luck, Benning," he said heavily. "He managed to slip out his private door as we entered. I had Lieutenant Crane guarding the hall. Salvatore killed him with a small automatic and was lucky enough to catch a cage down before we could get out there. By the way, Benning, when you feel up to it, Colonel Flagwill wishes you to call him at the War Department."

Benning checked through the haul of records. There was no need of cryptographers on the job. In a false bottom of Bravot's desk, Wallace had unearthed a code book which unlocked the symbols.

The first estimates showed seventeen thousand cards of stockholders. Many of these were innocent purchasers, Wallace thought from the first results of his check, but there was evidence of thousands of enemy agents, scattered in important posts and positions throughout the United States.

An hour later Benning went to the McAlpin. His legs still lacked strength and he took a cab for the short ride. Upstairs in his room he called Flagwill, who was on the line promptly.

"Glad you're all right, Benning, you had us worried!" Flagwill exclaimed. "A great piece of work, simply great! Report back as soon as you feel like traveling, Benning." Flagwill's voice trailed into gravity. "Things are looking pretty black right now—and we've got to find out what's ahead of us. General Hague suggested—well, if you think you've a chance at it—thought you might learn something—in Mexico. Or course, we'll let you decide."

"Very good, sir," Benning assented. "I'll report in Washington or the next available plane."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

GRASSROOTS

by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, OTHER PROBLEMS BEGIN

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER, as it will be sometime, then what?

It is the job of the national resources planning board to answer that question. That board is headed by Frederic A. Delano, as chairman, with Prof. Charles E. Merriam and Prof. George F. Yantis as vice chairmen. They are proposing plans for preventing the customary depression which has invariably followed each war.

The board estimates that by 1944, 60,000,000 workers will be employed and that there will be no one without a job in the United States. It estimates the national income for 1944 at \$105,000,000,000. That would mean exceedingly high wages. Of the 60,000,000 employed, it is estimated that 27,000,000 will be working at war jobs and 33,000,000 on civilian production.

After the war, the board proposes plans to continue jobs at high wages for all of the 60,000,000 by having government finance industry so workers may be paid until the people are able to purchase the excess of civilian products such employment will create.

It is a good plan, on paper. But what will we use for money? At our present rate of expenditure, if the war continues until 1944, America will be in the financial hole to the extent of all of \$150,000,000,000. Can we provide another possible 50 to 75 billion to finance that period of transformation from war to peacetime production?

If government finances industry, government would acquire a financial interest in industry. That is state capitalism. That is what they have in fascist Italy. It means the end of the American system of free competition—the end of the American way of life.

Possibly a plan can be evolved that will do a practical job but, personally, I should like to see it worked out by men with practical experience in industry and finance, rather than by the theoretical economists of our universities. With so much at stake, we cannot afford to try something just because it sounds good.

MORE NEEDED IN INDUSTRY

WITH ALL OUR American industrial capacity we cannot produce sufficient tanks, guns, airplanes, ships and war equipment of all kinds to keep the fighting democracies supplied and at the same time equip an American army of a few million men. Shall we stop our supplies to England while we equip our own army, an army we could not transport to and land in Europe if we had it? The best service we can render the fighting democracies is to keep our manpower in our industrial plants.

FROM THE FARM—EVERYTHING!

ACCORDING TO Wheeler McMillen—and he knows if anyone does—future American prosperity will come from our farms. Farmers have produced what all of us eat and wear. In the future they will produce much of the material that will be used in industry. The products of 40,000,000 American acres are now going to our industrial plants and that is but a start. From the farms the scientist and the industrialist will secure products from which to make many commodities and make possible that increased American factory production from which prosperity is born. The six-year-old science of Chemurgy is responsible for it all.

SUPPLY BIG; PRICES UP

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT tells us that American farmers produced more food of all kinds in 1941 than for any other recent year; that we have on hand now enough grain to feed the nation for two years if no more were produced in that time; that our stocks of butter, eggs, cheese, beef and pork are far above normal.

In spite of such conditions, food prices to the consumer go up by leaps and bounds, and other departments of government are predicting food rationing for America in another year.

Does it mean that advancing prices are but the forerunner of that extreme inflation we so much fear?

ONE LEND-LEASE order placed recently was for 52,800 pounds of canned chicken for England. It takes a five-pound chicken to produce a one-pound can. That means 264,000 less chickens for American Sunday dinners, but perhaps they will leave us the necks.

