

AAA Committee Elections Friday And Saturday

War with the Axis makes the duties of the county AAA committeemen all the more important, according to George Slaughter, Chairman of the Texas AAA State Committee.

State-wide elections have been scheduled for December 19th and 20th. Sherman County farmers will hold elections at Spurlock, Friday night; Texhoma, Saturday morning; and Stratford, Saturday afternoon.

"Open hostilities give added impetus to our whole AAA and Food-for-Freedom programs. We must continue soil-building practices through which we will meet our Food-for-Freedom pledges; we are all-out for victory. While our armed forces meet force with force, farmers will fight the foe with food," Chairman Slaughter declared.

Election of AAA committeemen will be similar to procedure used in former years, the AAA official explained.

Members of the Sherman County Improvement Association will be elected at these meetings, and other important matters will be discussed, according to A. P. Bralley, Sherman County Agent.

Dewight Peterson Charged With Burglary

Dewight Peterson, 19, Des Moines, Iowa, was arrested in Dalhart Thursday by Hugh Maddox, special agent for the Rock Island Railroad. He was returned to Stratford by Sheriff Garoutte Friday and signed a statement acknowledging the robbery of the Taylor Mercantile Monday night. He has been placed in the Dalhart jail for safe keeping until the spring term of district court.

Sheriff Garoutte stated that he had information from Deputy Sheriff Hugh Hass of Texhoma which established without doubt Peterson was seen in Texhoma shortly before the robbery of a cafe there the week before.

Former AAA Office Employees Entering Services

Several employees and former employees of the AAA office are "all-outs" for the World War number 2.

Roy D. Worley, acreage calculator, passed his physical examination, at Dallas, with the Naval Flight Selection Board and will probably begin services training for the Navy Air Corps during January.

Walter Pendleton, formerly employed by the AAA, is now located at Texarkana where he is time-keeper for the Ordnance Department of the War Department for ammunitions.

Jake L. Watson, former performance reporter with the AAA, is now in California in regard to work in an airplane manufacturing company.

Several weeks ago all employees voluntarily signed pledges to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps each month, according to A. P. Bralley, County Agent.

Palo Duro 4-H Club Has Christmas Party

The Palo Duro 4-H club met November 21 at the school house with Mrs. Ellison in charge. All members were present and took part in a Christmas reading. Games were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Styner announced that we would have the Valentine party over there February 13. Refreshments were served to all.

The next meeting will be held January 12, 1942.

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.

Miss Mabel Martin plans to leave Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother in Kerrville, Texas.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "Moon Over Miami," with Don Ameche and Betty Grable.

Friday and Saturday, "Singapore Woman," with Brenda Marshall and David Bruce.

Sunday and Monday, "Kiss The Boys Good Bye," with Mary Martin and Don Ameche.

Tuesday, "Tillie The Toiler," from the funny paper.

Dec. 24-25, "Dive Bomber," with Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray.

SPURLOCK SCHOOL PLAY WILL BE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Spurlock Sunday School will present "The Gay Pretenders," a 3-act play Friday (December 19) at 7:30 P. M. at the Spurlock School House. An admission charge of .15 and .25 will be made. Funds raised will be used to provide Christmas treats for the children of the Spurlock Sunday School.

The play is being given this year instead of the usual box and pie supper.

Talented characters compose the cast in the play and a pleasant evening of entertainment is assured all those who attend.

Christmas Tree At Ruby School Friday Night

The Ruby School will hold their annual Christmas tree program at the school building Friday night at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

H. D. Bazaar At Martin's Store Saturday

Sherman County Home Demonstration club ladies will sponsor a Bazaar at the W. T. Martin store Saturday. Produce, canned foods, handwork, and many other suitable articles for Christmas gifts will be offered for sale. Parties offering the goods for sale, set the price on each article, and the Home Demonstration club council receives a 10 percent commission on the articles sold.

4-H Club Girls Annual Christmas Party Saturday

Sherman County 4-H club girls had their annual Christmas party Saturday afternoon in the Court-house in the club room.

After numerous games, the girls exchanged gifts which were placed upon the Christmas tree. Decorations carried out the holiday theme.

Refreshments were served to the following: Beverly Smith, Sheila Duby, Rae Dell Griffitt, Oleta Kelp, Katherine Woodard, Billy Jeanne Teeple, Dorothy Walsh, Ruby Lee Sweny, Ina Fay Sweny, Marjorie Boney, Ophelia Green, Marlene Brown, Bobby Dorch, Maxine Palmer, Louise Carter, Charlotte Anne Wolfrum, Jacqueline Bridwell, Frankie Mae Dodson, La June Gorman, Cynthia Ruth Williams, Dorothy Nell McWilliams, Dale McWilliams, Patsy Ruth Green, Alice Lowe, Billie Ann Ellison, Dolores Smith, Christine Williams, Frances Parrish, Mrs. Meritt Sweny, Mrs. George Roberts, Mrs. Oma Ellison, and Miss Mabel Martin.

GULF TEST DRILLED TO 3,500 FEET

Reports from the Gulf Cox No. 1 well in the Griggs community Wednesday indicated the well had been drilled to a depth of about 3,500 feet.

Rumors exist which indicate some good showings have been found in the well, but these reports have not been confirmed.

Christmas Tree Programs At 7 O'Clock Wednesday

Christmas tree programs have been announced for next Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Methodist and Christian Churches.

Baptist Church members will decide as to whether or not they will have a Christmas tree at the services Sunday.

No Christmas tree program will be held at the Church of Christ.

Methodist Church

(J. B. Thompson, Pastor)
Sunday School; 10 A. M. The annual special offering for the Orphan Home will be taken in the Sunday School Sunday. This offering is for the maintenance of the Home for the year 1942.

Morning Worship; 11 A. M. A Christmas Service with special music and message.

Evening Service; 7 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. B. McReynolds, our new District Superintendent. The business of the first quarterly conference will follow the sermon.

Christmas Tree Program; Wednesday; 7 P. M. Santa will be present.

Mrs. Bess Reed Buys Cafe Building

Mrs. Bess C. Reed has closed a deal for the purchase of the building from the Brown estate housing the cafe she operates in Stratford.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me the biggest doll in town, and a big tricycle. I have been a good little girl and have been helping take care of my sick grandmother. Don't forget to bring her lots of things.

Don't forget the candy and nuts either. I'll be seeing you at the Morris, Texas school house Christmas.

Your little pal,
Paula Wright.

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a big truck, some books and lots of candy and nuts.

Funds raised will be used to provide Christmas treats for the children of the Spurlock Sunday School.

The play is being given this year instead of the usual box and pie supper.

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Dear Santa:
We have been good girls. I want a doll, dressed in blue and some books. Please bring my baby sister a doll, too. And lots of candy.

Love,
Bonnie Sue and
Barbara Ann Willey.

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a little piano for Christmas. I have always wanted one of them, and be sure and don't forget sister and brother.

Love to you,
Claudine Wells.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy, I hope. I want an electric train and some boxing gloves, nuts, candy, and fruit. And don't forget my baby sister.

With love,
Dwayne Johnson.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl 4 1/2 years old and mother and daddy think I've been pretty good, so will you please bring me a didd-doll, a trunk of doll clothes, and just anything else you'd care to give me. But don't forget the fruit, candy and nuts for my stocking, and all the other little boys and girls. I'll be at grandmothers here in Stratford.

Norma Louise Kerns.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl 5 years old. I've tried to be a good girl so please bring me a doll and bed, a chair, a set of dishes, and a few little things. I'd like some nuts, fruit and candy in my stocking too.

I'm a little girl 17 months old. I've been good too, so please bring me the same as you bring sister. Don't forget our little cousins. They've been good too.

Carroll Ann Parvin.
Judith Gradene Parvin.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a rubber doll with a suit case full of clothes and a toy piano. Don't forget my big brother. He is in the fourth grade at school. Bring me lots of candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
Olive Marie Davis.

Dear Santa:
Please, "Old Top," make it possible for me to be at grandmother Flores' for Christmas. The reason I am worried is because I have been exposed to the measles and I think it would be awful to have them now.

If you think I am worth it (Daddy doesn't) please bring me a new doll and Doctor Kit.

Love,
Timmie Lu Williams.
Brownfield, Texas.

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a toy piano, a sink, a wagon, a table and chairs, and a little bucket of candy.

Marjorie Mathews.

Dear Santa:
I want a cowboy suit and a gun and lots of candy and nuts, and a tricycle. I will try to be a good boy.

Jay Harrison.

Dear Santa:
I want a cowboy suit, a bow and arrow, a foot ball, some cars and trucks, and a wagon. I will be a good boy.

Your friend,
John Harrison.

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a nice doll and a doctor set and some books, and a little typewriter.

Your friend,
Jean Harrison.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a blackboard with plenty of chalk and an eraser, and a doll.

Your friend,
Lynne Reeder.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wrist watch, apples and candy.

Reginald Louis Bryan.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a dy-dee doll, a doll buggy and a pair of skates.

Don't forget my sisters, for they have been good all year.

Your little friend,
Georgia Lowe.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a wrist watch.

Don Ray Knight

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like very much to have an electric train, a Red Rider B-B gun and some candy and fruit.

I think it would be nice if you brought me a wagon so I could pull Linda around.

Bill Riffe

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and some nuts and candy.

Jimmy Arnold.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my brothers and me a train, a ball and bat, a Gene Autry gun and some candy and fruit.

Tommie Wakefield

Dear Santa:
I am a girl nine years old. I want a girl's bicycle, a Doctor's Kit and a doll, a stove and a sink. Don't forget my brother and sister.

With love,
Mary Nan Davis

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle. Please don't forget to bring a rubber bone for Roxy Dean, and a rubber ball for the kitten.

Lots of love,
Bennie Earle DuVall

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a bicycle, a baby doll, a set of dishes, a color book, and some nuts, candy and fruit.

Avis Parrish

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and some games. Please bring my mother a stove and father a new hat.

Love from
Patricia Ann Naugle

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a cooking set, a wrist watch, and a pair of Majorette boots.

With love,
Patsy Chambers

Dear Santa:
I am a nice little girl in the third grade. For Christmas I want a typewriter, a buggy, a doll, and some candy, nuts and fruit.

A friend,
Doris Ann Mans

P. S. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers. I want a desk too.

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a base ball, bat, and glove for Christmas.

Your friend,
Junior Jacobs

Dear Santa:
I want a doll, a pair of skates, a bicycle and a stove.

With love,
Anita Kelp

Dear Santa:
I want a basketball, a baseball, a wrist watch and a pair of boots. I have a bow and arrow.

With love,
Dean O'Quinn

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bathrobe, pair of house shoes, Sweetheart bracelet, piano, and a pair of roller skates.

With love,
Ila Fern Brannan.

Dear Santa:
I want a bat and ball, a painting set, a machine gun, a boat, book, wrist watch, bow and arrow, and a good luck knife.

With love,
Stephen Wolfrum.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. I have not been too good, but if you will bring me a baby doll with big brown eyes, and a puppy, I will promise to try very hard to be a good girl from now on.

A little friend,
Shirley Ann Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a B-B gun, a pair of boots, wrist watch, base ball, bat, a boat, bow and arrow and a god luck knife.

Alton Blades.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football for Christmas. Be sure to bring nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Marion Brannan.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a girl's bicycle, and a doll for Christmas.

I want a box of handkerchiefs for my mother, and a box for Mrs. Lee. I would like for you to send me a box of candy. Please send me a baby sister.

Your friend,
Ina Darlene Lawhon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Doctor's Kit, a pair of Majorette boots, and a cow girl suit.

With love,
Mildred Jean Bennett.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas, a doll and some candy, nuts, and fruit.

With love,
Gaynelle Pleyer.

Commissioners To Act On 287 Right-of-Way Friday

Sherman County Commissioners will meet in a special called session Friday afternoon to order purchase of right-of-way for paving U. S. 287 from Stratford toward Kerrick in Sherman County, Judge L. P. Hunter announced Tuesday night.

A new 100 foot right-of-way will be required by the Texas Highway Department east of the highway paralleling the present highway. The distance in Sherman County is approximately 7 miles.

Through Stratford where homes are already established, a 50 foot road will be built, and a ten foot right-of-way will be required on each side of the road. As the road nears the outskirts of town, a 150 foot right-of-way will be required.

Paving of the road has been ordered because of its designation as a military highway.

Dallam Commissioners Asked To Furnish Right-of-Way

The Dallam County Commissioners' Court has been asked to secure the right-of-way for paving the road in Dallam County to Kerrick, situated near the Oklahoma line. To date, no action has been reported.

Immediate Paving Planned

A highway engineer in a conversation with County Judge L. P. Hunter Tuesday night, stated that the Texas Highway Department was ready to start work next week on the road if the right-of-way was secured. There is little doubt that Sherman County Commissioners will act with all possible speed in securing the right-of-way in Sherman County.

Sherman Holt Reports Unthreshed Grain Near Gruver

Sherman Holt, a resident of the East part of the county who was in Stratford Friday, reported several fields of unthreshed wheat and barley in his territory. He believes that wheat cut with binders has been damaged 25 percent to 30 percent and that barley has probably been damaged to a greater extent by excess moisture.

Scouts Will Collect Old Papers Saturday

Stratford boy scouts will canvass the town Saturday to pick up all the old papers and magazines which have been saved for defense. During the last drive several homes were missed as some of the scouts were unable to take part in the work. This week a thorough organization of the scouts for the canvass of each home is being made.

Machine Shop Building Under Construction

E. J. Massie is having a 35x60 foot machine shop building constructed on U. S. 54 east of the Consumers building.

Pigg & Walsh hope to have the building completed by Saturday night.

Christmas Edition Will Be Published Wednesday Morning

The Star's annual Christmas edition will be published Wednesday morning of next week. Reporters, contributors, and children who have not written their letters to Santa, should have their copy in the office by Monday noon of next week.

Rev. McReynolds To Preach At Methodist Church

Rev. J. B. McReynolds, District Superintendent of the Perryton district, will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Rev. McReynolds was appointed Superintendent of the District succeeding Dr. Thomas S. Barcus at the Annual Conference which met in November at Big Spring, Texas. He has served as pastor in the conference for a number of years. He comes to the District from Levelland, Texas where he led the church in the erection of a fifty thousand dollar building which was cleared of indebtedness when occupied.

The new Superintendent will preside over the session of the first quarterly conference after the sermon Sunday evening.

Two Local Pilots Have Permits Reinstated

Floyd Brannan and J. W. Garroute have had their flying permits reinstated by the government's aeronautics inspector at Texhoma.

All pilots have been grounded until they have time to make application for reinstated flying permits.

Mrs. Lucy LaFrenz received a message Sunday, stating her son-in-law, Arrow Smith, passed away at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska Friday. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Lincoln.

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John Steel's Name Omitted From Service List

The name of John Steel, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steel, was omitted from the list of those boys from Sherman County who are in the armed forces of the nation last week. John is a lieutenant in the army but his papers have not been filed by the government with the local Selective Service Board, causing the mistake.

Some local boys who have been in the army for 2 years have only recently been officially credited to the county.

Epps and Roper Enlisted

John Murphy Epps and Harland Henry Roper, who reported at Fort Bliss for military service last week passed their physical examinations and were enlisted in the army, it was learned here this week.

Howard Pemberton Discharged

Howard Arthur Pemberton received his discharge from the army on account of having passed the 28 year age Saturday before the war broke out on Sunday. He has returned to Stratford and like other boys in the same classification, has no official information as to what to expect in the future.

\$100 Quota Raised For China Relief Fund In County

L. M. Price, chairman for the China Relief fund in Sherman County, reports that the \$100.00 quota has been raised and sent to the United China Relief headquarters in Dallas.

Those making contributions to make the relief drive possible were: W. F. Wington \$2.50; Leslie H. Parker \$2.50; L. M. Price \$10.00; Pronger Bros. \$10.00; Hose Flores \$2.00; R. J. Davis \$5.00; W. T. Martin \$5.00; J. R. Pendleton \$5.00; G. L. Taylor \$5.00; Craig & Browder \$5.00; Royal Pendleton \$5.00; P. A. Judd \$2.50; Ross Bros. \$5.00; H. E. Lowe & J. D. Billington \$5.00; Consumers Company \$5.00; S. R. & D. G. Cluck \$5.00; J. W. Elliott \$3.00; Rennie Hamilton \$5.00; and J. N. Bridwell \$5.00.

Christmas Cheer Decorations Glow In Stratford

Christmas decorations have been completed in most of the houses in the business district and in many of the homes except where sickness has prevailed. Lights for street decorations were completed Wednesday. The lights were purchased by the City several years ago and the electricity is donated by the West Texas Utilities Company.

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. Calvir, Sponsor.

Senior Endeavor 6:00 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.

There will be no orchestra practice until after the holidays.

Our Christmas program will be given Wednesday evening 7:00 o'clock December 24th.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE DUSTER

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An EDITORIAL

Dear Diary
Today it happened. This menace we anticipated has struck. War has engulfed our nation. I had often wondered how I would feel, being almost seventeen, when the

NOTICE

TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
The State of Texas,
County of Sherman;

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of C. R. Foster, deceased.

The deceased 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.
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J. W. Norvell, M. D.
Stratford, Texas

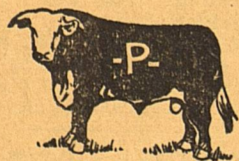
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somersault. The outcome was a sprained arm, but we all hope she gets well enough to play ball Tuesday night.

SENIOR REPORT

My, my these seniors do have their troubles! I have never seen a hundred dollars that was so hard to spend. The seniors are "tearing their hair" over what to give the school. It's an old custom at S. H. S. for the seniors to bequeath to their survivors a gift whose value is around a hundred dollars.

Sounds easy but try it yourself—that is, try getting twenty-two people to agree on what to give.

Well—let's see—there's always that automatic spanking machine. Any teacher could use it almost any day in the year. Say, it might come in handy along about April Fool's Day. Ooops, I forgot—no more of that initiation business.

And we could always buy a new set of Greek Anthologies. Students would practically eat them up—or would they?

Oh yes, we might buy some pigs and let the freshmen feed them until time for the junior-senior banquet. Roast pig—that just makes my mouth water.

Anyway, if you have some ideas on how to get rid of a hundred dollars, just let us know. We really need some.

We seniors want to thank our sponsors for the swell party they gave us last Wednesday night. Mr. Tabor treated us to one of the best shows of the season. Then Mrs. Alexander proved to us that she can cook just as well as she can teach English—and that is good enough.

SPORTS

A great triple-header was taken from Dalhart last Friday night at Stratford. Our undefeated boys ran a victory of 25 to 11 over Dalhart, and our girls won with a score of 38 to 13. The other game was won by our junior team with a knockout victory.

We went to Dumas last Tuesday. Our girls lost by a score of 22-17, and our boys won with another victory of 53 to 23. So far our boys are undefeated, and our girls have

only lost one game. We play Stinnett Tuesday night, December 16 here and go to Hartley on Thursday, December 18. Both teams are still improving and we hope to keep our record.

SOPHOMORES

Well, I was just assigned the terrible duty of writing a report. Isn't it disgusting to have to write on this when I should be studying on history questions. Well, I guess that's enough griping, so here goes.