NOT BY FORCE

AMERICANS AS A PEOPLE will never consent, either during an emergency or at any other time, to any system that forces them as individuals to pay for the privilege of working. There are in the United States something over 45,000,000 wage earners. Much less than one-third of them belong to labor unions. To force those who do not to pay tribute to a super government in order to have a job is not the American way.

Hollywood Artists Help 'Papa' Look Like Santa Claus

Even Santa Claus is coming under the critical gaze of Hollywood make-up artists who are constantly seeking perfect figures. They believe that something should be done to save his face and figure, pointing out that street-corner Santa Clauses are becoming shabbier and more unconvincing every season.

After a lengthy discussion they agreed on the general appearance of what an ideal Santa should have. He should appear about 70 years of age, stand about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weigh between 175 and 215 pounds, chest and waist girth about 48 inches. His complexion should



be very ruddy. Bushy white whiskers and long eyebrows complete his physical appearance.

The outstanding requirement of Santa's makeup is that it must not be obviously false. It is better to have too little makeup, they agreed, than to have it so apparent that even a child can see it at a glance.

For the benefit of fathers who wish to play Santa Claus at their own fireside on Christmas evening, they suggest that a convincing complexion and facial makeup can be obtained from the average feminine dressing-table.

For best results there should first be a general facial application of makeup foundation, followed by a liberal coating of face powder, preferably an olive tint. The cheeks should then be rouged clear up to the eyes. If lifelike eyebrows are not obtainable, vaseline the natural eyebrows and then dust them over with white talcum powder.

Careful attention to the eyes will help make Daddy look less like himself and more like Santa Claus. To overcome quick identification, eye wrinkles should be enlarged and accentuated with an ordinary eye-pencil. If there aren't any natural wrinkles, some can be drawn in at the corners. And just to make doubly safe, slip in a few furrows across the forehead.

Even with the best makeup, however, tall and thin fathers will face an almost insurmountable handicap if they should try to imitate Santa. They probably won't get away with their disguise, but they can have just as much fun trying as their more rotund friends.

ESKIMOS IN ALASKA IMPORT LARGE HERDS OF SANTA'S REINDEER

When San Niklaas immigrated to America and became naturalized into Santa Claus, he used a little wagon drawn by a fat pony for his visits. This was all changed in 1822 by Clement Clark Moore who wrote the immortal poem, "The Night Before Christmas." In this poem Santa's equipage was the "miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer." It has remained a sleigh and reindeer ever since.

Just as Santa Claus was imported from abroad, his reindeer were also imported to America for the Christmas celebration. Santa Claus, however, was merely imported figuratively; his reindeer were actually brought over here.

As a result of government efforts to start reindeer herds in Alaska there are now more than 700,000 of these animals grazing on the frozen tundra of the north. They not only furnish the animals for Christmas displays and parades throughout the United States, but they provide an important source of food and income to the Alaskan Eskimos.

Reindeer were introduced in Alaska in 1891. Several years later Lapp herders were hired to instruct the Eskimos how to care for the animals which are very prolific, doubling their numbers every three years.

Reindeer are caribou which have been domesticated through many centuries. Its flesh has lost the game flavor until now it resembles a cross between duck and mutton.

German Introduces Yule Tree
America saw its first Christmas tree in 1843, historians believe, when August Ingard, a German immigrant, set it up for the first time in this country at Wooster, Ohio. The first Christmas tree to be lighted in an American church was put up in Cleveland.

Oak Christmas Tree
An oak tree served as the first Christmas tree, even though this honor is usually bestowed upon evergreens today.

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BRITISH DIPLOMACY

Washington, D. C. The British barring of Russian Ambassador Litvinoff from an airplane en route to the U.S.A. has increased Washington whispers that it is about time the British did something to clean up their moribund diplomatic service and cut out snubs to people who are trying to help them.

It has long been the belief of Americans, too polite to mention it, that the British embassy in Washington can make more mistakes to the square inch even than Mr. Hull's state department—and many of the state department's mistakes come from trying so ardently to ape the British.

For years the British embassy has sat on its hilltop, well removed from the bustle of Washington, and looked with slightly disdainful amusement upon the hoi polloi of congress. An invitation to the British embassy in those good old days was considered by the dowagers as better than an invitation to the White House.