We were treated last Thursday night with a line party at the Roxy and drinks afterward by our sponsor, Miss Bryant, and our room mother, Mrs. Bryant. It was really fun.

Hey, where was William Allen after the show? We wonder?

Three sophomore girls served a dinner for the faculty at the school house Saturday night. Boy, was that turkey good! We only made a few mistakes like dropping forks, forgetting the gravy, and eating too much, but it was lots of fun. If I told all I saw and all I heard from those teachers Saturday night, playing with hens that lay eggs and throwing balls across the table, it would make a disgrace for our high school. So I'll quit talking about their toys, but they really had lots of fun and lots to eat.

GRADE SCHOOL NOTES

Seventh Grade:
We have our room decorated for the Christmas holidays and even have our Christmas tree. We are

going to have a party Thursday. Most of the room was in Mrs. Harrison's recital Monday.

We are finishing an art project of making pictures, wood plaques, luncheon cloths, and a variety of other things. We are proud of the artistic ability of the class as a

whole.
Sixth Grade:
Bobbie Wilson went to Amarillo. Kenneth Pemberton went to Amarillo.
Lena Faye Cowdrey was absent
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Notice!

New Law Requires
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
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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We are giving our utmost cooperation in the defense effort, serving numerous military units in this West Texas region, and ask your help that there may be no interruption of service either to Uncle Sam or in your home.

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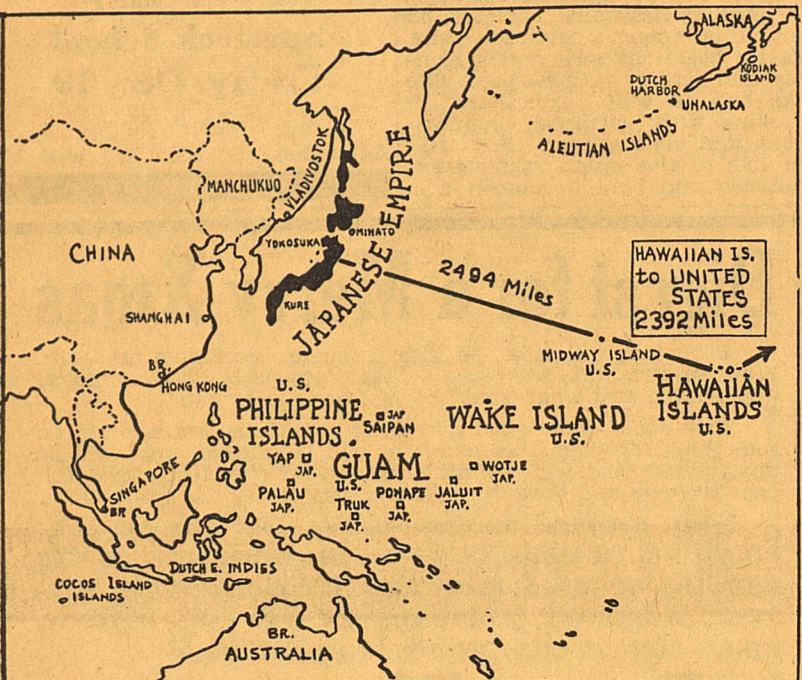
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

Japanese Follow Axis War Strategy Of Attack on American Possessions While Diplomatic Envoys Talk Peace; Nation Unites in All-Out War Effort

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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With the opening of the Japanese blitz on the United States the spotlight of news swung to this section of the world. Above are shown the battle stations of the Pacific. First blow, a bombing attack, was aimed at the chief naval base of Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. Several points in the Philippines were bombed. Guam was attacked by planes. The British port of Singapore was bombed and Japanese troops made a landing on the Malay peninsula north of Singapore.

WAR:

Sudden Attack

When war came to the United States it came with a sudden fury that startled the entire nation.

First news of Japan's attack on the great U. S. air and naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, came from the White House in Washington. Later reports told of the attacks on the Philippines and on the island outpost of Guam.

Though the nation was startled it was suddenly united. From former "isolationist" leaders and newspapers came pledges of support to the government in dealing with an unprovoked attack upon the United States.

Invoking the Nazi blitzkrieg tactic of striking with great surprise, Japanese bombers swooped over the city of Honolulu, the stronghold at Pearl Harbor and on the army's nearby flying base, Hickman field, even as the Japanese envoys in the United States were talking "peace" to state department officials in Washington.

Though the immediate attack came without warning the strong defense forces in Pearl Harbor went into quick action and heavy anti-aircraft fire shook the Pearl Harbor sector as the battle got under way.

After news of the attacks had reached Washington, radio listening outposts picked up word that Japan had declared war on the United States and Great Britain. By this time President Roosevelt had ordered U. S. army and naval forces in the Far East to execute "all previously prepared" orders. This order was carried out by U. S. aviators taking to the air and the fleet steaming out of Pearl Harbor to battle the enemy.

President Roosevelt called an immediate conference with cabinet members and legislative leaders to prepare plans for leading the nation through the crisis. As this conference was being held a report came in from Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, U. S. army commander in the Far East, telling of the several attacks on U. S. bases in the Philippines.

Planes participating in the bombing of Pearl Harbor were believed to be operating from an aircraft carrier somewhere in the region. A report by way of the Panama Canal Zone told of the sinking of a Japanese aircraft carrier in the Hawaiian area.

Immediate Allies

Support to the United States was immediately forthcoming from other nations. On the same day as the Japanese blitz got under way the government of the Netherlands Indies declared war on Japan. In the Western hemisphere, Canada drew up its declaration of war, as did the Central American republic of Costa Rica. Australia joined the ranks of Nippon's foes.

Even before congress could get into session, Great Britain's parliament had been summoned to draw up its declaration. Winston Churchill, British prime minister, had previously pledged that should the United States be forced to go to war

against Japan, Great Britain would join in the fight "within the hour." As the Japanese began their long contemplated but currently unexpected drive Russia was expected to come with its forces on the side of the United States.

ARMY AND NAVY:

Strength

"On any comparable basis, the U. S. navy is second to none," declared Navy Secretary Knox only a day before the attack made on U. S. possessions by Japanese bombers.

Compared to the status when the U. S. entered the First World War in 1917, both the army and the navy are on a larger scale. The army had approximately 1,600,000 in uniform the fatal Sunday when the bombs were let loose in Hawaii. In 1917, there were but 200,000 men.

While the character of naval vessels has changed in the capital ships group, so that comparison is not easy, it is significant to note the increase in destroyers and submarines. We have 170 destroyers today compared with 52 in 1917, and 113 submarines compared with 44.

The available number of U. S. combat planes on the outbreak of hostilities was estimated at 7,500.

As of November 1, 1941, the navy had in commission 17 battleships, 7 aircraft carriers, 37 cruisers, 170 destroyers, and 113 submarines.

SUB-ZERO:

Moscow Defends

Once again the weather man, having dished out weather much too warm for Russian comfort, turned again to aid the Red defense of Moscow, and Pravda was reporting the Soviet legions falling on the attackers in a temperature 17 below zero, and shoving them back all along the line.

Described battle lines on the southern, or Rostov front moved back beyond the Mius river, some 60 miles west of the "spigot city of Caucasian oil," and a score of miles west of Taganrog.

Russian reports described attacks upon fleeing Germans from the waters of the Sea of Azov, the fleet's guns hammering the Nazis and preventing them from reforming their lines along the coastal road.

The Reds also claimed having crossed the Mius, and trapping German forces attempting to make it back to Mariupol, currently General Von Kleist's headquarters.

From the Moscow front came dispatches claiming a big Red victory in the Mozhaik-Volokolamsk sector, directly west of the city, halting and hurling back a German drive which Berlin claimed had brought them within 16 miles of the city.

Rome reports said that "a million and a half men and 8,000 tanks were driving on Moscow" but the Russians said the pressure was less, and that with the weather more favorable (the Reds seemed to pick up speed under sub-zero temperatures), the defense of the capital seemed more hopeful.

As to the Mius river crossing in the south, the Russians said they had executed a maneuver which trapped many Nazi regiments.

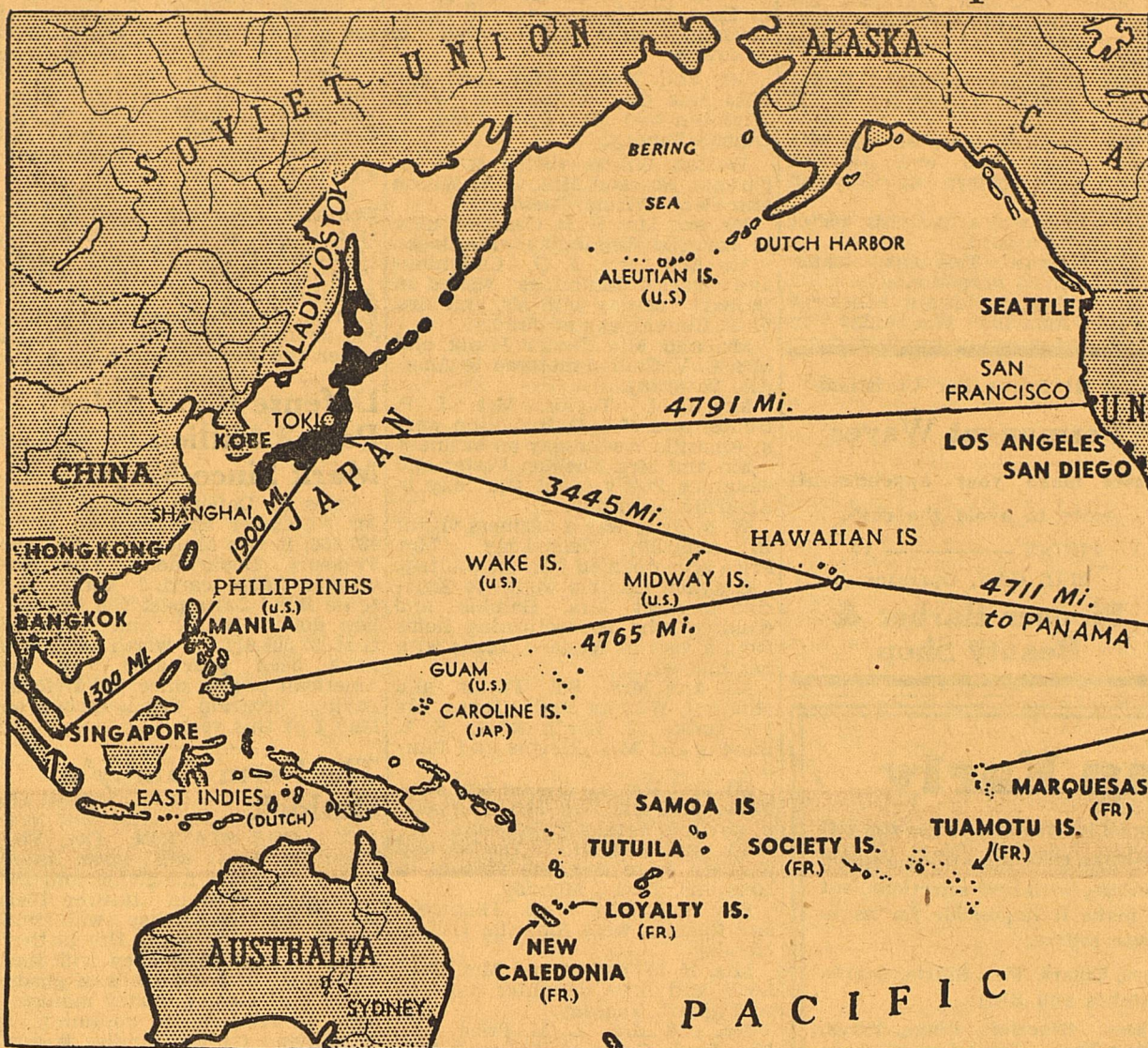
FINNISH:

Ships Seized

The British declaration of war on Finland, Hungary and Rumania had not been unexpected, but had been followed swiftly in the United States by the seizure of all Finnish vessels in American ports.

That was carrying out the formula of this country in "taking into protective custody" vessels of Axis-friendly countries, or those dominated by Axis powers on the theory that if permitted to leave they would be scuttled or captured.

Theater of War Between U. S. and Japan



Here in graphic detail is shown the location of strategic points in the war between Japan and the United States. Distances between important points now in the headlines are also shown. Of particular interest are the following points: the Russian port of Vladivostok and its nearness to Japan, which would make it an ideal air base in a bombing raid campaign on the enemy; the Hawaiian islands where at Pearl Harbor the Japanese opened their war on the United States with a devastating aerial attack; the most vulnerable sector of the continental United States to Japan attack—the Pacific coast area.

How Navies of Warring Nations Compare

	BATTLESHIPS	AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	CRUISERS	DESTROYERS	SUBMARINES
UNITED STATES	17	7	37	170	113
GREAT BRITAIN	16	4	62	219	48
JAPAN	10	6	39	119	66
GERMANY	6	1	4	20 to 50	125
ITALY	5		20	123	105

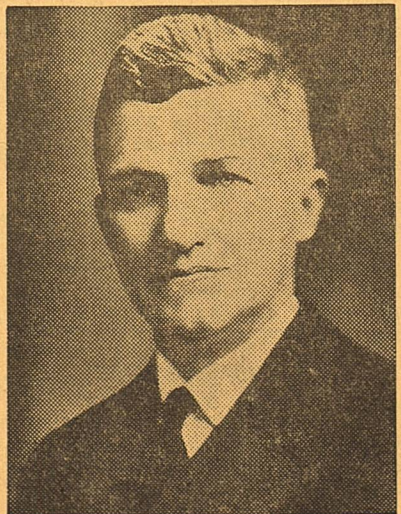
This chart shows the naval strength of the Axis and Allied navies. Latest figures available are shown.

Heads Pacific Fleet



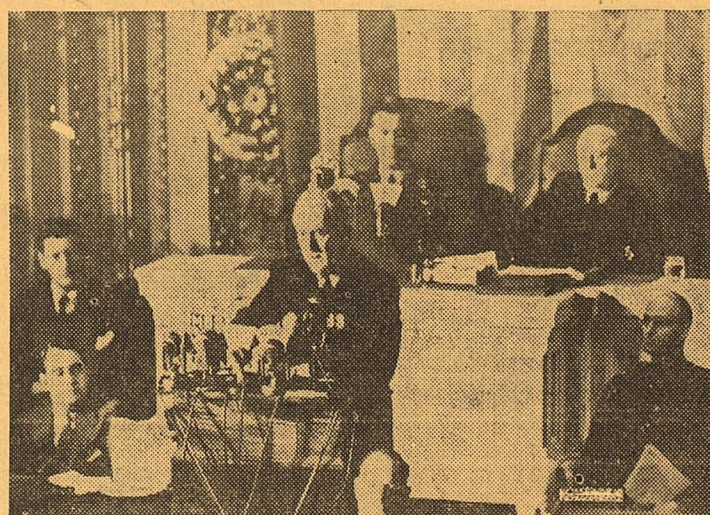
The American fleet in the Pacific is under the command of Admiral Husband Edward Kimmel, 59, who took over command of the Pacific fleet and also of the entire U. S. fleet last February 1.

In Asiatic Waters



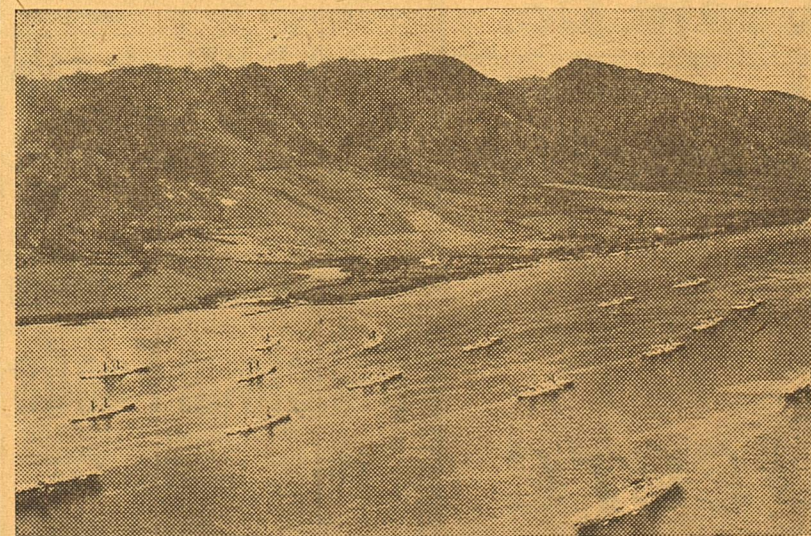
Admiral Thomas C. Hart, 64, who commands the U. S. Asiatic fleet.

As President Asked War Declaration

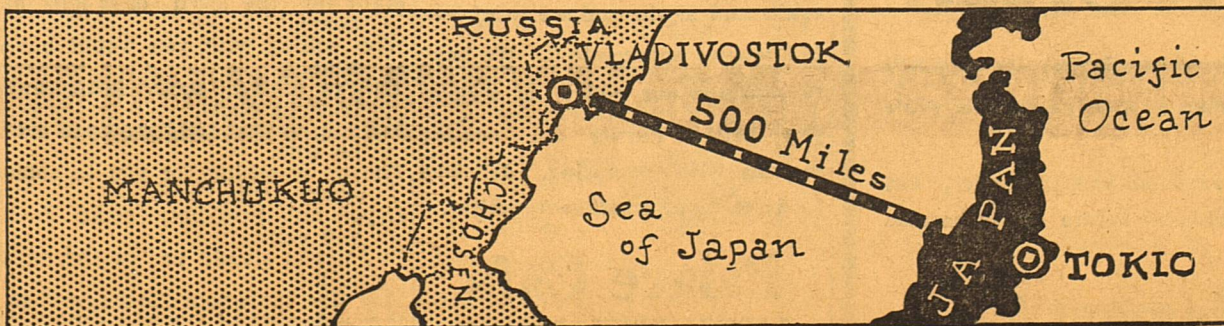


President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressing the joint session of congress, when he asked congress to declare a state of war against Japan. Congress passed the declaration 33 minutes after FDR's speech.

U. S. Fleet Off Coast of Hawaii



A splendid view of units of the United States fleet at anchor in Lahaina roads, Hawaii, near the scene of the unprovoked attack by Japanese bombers at a Sunday's dawn.



In bombing raids on Japan, Russia's port of Vladivostok would make an ideal air base for U. S.

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MISCELLANY:

Baltimore: Commendation went to Private Colas, selectee who was set to watch traffic at a street intersection while 12,000 troops passed through. He was to be picked up by a truck, which missed him. He remained on duty in the rain for 28 hours until M.P.'s picked him up. His commanding officer told him, "You understand that an order is truly an order."

PERSONAL

Miss Lucille Parsons spent the week end with friends in Canyon. Rennie Hamilton, Texhoma, transacted business here Monday. Wade Turner has accepted a position with Joe Langhorn's barber shop in Dalhart.

itors in Amarillo last Wednesday. Adolph Stevens, Texhoma, was a business visitor here Monday. Mrs. Dick Boothby, Mrs. Dan Boothby, Texhoma, and Mrs. Everett Toomey, Sunray, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Turner Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Slay returned Friday from a visit with her son in El Paso. Miss Pauline Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Bob and Marlene Brown were visitors in Guymon Sunday. Joe Duby was a business visitor in Borger Tuesday.