But those good old days, unfortunately both for the dowagers and the embassy, are gone, never to return. However, the embassy appears completely unaware of that fact. And its charming young men go their charming way, saying sometimes too audibly: "We must be nice to Americans"; while the real work of defending Britain takes place in the British Purchasing commission, largely under the direction of hard-boiled Canadians and Australians.

Viscount Halifax is one of the most delightful and genteel persons ever to grace the embassy. He tries hard. But hard as he tries, he cannot overcome the bubbling Charles Peake, who minces around him as if his lordship still were viceroys of India with white and crimson-costumed Sikhs mounted on black chargers outside his palace, in Calcutta, instead of being in a city where politics are very earthy and where the congressman's wife from Keokuk has a lot more influence than the pink tea protocol experts usually seen at the British embassy.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Washington is a city where debate may rage furiously on the floor of the senate, but simmer down to friendly story-telling in the ante-room or around the dinner table afterward. This is not always the case, however, and sometimes Washington society becomes so aroused that it is dangerous to invite certain strong-minded people to dinner.

This was true during the fight over Roosevelt's Supreme court bill; and during the Roosevelt-Willkie election campaign; and it is somewhat true during the neutrality controversies today. Old hands at the game of controversy, however, manage to keep their tempers. For instance, seated near each other at dinner the other night were Sen. Burt Wheeler, than whom there is no more energetic isolationist, and Undersecretary of the Navy Forrestal, just as energetically interventionist.

Wheeler was talking about the recent neutrality debate, telling how Roosevelt forces influenced votes by promising jobs and dishing out patronage. Interrupted Undersecretary Forrestal:

"Senator, did the neutrality fight reach the depths of your fight to pass the Wheeler-Rayburn act?" (The Holding Corporation act.)

"No," shot back Senator Wheeler, "I didn't have the patronage."

The two men continued a good-natured discussion of neutrality, Wheeler maintaining that time would prove that his anti-war stand was right. After the war, he contended, history would reverse the present tide of war sentiment and there would be a revulsion of feeling if not a virtual French revolution.

"And when the guillotine ax begins to fall, senator," said Forrestal as he departed, "will you be my attorney?"

FINNS VS. NAZIS

Intelligence reports from Europe for the first time indicate friction between German and Finnish troops on the eastern fronts. The Finns are sore because the Nazis have been living off the country and have not been at all scrupulous in paying Finnish peasants for pigs, cows and chickens.

On top of this, the Nazis recently ousted Finnish children from an orphanage at Rovaniemi and used it for the general staff. This made the Finns boil with anger.

CAPITAL CHAFF

The government is paying out more money than ever before in history for use of the wires and ether. Even with reduced rates for official messages, the tolls for telegraph, telephone, cable and radio are tremendous.

Every time a government official picks up the telephone to make an outside call, Uncle Sam pays three cents, the wholesale rate. In telegraph messages the government gets a 40 per cent discount, though there is a minimum charge of 20 cents.

Fir, Spruce, Pine Share Popularity At Christmas Time

Christmas trees aren't snobbish. They are willing to share their glory with trees of any "nationality," whether they be oak or spruce, elm or tamarack.

Although any kind of tree can be a "Christmas tree," most people feel that they must be evergreens. Even here there are many different kinds which can be obtained for this purpose.

Several different types of evergreens have been singled out as "favorites" for this important annual role. The "aristocrats" are the firs, mainly because of their fine pyramidal shapes, beautiful deep green color and soft fragrant needles which do not shed easily after the trees begin to dry.

These trees can usually be recognized by their flat-topped leaves which are arranged in two rows on the horizontal branches. Each needle is a shiny dark green above, and except for the prominent midrib is silvery white underneath.

The species of fir available vary with the locality, but the most popular kind offered in the East is the balsam fir, the bark of which yields the well-known Canada balsam used in medicines and perfumes. In the southern states the Fraser fir or the balsam, very similar to the northern balsam fir, is common on the coast, while on the Pacific coast the favorite is the handsome white or concolor fir.

Competing with the firs for Christmas popularity in the East are the spruces with their scattered four-sided needles, that seem to point in all directions. Spruces are often confused with pines, but they are easily distinguished by the fact that pine leaves always occur in groups of from two to five, while spruce leaves grow singly.

Frequently used for Christmas trees, if for no other reason than that it is much more widely distributed and much less valuable as lumber, is the small, scrubby jack pine and its numerous related species.

Three other trees are also used as Christmas trees in a few homes throughout the country. These are arborvitae, a familiar ornamental species with flattened, scaly foliage, the common red cedar or juniper, and the Douglas fir or Douglas spruce.