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.

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Shop Early Don't wait until it's too late to get the gift you want. Christmas gifts are selling rapidly and we are restocking with new selections, but conditions may make it impossible for us to secure last minute orders.

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ganize, train and supervise all auxiliary firemen, rescue squads and fire-watchers, in line with prepared plans. A separate service, the air warden service, is under supervision of the police officers. It will work in cooperation with the fire defense service. Fire defense officials, at the request of police coordinator, will carry out instructional work in fire-defense and first aid, but otherwise the air raid warden service is in separate hands.

Sherman, Dallam, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Roberts, Moore, Hutchinson, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingworth, Farmer, Castro, Swisher, and Briscoe counties compose district 1 under the fire defense plan.

Defense Bond Sales Pass 2 Million Mark Since May Sales of Defense Savings Bonds for November amounted to \$233,487,000, it was announced by the Treasury Department. The November figure carried total Defense Bond Sales past the two billion dollar mark, and revealed that \$2,008,611,000 worth of Bonds have been purchased by the American people since the Defense Savings program was launched on May 1 of this year.

The Farm Family's Outlook COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 17—Farm families will have more money to spend for living and for investment than in 1940 or 1941, but at the stores they will find higher prices on many things they want to buy.

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Drying Eggs Helps Export COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 17—Shipping space, almost as precious as the food the United States is sending to England, is being conserved by concentration before the food is put aboard.

Commenting upon a report of a proposed increase of 400 percent in the capacity of United States drying plants to meet the expanding demand for dried eggs, Miss Neely says this does not mean there necessarily will be an increased demand for shell eggs proportionate with the step-up in plant capacity.

A substantial part of the 203,775,000 dozen of eggs set by the Texas USDA Defense Board as the minimum production goal in this state for the 1942 Food-for-Freedom program, will be sent to Great Britain. Some will be frozen in pails, but the major part shipped will be sprayed or rolled into a dry soft yellow flour-like powder.

To A Soldier (Marcille McWilliams) Hark! Do you hear it calling clear? Yes, it's the bugle. War is here! You young men, in khaki clad, Go fight for the right, as did your dad.

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dried ones and those frozen melted. About 2 tablespoons of powdered eggs and 2 tablespoons of water equals one whole egg. Much of the dried and frozen eggs, however, are not used directly by householders. Large firms distribute the products in the form of bread and cake to the British consumers.

Mrs. V. W. Taylor Named Director Civilian Defense Mrs. Volney W. Taylor of Brownville, Texas, has been appointed by R. E. Smith, director of Civilian Defense for the Eighth Corps Area, to serve as Assistant Director in charge of women's activities.

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."

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Three Phases Of Civilian Defense Are Announced

In a special message from Washington, where he had gone to confer with national officials on civilian defense, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, who was recently named by Gov. Stevenson as Chairman of Defense Health and Emergency Medical Care, urged every citizen of Texas to register immediately for some type of civilian defense activity.

Outlining the three phases of civilian defense that he believed should be instituted at once, Dr. Cox included first aid training, the organization and training of nurses' aides, and emergency sanitary corps for every community.

"These duties are the personal responsibility of every man and woman," Dr. Cox said. "No one else can shoulder them for you. Communicate immediately with your Mayor or County Judge, both of whom are acting as civilian defense coordinators."

It takes 30 dozen eggs to make 10 pounds of dried eggs.

Urge Drivers To Give Courtesy For Christmas

George Clarke, Director of the Texas Safety Association, urges drivers to "give courtesy for Christmas."

That's the theme of the December Traffic Safety Emergency Campaign in Texas which is designed to prevent the death of 195 persons in traffic accidents. The slogan is a practical application of the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. At Christmas time, especially, why not ask drivers and pedestrians to be patient, lenient and courteous with each other?

Courtesy will prevent a big percentage of traffic accidents, and during the Yule season everyone should be willing to contribute such a small gift to the happiness and safety of others.

To curb cattle theft, a law effective November 1 requires all cattle dealers in Massachusetts to be licensed and to carry metal plates showing that fact on every truck. The law also controls the use of ear tags.

Miss Ruby Bryant Resigns To Join F. S. A. Administration

Miss Ruby Bryant, home economics teacher in the Stratford school, resigned and left Monday for Port Lavaca, where she has accepted a position as Home Supervisor with the Farm Security Administration.

Suggestions For Mailing Christmas Food

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 17—This year great quantities of home made food will go through the mails, particularly to boys in training camps. That means packages must be mailed early to reach their destination before Christmas.

It also means that the food must be well packed, so it will be delivered in first class shape. Specialists of the A. and M. College Extension Service advise sending only food which can stand shaking and knocking about, which can withstand heat and cold, and which won't be affected by several days' delay in mail handling.

What goes into the package should be determined by what the receiver likes best and by how well that food will ship. Here are some suggestions for a box of goodies: Salted and spiced nuts in tight waterproof bags or tight tin boxes; nut bread, nut cookies; homemade candy that isn't too brittle; jars of jam, jelly, marmalade or cheese.

Bread should be wrapped first in waxed paper and then in corrugated cardboard. Cookies travel best wrapped separately and then put in a tin or cardboard box. Any spaces in the box should be filled in with paper to prevent the cookies shaking into crumbs.

Fruit cake, of course, ships better than any other cake, says Grace I Neely, Extension specialist in food preservation. Dried fruit, dried fruit candies, and candied fruit also stand travel. She suggests particularly candied orange or grapefruit peel. Here's her final advice: Be sure your food gifts look attractive as well as taste good and travel well.

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 I. Allen, Sattie Clyde Hill, Wright W. Davis, Mrs. Bessie Wiginton, Ermalee Bonar, Kathryn Bonar, Guy E. Tabor, Pronger Bros., Arthur Lee Ross, Cooper Dewey and wife, Mrs. Cleve Garrison, Mrs. Bess C. Reed, Roy Jefferson Davis, William Preston Foreman, Donald Ritchie, Clinton Belcher, Mrs. Nelle Alexander, Nana Davis, J. T. and Olga Uhley, Miss Mabel Martin, Alana Bell Davis, Mrs. Ella Belcher, Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Mrs. W. P. Foreman.

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Arthur Mullins, L. C. Henderson, B. A. Donelson, E. F. Hudson, E. H. Hudson, W. N. Price, Luther Browder, J. B. Craig, M. R. Robinson, Mrs. Mertie Massie, Herbert Folsom, and Mrs. Ida Henderson.

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Dickie Buckles, Howard Gore, Jack Smith, Harold Turner, Louise Carter, Bobbie Dortch, Boyd McWilliams.

Billy Allen, Rex Beene, Ruby Dell Harding, Dorothy Nell Harding, Arthur Folsom, Jr.

Junior Henry, Mary Frances Hood, Billy Allen, Leon Wilson, Claudine McQueen, Owen Gunnels, Shirley Lee, Rosemary Keener, Lynne Reeder, Mary Isabel Luther, Peggy Foster, Almeta Joe Wall, Shela Duby, Dorothy Jean Arnold.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa: Please bring me a machine gun, a Gene Autry gun and holster and also a bow and arrow and lots of candy and nuts. Your friend, Gene Marshall.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a toy machine gun for Christmas, please. And, Santa, I like to eat nuts and candy awfully much if you have any to spare. Fred Lee Green.

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a dy-dee doll, a set of dishes and a toy telephone? Thank you very much, dear Santa. Your friend, Emma Jean Luther.

Dear Santa Claus, I want for Christmas a dy-dee

doll, a tricycle, and some candy, please.

Virgie Gunnels
Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun and holster, some candy and nuts. Your friend, Jesse Scott.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Red-Rider B-B gun, some candy and nuts. And please don't forget my sister Jackie. She has been a very good sister all year. Richard Warner Williams.

Dear Santa, Please bring me some new wheels for my train, and a new station for I lost the old one. And Santa, my train would run much better with a conductor. Your friend, Buddy Armstrong.

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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 \$14,180.81 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 \$1,413.08 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 hereinafter 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 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. 325 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;

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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 59' E. 416 feet to the N. E. corner of the cemetery;

Thence S. 36' 45" W. 564.2 feet.

SECOND TRACT: Being 170.5 acres out of Section No. 18, 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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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I want a wrist watch for Christmas this year, and I want some storybooks too. I don't want any toys this year. Peggy Jean Foster

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy in school. I want a B-B gun, a truck with candy, a little fire truck, a train, a machine gun, and lots of candy and nuts. With love, Donald McWilliams

Dear Santa Claus: I want a rubber doll and a sewing machine. Your little friend, Martha Ann Crabtree.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a basket ball and I want that wagon in W. T. Martin's store. I have tried to be good. Your little friend, Joe Crabtree.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll with sleepy eyes. I want a sink too, and a bicycle. Your little friend, Mary Frances Crabtree.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and cedar chest, a Christmas tree, a piano and lots of candy. Minnie Crabtree.

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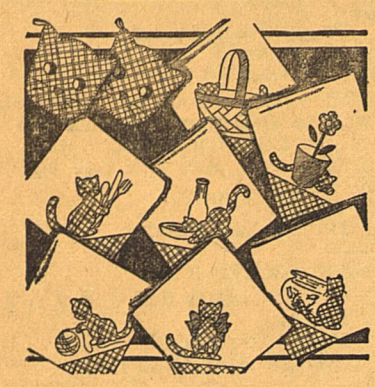
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ATTACK ON AMERICA BY GENERAL HASEK

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

CHAPTER XIV—Continued

Colonel Flagwill was asleep at his desk when Benning reported at the War Department in mid-afternoon. The G-2 Chief woke with a start and vigorously shook himself into full wakefulness.

"You've certainly justified your existence again!" Flagwill exclaimed, smiling at his assistant. "We've already ordered the prompt arrest of all Andes stockholders—innocent and guilty alike. That means the biggest spy roundup in history. We can separate sheep from goats after we've arrested the whole lot. Now is no time for half measures."

Benning said, "I'm sorry Bravot got away, sir."

"He'll be a magician," Flagwill vowed, "if he gets through the nets we've laid for him."

As Flagwill turned back to his littered desk, his eye fell upon a penciled memorandum. He looked up sharply at Benning. "I've just found another little chore for you—to sit in on a very secret party row over successor to the Presidency." Flagwill lowered his voice and spoke rapidly. "A partisan intrigue to force Senator Tannard, Secretary of State, out of the line of succession. It all hinges on the fact that Tannard received an interim appointment from the President last fall, when Secretary Hinges died. Tannard has not yet been confirmed by the Senate."

"Now, if Congress rejects Tannard's appointment, the Presidency falls by law to Judge Baucum, Secretary of the Treasury. Since Baucum is party leader and wheel horse, it is likely that a swift party coup will bring this about, as Tannard may not want to make a fight for his confirmation under all the circumstances."

On reaching Capitol Hill a few minutes before four o'clock, Benning passed the House Chamber, went downstairs, and took the tunnel-trolley across to the Senate Office Building.

The selected senators, leaders of the party in power, were just arriving when Benning reached the Baucum conference room and was admitted by a Baucum secretary. Secretary Baucum rose promptly when the door closed on the last of those he had summoned. Baucum was a large man, square-faced, straight-lipped, with friendly, level gray eyes.

"Friends, I must announce that there will be a slight delay," Baucum said abruptly. His eyes ran slowly from face to face as if to test the mettle of those present against what he had to say. "I have just sent for Secretary Tannard."

Benning saw an interchange of astonished glances among those present and felt his own brows knot at Baucum's astounding announcement. Tannard long had been known as the particular political foe of Secretary Baucum.

"My reason for asking Tannard here," he said in a low, determined voice, "is I consider him the man best qualified among all of us to lead the country through our present crisis."

Senator Vren, veteran Senate leader, was on his feet. In his taut face was reflected the prevalent astonishment at Baucum's invitation to Tannard.

"Please be informed, sir, that I considered the majority opinion before we came here. Therefore, I speak their opinion as well as my own when I inform you, sir, that it is your distinguished self we intend to name President of the United States, and this by the simple method of disqualifying Secretary Tannard."

Baucum's face softened to a serene smile, but he slowly shook his massive gray head.

"I appreciate the honor you pay me, Vren," he interrupted. "But we face an emergency, gentlemen, in which men are going to surrender their lives to their sense of duty—just as Captain Boll did. That makes it very easy for me to surrender so small a thing as my personal ambition. From now on we must resolve to smash party considerations. Our national crisis is serious enough without divisions among ourselves. I must set a personal example and confess to you frankly that I am too old and lack the vigor and, frankly, the abilities that are needed at this time."

He paused a moment, his eyes fixed defiantly on Vren, then he went on in a milder voice.

"If your minds, gentlemen, are free of purely partisan prejudices, you will not challenge my proposal of Tannard for President. Tannard has comparative youth and vigor. As Secretary of State, while he is new in that position, he is the lawful successor, unless we disqualify him on mere technicality. He has brains and guts and he has both feet on the ground. He is the man we need to lead us in this emergency, and I intend to do everything within my power looking to his confirmation."

INSTALLMENT FOURTEEN

his 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 Hasek. In spite of Brill's desperate resistance, Van Hasek's troops pushed relentlessly forward. Returning

Baucum broke off and his eyes searched each face again as if seeking challenge to the words he had spoken. Only a stunned silence met him. His eyes lifted and a friendly smile wreathed his face as the door of the conference room opened. A tall, erect man stood at the door, gravely hesitant.

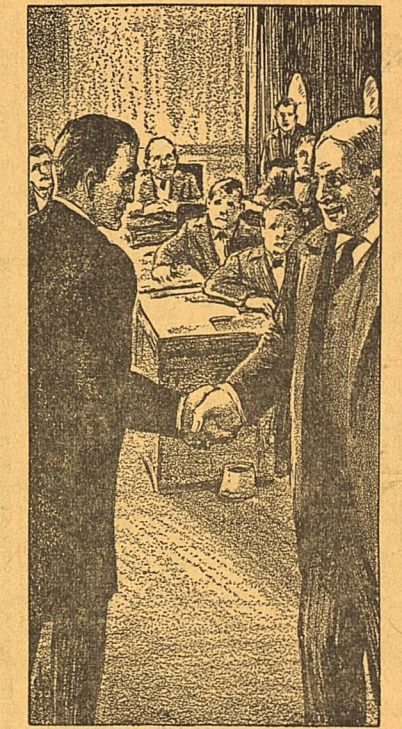
"Come right on in, Tannard," Baucum invited. He stepped forward to extend a congratulatory hand and his smile widened as he added, without formality: "I hope your heart is in good shape to stand a hard shock, Senator. But the gentlemen present wish you to serve as President of the United States. Your confirmation will be voted without serious opposition."

Tannard's alert eyes searched the room. He was a man of fifty, physically fit, appearing much younger than his age. His face was angular, strong-featured. Tannard looked the born leader of men, man of action governed by an active, orderly mind.

In his steel-blue eyes there showed no gleam of personal triumph at Baucum's announcement. His emotional response was a tightening of the muscles of his jaw, a drawing erect of his wide shoulders.

Tannard gave his answer in a measured voice.

"Very good, gentlemen, if that is your decision, I accept. Forgive me



"I hope your heart is good."

if I have no platitudes of gratitude to offer, nor promises of performance. I will say only that I deeply deplore the unhappy circumstance that brings about my succession to the Presidency. If your position be confirmed by the Senate I will do my best, and I will expect the fullest support from you and from every American. If there is nothing further, gentlemen, I'll excuse myself."

CHAPTER XV

Van Hasek's Austrian spy was on hand at the Shoreham promptly at eight the next morning. Fincke was glum and jumpy as they ordered breakfast, and from time to time cast covert glances about the dining-room.

"Why the jitters, Fincke?" Benning asked him.

The Austrian took several nervous gulps of coffee and said: "Something's gone wrong, Bromlitz. I want to get out of this town as quick as possible."

"Heard anything from Bravot?"

"No word from anybody, not since the last time I saw you. I can't figure it out, but it's there. Sometimes I think I'm being watched and G-2 has my number." Fincke pushed aside his unfinished breakfast and got up. "Come on, Bromlitz, let's get out of this town!"

Benning asked, as they took a taxicab to the depot, "Did Bravot furnish you with travel authority?"

"Last I heard it was all fixed up. All we have to do is show up at the gangplank and say, 'Passage for Amsterdam, Stateroom twelve.'" The Austrian turned suddenly to Benning with suspicion glinting in his eyes. "Say, Bromlitz, are you asking for information, or just feeling me out?"

"Isn't it natural, Fincke," Benning retorted, "for me to satisfy myself you've really got authority to go along? I hope you're not going to spoil everything by getting suspicious of me."

"No, but after the deal I got from Boggio, you can't blame me for wondering if I'm the goat," Fincke muttered. "Sorry if I rubbed you the wrong way."

Fincke's fears relaxed somewhat

NEXT WEEK Another Absorbing Installment

to Washington, Benning met Fincke who had come there to do espionage work for his government, but continued to pose as a friend. Benning soon unearthed the vast spy ring that was operating in this country to learn military secrets and to sabotage production. Now continue with the story.

when he and Benning reached New York in early afternoon.

They went to Central Park and walked about deserted paths until time to go to the pier. Promptly at four Fincke presented himself to a hulking Norwegian first mate who stood at the gangplank of the tramp freighter, a single-funnel steamer.

The Fincke formula put them on board without question. Benning noted, as they were escorted by a cabin boy to their stateroom, that the decks were deserted, no preparations to sail were in evidence.

Fincke promptly slammed the door, peeled off his cotton coat, and sprawled on a bunk.

Benning threw off his coat, lay down on his berth, and took up the late New York editions he had bought before coming aboard. Later he meant to force the issue of a reconnaissance of the ship in preparation for the Navy's boarding party.

Headlines screamed the defeat of Mole's Second Division, the capture of San Antonio.

Mole's truck columns had sped his broken infantry and artillery to a new position near Austin along the Colorado River. There he was organizing a new defensive position, reinforced by Texas regiments. Van Hasek columns were moving on Austin for prompt attack.

Van Hasek had taken over San Antonio at daybreak and established headquarters in the City Hall at the old Spanish Plaza. A subordinate, General Alvido, had taken over the government as military governor under a decree of martial law, hauled down the American flag and hoisted the saber flag over the city.

Alvido claimed all of Texas under his decree. A Van Hasek truck column was moving on Galveston to occupy that city, and later, Houston.

Air raids had extended north last night. Fort Worth, Dallas, and Shreveport had been heavily pounded with the loss of hundreds of lives. Terror was sweeping other southern cities. Little Rock, Oklahoma City, Montgomery, Birmingham, even Nashville and Atlanta were within bombing range. There was no anti-aircraft now available for these cities. Thousands were fleeing into the hills and countryside.

When he had sketched through the day's news, Benning sat up and made a cast at Fincke.

"What gets me," he complained, "is why we have to go all the way to Amsterdam when there's so much going on in these parts, Fincke."

Fincke snapped erect, his eyes blazing suspicion, and snarled, "You know damned well we're not going to Amsterdam, Bromlitz! What's your game—always feeling me out!"

Benning coolly drawled, "Evidently you suspect I'm a spotter for Boggio or Bravot. If that's in your mind, I resent it."