Gallackers Gather Christmas Greens

Christmas is coming, and a vast army of North Carolina "gallackers" are happy. Demand for their harvest of leaves, evergreen "sprays," trees and other decorative material is now at the year's peak, and the prices are firm.

"Gallacking" is the business of collecting galax leaves and other decorative greens. Thousands of persons make all or part of their living harvesting the leaves, tips, roots and herbs of the Appalachian region, and this is their busiest season.

Gallacking is a year-around occupation, because the leathery, durable galax and laucothoe leaves and other greens are put to constant use by florists and other decorators. The demand widens at Christmas to open a market for balsam and spruce trees, and for laurel twigs.

Most of the evergreen collecting in the mountains is done sporadically and according to the press of other work. Whole families move into the forests on sunny days, taking their "crop" home for sorting, grading and tying into bundles. Hundreds of buying agents purchase this material direct, shipping them to dealers.

Dozens of little backwoods shops are now springing into activity because of the seasonal demand for immediate processing. Here the native evergreens are turned into various wreaths, trees are packed and trimmed, and thousands of yards of "rope" are made from spruce, pine, laurel and hemlock.

Druids Credited Mistletoe With Miraculous Virtues

Mistletoe, or "All-Heal" as it was called by the Druids, was thought to hold many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. This goddess of love is probably responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

The superstitious believe that a maiden who is not kissed under the mistletoe will not marry during the coming year.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. In what sport do the participants wear bathing suits but try to keep out of the water?
2. What is the largest railroad tunnel in the Western hemisphere?
3. What is another name for the Suomi?
4. What country ranks next to the United States in the number of miles of railroads?
5. In what year did Joe Louis win the world's heavyweight championship?

The Answers

1. Surf-board riding.
2. Cascade tunnel in Washington (7.79 miles long).
3. Finns.
4. Russia.
5. In 1937.

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Thank you Santa.
Isla Jean and James Russel Spurlock.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a typewriter, a paint set, a house coat, a pair of house slippers, and I would like to have a bicycle, and please fill my stocking with candy, nuts, and fruits.

A friend,
Mary Isabelle Arnold

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy in school. I help mother bring in the wood. For Christmas I want a gun and holster, and a pencil box.

Your best friend,
Fin Ramon

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I try to be good and I wish you would bring me a doll, a nurse's kit and a story book.

Thank you,
Letha Gail Fedric.

Dear Santa:
I want a long evening dress for my big doll and I also want a new crown for her, please. I want a new Princess doll with clothes, too, and a Doctor's kit with a real stethoscope and some trinkets for my whatnot shelf, and some new dolls to add to my Story Book collection. Thank you.

Your friend,
Kathryn Jeanne Price.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a farming set; David, a grain elevator, and Alma, a doll.

We also like books and candy.
Love from,
Lewis Flyr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl and I want a set of dishes and silverware, and a table with 2 chairs. Also some candy, nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Rosemary Wertz.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of boots, an archery set, a scooter, a marble game and plenty of candy and nuts.

Bobby Ray Lovelace.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll, a tricycle and a broom so that I can help mother sweep. And anything else that you want to bring me. And lots of candy and nuts. Please,

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Hoping to see you soon,
Ronald Engelbrecht.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl and I would like a pretty doll and anything else you might want to bring me.

Thank you,
Donna Fedric.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy in school. I help mother with a lot of work. For Christmas I want a gun and holster, and 2 little cars.

Your best friend,
Gollo Ramon.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a teddy bear and a caterpillar tractor, and a Lone Ranger gun, and some candy and nuts.

Glen Dale Lovelace.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl. I am six years old. Please bring me a little dolly, a stove, and a set of dishes. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruit.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Nell Foreman.

Dear Santa:
We are good little children. Please bring us a football, wrecker truck, doll and stove. We would enjoy some nuts and candy.

Thank you,
Paul and Phyllis Chaffin.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of cowboy boots, a Gene Autry gun, an Uncle Sam bank, and some candy and nuts.

Billy Wayne Lovelace.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a dolly with blonde curly hair, and wearing a blue dress. Lots of love.

Your little friend,
Mary Louise Lavake.

Dear Santa:
We have tried to be good all year. Would you please bring us a dolly and a big wagon, some candy, nuts and fruit.