"Sorry if I blew up again," Fincke retorted. "But we're playing for big game this time, Bromlitz, and you can't blame me for being touchy after what happened before."

A Norwegian deckhand brought dinner into their stateroom at six o'clock. Two empty hours followed. At eight o'clock the engines began churning, the Norwegian tramp eased out of her berth and headed down the harbor.

Fincke brightened as the ship cast off, then was attacked by a restlessness that set him pacing the little cabin.

Dusk slowly deepened into night. Benning knew that the ship was spotted by Navy observers, that they would take no chance of letting her slip out of the harbor. He chafed under his inability to break further into the Fincke confidence or to effect a survey of the ship's passengers.

The Austrian suddenly seized his cotton coat and straw hat. "All right, Bromlitz!" he exclaimed excitedly. "It's nine o'clock and pitch dark. Here's where we move out!"

Benning followed the Austrian down the unlighted deck. There was a black huddle of figures at the rail where Fincke halted. Benning's straining eyes, now adjusted to the darkness, made out that the figures were moving over the side.

In a moment Fincke vanished. Benning hesitated, then groped his way down the Jacob's ladder. At the bottom a gasoline launch chugged tenaciously alongside in choppy water. As Benning, following the others, stepped precariously aboard, the launch cast off.

In the vague light shed by a lantern in the bow of the launch, Benning slowly counted noses. There were five passengers, two boatmen. Benning saw that the man beside whom he had found a seat was not Fincke. An intuition warned him, his eyes verified the warning as he traced out the man's profile. The passenger at his elbow was Bravot.

Van Hasek's fugitive spymaster silently stared into the wet night. Benning's hand sought the pocket of his cotton coat and released the safety lock of his automatic.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Personal Touch



Instead of sending her presents through the mails, this young lady prefers to deliver them herself. It adds a personal touch that is greatly appreciated by friends on Christmas day.

First Christmas Seals Originated in Denmark To Fight Tuberculosis

That harbinger of the holiday season, the cheerful Christmas Seal, has recently made its appearance as the National Tuberculosis association opened its annual drive for funds to continue work in the prevention and cure of this dread disease.

The idea of the sale of seals to aid the fight against tuberculosis originated in Denmark in 1903. The following year the first seals were sold. The idea gained almost immediate popularity and soon spread to neighboring countries.

Christmas seals appeared in the United States in 1907 when Miss Emily P. Bissel of the Wilmington, Del., Red Cross chapter designed a seal that was sold locally. The campaign was so successful that the next year the National Red Cross adopted the idea and conducted a nation-wide campaign. From then until 1919 the Red Cross continued the annual Christmas Seal distribution. In their last year the returns had risen to nearly \$4,000,000.

Beginning with 1920 the National Tuberculosis association began distribution of the seals. The designs of these stamps have been the work of prominent artists who have interpreted the Christmas spirit each in his own way.

In addition to the United States approximately 40 other countries have adopted the Christmas seal for raising anti-tuberculosis funds.

Post Office Auctions Gifts 'Lost' in Mails

Uncle Sam will soon make profits by selling Christmas presents sent through the mails, but he would much rather deliver them—and he would, if he knew where they were supposed to go.

American people are so rich and in such a hurry that they don't even take the pains to see that their gifts sent by mail are properly wrapped and addressed. Of course, all are not careless about it, but the postmen do have a hard time during the holidays.

Extra mail clerks receive millions of dollars in wages, and a good share of this extra force is kept busy handling poorly wrapped and improperly addressed packages. Many thousands of Christmas gifts will be sold because they contain no clew concerning their sender or the intended destination. The "unaddressed" department of the inquiry section of the post office in large cities resembles a warehouse.

Some gifts cannot be held long, such as alligators from Florida, live chickens, turkeys, or fruits. These are quickly sold and the sale price held in a fund which is ultimately turned into the treasury. When all efforts have been exhausted, the unidentified and unclaimed packages are sold by an auctioneer.

Wrong Use

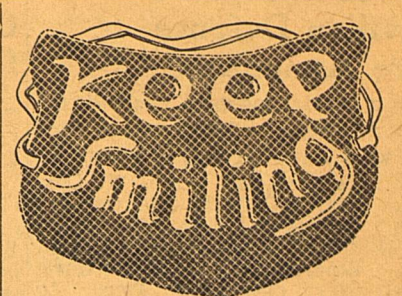
The name Kriss Kringle is sometimes erroneously used to designate Santa Claus. Kriss Kringle is a corruption of the German Christ-kindel, the Christ-child.

Mountain Beauty

Christmas in the Swiss mountains is full of scenic enchantment and poetry. Every hamlet and every village is a wondrous vision in white, with its fleckless beauty still accentuated by the sapphire blue of the sky.

Tip on Toys

To be in demand, toys should be educational, full of action, or duplicates of large articles. Most toys used through the ages fall into one of these three categories.



Indoors Man She—You big strong man, do you believe in sleeping out of doors? He—Not while I can pay rent.

A psychologist says some men disappear because they feel they are not wanted. And some disappear because they know they are.

Who Won? "So you and John don't speak now?" "No; we had a dreadful quarrel about who loved the other most."

The Only Cure Two smartly dressed girls were talking at the top of their voices and in a very affected manner in a bus. At last the conductor got fed-up. As the bus neared a stopping place he called out in a high-pitched voice: "Darlings, here's too, too sweet King street!" After that silence reigned.

From the Source "I only know one good thing about Tom." "And what's that?" "His opinion of himself."

In Full Use Mrs. Green bought a sundial at a sale and had it erected in her garden. She called in the builder and instructed him to move it to a more suitable place. "Where would you like me to put it?" asked the builder. "Under the electric lamp on the porch," she replied. "We shall then be able to see the time when it is dark."

Advertisement for Clabber Girl Baking Powder, featuring the slogan 'BIGGER VALUE when you Buy' and 'BETTER RESULTS when you bake'.

No wonder Clabber Girl is the baking day favorite in millions of homes... the enthusiastic choice of millions of women, women who are proud of their baking, proud of their thrift. Order a can of Clabber Girl from your grocer today. You will be amazed when he tells you Clabber Girl's price. And, you will be delighted with your baking results. You Pay Less for Clabber Girl... but You Use No More...

CLABBER GIRL BAKING POWDER

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We Can All Be EXPERT BUYERS

● In bringing us buying information, as to prices that are being asked for what we intend to buy, and as to the quality we can expect, the advertising columns of this newspaper perform a worth while service which saves us many dollars a year.

● It is a good habit to form, the habit of consulting the advertisements every time we make a purchase, though we have already decided just what we want and where we are going to buy it. It gives us the most priceless feeling in the world: the feeling of being adequately prepared.

● When we go into a store, prepared beforehand with knowledge of what is offered and at what price, we go as an expert buyer, filled with self-confidence. It is a pleasant feeling to have, the feeling of adequacy. Most of the unhappiness in the world can be traced to a lack of this feeling. Thus advertising shows another of its manifold facets—shows itself as an aid toward making all our business relationships more secure and pleasant.

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GRASSROOTS

by
WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

THREE GENERATIONS OF FIELDS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO has known three generations of Marshall Fields. Marshall Field I began life as a poor boy. By application and ability, he became one of the great merchants of the world. In Chicago he created a mercantile establishment that provided employment for hundreds of people. When he died, he did not take that store or those jobs away with him. What he had created became a part of the wealth of the nation and it continued to produce more wealth. A part of what he created is now the Field Museum of Natural History, which is of interest to and enjoyed by millions of people of Chicago and throughout the world. To build and maintain that institution provided jobs for workers and men of science, and is a continuing aid to the educational system of America. What the genius of Marshall Field I created continues to produce and increase the wealth of the nation. That increase erects great office buildings and attractive apartments in Chicago. The building and operation of these provide jobs and the apartments provide homes.

The grandson of Marshall Field I, Marshall Field III, has established a new morning daily newspaper in Chicago, the Chicago Sun. Its operation will mean the expenditure of millions. It will provide jobs for hundreds of people. It may or may not succeed as a business venture. It is but a continuation of that wealth creation started by Marshall Field I which has benefited the nation. Should the Chicago Sun by any chance fail, it would have distributed the millions spent in the effort among employees of the paper, the newsprint producers, the machinery manufacturers, and manufacturers in many other lines, who have supplied material. Such millions would not have been destroyed.

The story of the Marshall Fields of Chicago but illustrates the operation of our American system—our American way of life. With it we are continually increasing the wealth of the nation, the national annual income, and our standard of living. All of us profit by it.

WAR AND THE DENTIST

AS A YOUNG MAN in his teens, Dr. Hal Orr ventured in the mountains and deserts of the West. He was one of an expedition which followed the course of the Colorado river through the Grand canyon, a perilous undertaking. He fought the Spaniards in Cuba in 1898, and Aguinaldo and his army in the Philippines.

Between that time and America's entry into the World war, Orr graduated in dentistry and practiced in Chicago. I knew him first about 1913. He was a soldier in the AEF in France, and when that conflict was over, he remained in Paris to practice his profession. He acquired an international reputation and his patients came from many countries.

Then the German army captured Paris and Dr. Orr escaped, but left all he had behind him in the French capital. That "all" included home, office equipment, a valuable practice, money and investments. His was one of the many successful careers of Americans that fell as casualties before the victorious Germans in the capture of France. Today Dr. Orr is again a dentist in Chicago, attempting to build a practice.

INFORMATION

NO PEOPLE can successfully govern themselves. No republican form of government will stand the test of time, unless the people know the facts about their affairs.

People of any republic are entitled to full and unbiased information about the operations of the government for which they are responsible. They should have the facts, good or bad as they may be, if they are to decide governmental questions intelligently.