Love,
Kay and Donie Jacobs.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a baby doll, a pair of house slippers, a house coat. Please fill my stocking with candy, nuts and fruit, and just anything else you want to bring me.

Your little friend,
Dorothy Jean Arnold.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope I have been a very good little girl. I want a doll, an ironing board, iron, a desk, also a snow suit so I can play out when its cold. I have tried to be a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a tricycle with balloon tires, a cowboy doll, some trucks and a snow suit.

We both want to visit our Grandmother and Granddaddy in Colorado. Please don't forget our cousin, Bary, and all the other little boys and girls.

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doll, also add to my doll collection the ones which I don't have. Please bring my dog, Shep, back, too, and a new dress for Georgina, also a crown for her. I want a Dopey doll, too.

Worley Makes Statement

As this is written the President of the United States is preparing a message which he will deliver to the Congress at noon today. The message will recommend that appropriate action be taken in the light of recent international developments. I intend to follow his recommendations.

We have done everything we could honorably do to avoid war. Despite our desire for peaceful settlement we have been the object of deception, low intrigue and vicious attacks from a scheming enemy. We had all hoped to avoid actual conflict until we had reached our full strength. Through no fault of our own, however, Japan has taken advantage of this fact. We must now reach that strength.

The road ahead is not a smooth one, but by the grace of God, who has always guided us throughout our glorious history, and a united people, shorn of all internal dissension, we will emerge with our

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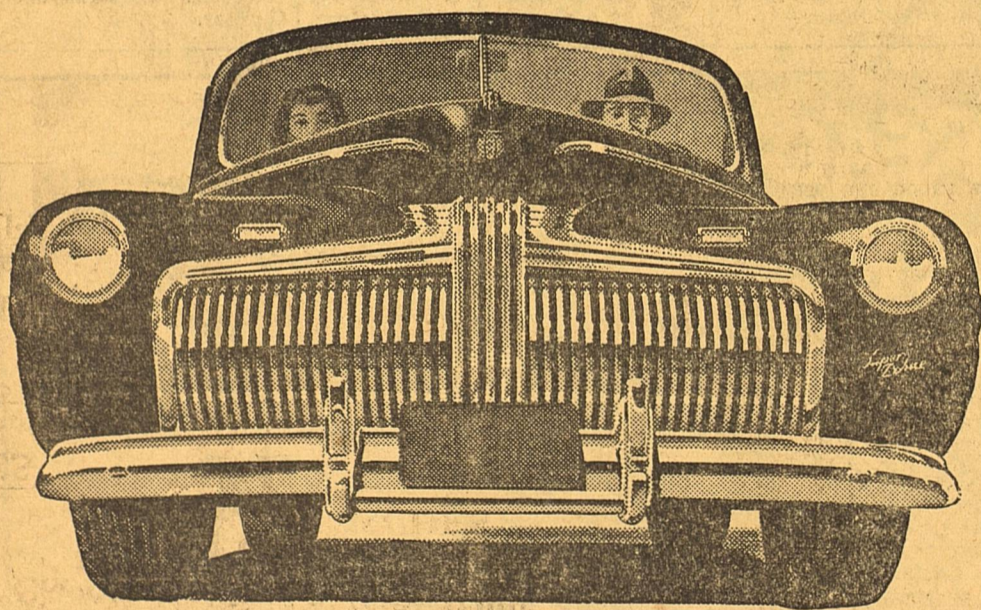
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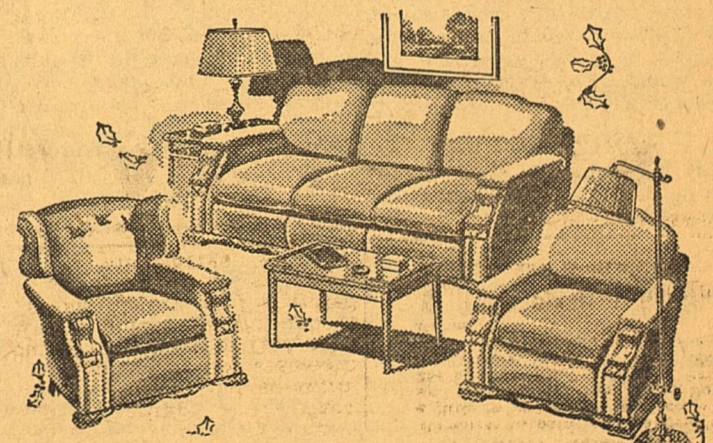
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