At the present time, the government is spending more than 27 million dollars a year in disseminating information about the operations of government. It employs more than 30,000 people, full or part time, in the preparation and distribution of this information, coupled with interpretations. The interpretations are all too frequently inclined to show the good and hide the bad in government. All too frequently is the taxpayer paying for misleading information, instead of the facts on which to base his own conclusions.

Too many publicity men at Washington look upon their jobs as being of a partisan nature, rather than as purveyors of facts.

WAGGING THE DOG

THE NATIONAL Resources Planning board appointed by the President tells us that at the close of 1941, there are 50 million workers employed in war and civilian industries. Of this 50 million workers, about 13 million belong to labor unions. Leaders of these unions are insisting on a closed shop and that the other 37 million workers join a union or be denied the privilege of working. It looks like a case of the tail wagging the dog.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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

Lesson for December 21

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THE COMING OF GOD'S SON

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 9:6, 7; John 1:1-4, 10-14; 1 John 4:9-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.—1 John 4:14.

Christmas again! How shall we keep it in a world torn by strife and poisoned by man's bitterness against man? Let us keep it with all the joy and gladness at our command. Let us make this the best Christmas we and our families have ever had. How? By giving more and richer gifts? No—although they have their place when rightly given and received. By feasting and merrymaking? No—although they too have their place when carried on in the true spirit of love and friendship. What then? Let us make this an outstanding Christmas by centering our thoughts, our affections, our joys—yes, and our gifts of self and substance—around God's Son, whose "birthday" we celebrate.

May Christmas, 1941, be the best you have ever spent. This is the writer's sincere wish for you. One way to make it just that is to diligently study our lesson for this next Sunday, which tells of the coming of God's Son.

I. His Coming and Character Prophesied (Isa. 9:6, 7).

God who was to send His Son into the world to become the Saviour of sinful man fittingly made known His coming through Isaiah (and others) 800 years before it took place. This greatest event in all history was the subject of exact and detailed prophecy, which was completely fulfilled. Although Isaiah calls Him "a child" (as indeed He was), he saw Him as the divine One whose glory and power is revealed in the magnificent array of names found in verse 6.

"Wonderful," a much abused and misused word, found its real meaning in Him—He really is wonderful in every way. "Counselor!" He does not need or seek the counsel of others—He is the Counselor. Have you sought His counsel? "The Mighty God"—not a mere man, but God unlimited in power. "The Everlasting Father," which is really the "Father of eternity," the One to whom eternity owes its existence. "The Prince of Peace," who will one day bring peace to the earth when He comes to reign; something we need not expect before that blessed day.

Little wonder that "the government shall be upon his shoulders" (v. 6), and that He shall reign on the throne of David forever. That is prophecy yet to be fulfilled, but it will be, even as the others, for "the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

II. His Incarnation and Redemption Completed (John 1:1-4, 10-14).

The Eternal One—who was in the beginning with the Father, He who was God and who made all things, this One who was the life and the light of men—humbled Himself and took upon Himself the likeness of sinful man. He was "made flesh and dwelt among us," revealing the grace and glory of God. The incarnation of Christ is a truth the greatness and glory of which we cannot fully understand; but we know that it was for us that He came—for our redemption.

The world—His own world—received Him not. "But"—and thank God for that blessed "but!"—"as many as received him, to them gave he the power (or better, 'the right,' as in R.V.) to become the children of God." Redemption is by a new birth, a divine birth, "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man." It is a complete redemption by faith in Him who revealed the grace of God to man. This is the great message of Christmas. Let us not miss it.

III. His Love and Our Love Manifested (1 John 4:9-14).

The love of God has been expressed in many precious ways, but the full and final manifestation was in the sending of His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life through Him. This is love supreme, that God loved us when we did not love Him, the altogether lovely One giving His best and dearest in loving sacrifice for the altogether unlovely ones.

Such love in making the unspeakable gift to us must of necessity call forth from us not only love toward Him, but also for one another. Christmas is an excellent time to deepen and sweeten the love which exists between Christian brethren. We need to be drawn very close to one another for mutual encouragement, strengthening of our faith, and for the effective outreach of Christ's love to the whole world through us.

The eternal, glorious Christ came. He wrought out redemption full and free. He revealed God's great love to us—and to all the world. What a delightful Christmas message that is. Let us receive it and declare it.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace.
—Isaiah 9:6

Infants Under Year Old Enjoy Christmas Gifts, Baby Claims



"Of course we babies can enjoy Christmas gifts."

Dear World:

Of course, I'm disgusted. You'd feel this way too if folks said you were too dumb to enjoy Christmas. They say that we babies less than a year old don't need presents because we can't appreciate them anyway. The idea!

A lot of other babies are also complaining about this attitude. Why, we can talk better English than most grown-ups.

"Dud iddy biddy baby want pretty rattle-wattle? Daddikens will pick it up from the floorsie-worsie for oo."

Phoebe! If I couldn't talk better than this I'd keep still. And then they have the audacity to assume that babies under one year are too young to enjoy Christmas.

Last month we conducted a poll among babies 12 months of age or younger, asking them if they considered themselves capable of enjoying Christmas.

Exactly 987 of the 1,000 babies questioned replied emphatically in the affirmative. The 13 who voted "no" are going to be a year old before Christmas and felt they would have a better chance of getting presents from relatives if their younger cousins were left out. But that's a purely selfish motive and doesn't affect the unanimity of the poll.

Now that you have had indisputable proof that babies enjoy Christmas, don't rush out to buy us an electric train or bicycle. After all, we act our age even though we know better.

There are several points you should keep in mind while looking through the toy department: We want toys that will attract our attention, and they must be cleaned easily. We babies have a bad habit of putting things in our mouths, so

if the toy is too small, we might swallow it. Don't worry, though. We'll get over the habit.

Colored bakelite disks on a chain make one of the nicest and least expensive gifts for babies. We can have a lot of fun playing with those white, yellow, red and green disks. And they're real easy to keep clean, too.

Other children want only toys they can play with, but we babies can appreciate the more practical gifts such as cribs, playpens and jumper-swings. They are virtual necessities to us and make our lives much more pleasant.

Clothing also makes excellent gifts. A few of the many articles we would be glad to receive include shirts, night gowns, dresses, rompers, shoes, stockings and bonnets.

One of the most practical and welcome gifts for any baby would be an automobile seat. These can be attached to the seat of any automobile and permit babies to see out, but prevent them from falling out. Babies must be able to sit up before using them, but all babies learn to sit up before they are very old. And we enjoy looking out of the window of the car as much as you do. It's no fun just looking at the inside of the car when we're going some place. How would you like it?

Another practical gift would be a life-insurance policy that will mature in about 18 years and provide funds for a college education. Or, savings account can be opened in baby's name for as little as \$1—but you don't have to make it that small.

We babies can't get Christmas presents for our parents and other grownups, but we certainly would if we could. Just wait a couple of years and see if we don't.

Signed, Disgusted "Youth."

Early Puritans Forbid 'Crime' of Celebrating Christmas

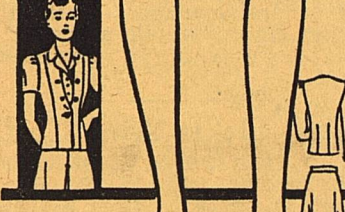
Celebrating Christmas was a crime to the early Puritans in Massachusetts. The practice was looked down upon with so much disfavor that anyone observing the date was fined five shillings. On May 11, 1659, the general court in Boston passed a law against Christmas celebrations which said:

"It is therefore ordered by this court and the authority thereof that whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or

the like, either by forebearing labor, feasting, or any other way, upon such account as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall pay for every such offense five shillings as a fine to the county."

Fair Warning
"Listen, chillun" said Uncle Eben, "don't eat yohsefs into a state of mind whar you's wishin' for a doctor harder dan you did for Santy Claus."

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



1485-B

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Jones Found It Difficult Matter to Change His Diet

Going to a new restaurant for lunch Jones ordered brown bread. The waitress brought him white. Jones, being a reserved fellow, said nothing. The second day he ordered brown and again got white. This went on for a week.

Then he decided that the only way to get what he wanted was to order the opposite. So he started the new week by adding to his luncheon order:

"And bring me some white bread."

"But," exclaimed the girl, aren't you the gentleman who always has brown?"

adjusted—doesn't need to be even pinned in place.

We easily can see the advantages of a suit of this type. The jacket emphasizing width at the shoulders and fitting smoothly over the hips helps the average figure achieve youthful slenderness—the skirt is comfortable to wear for walking, standing and sitting, the dickey provides a note of freshness for this costume so that it is always attractive to wear. Make it now for yourself in gabardine, twills, plaids, novelty rayons or serge.

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CAMEL
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Elks Won Double

Header From

Stinnett

Stratford Elks won a double header basket ball game from the Stinnett boys and girls on the local court Tuesday night.

The Stratford girls took a safe lead which they held during the entire game, winning 34 to 18.

Stratford boys lead the first of their game with only a narrow margin, but later in the game increased their score to win 25 to 13.

Scout Christmas Program Tuesday

Stratford boy scouts will have their Christmas program Tuesday night at the home of E. R. Pigg.

Brannan & Cory Open Turkey Shoot

Brannan and Cory have opened a "Turkey Shoot" at the Brannan Produce. Details may be found in the firm's advertisement.

Belton, Texas Registrants Must Re-register

Selective Service registrants whose records were on file with the Bell County Draft Board No. 1 at Belton, Texas are requested to re-register with whatever draft board is nearest them.

Registration records were destroyed in a fire December 3 but the list of registrants is being restored from the files at Austin. Re-registration is requested for the purpose of an accurate check on questionnaires filed by the registrants.

About nine months is required for wood to season properly for burning.

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KERRICK NEWS

(By Homer Mathews)
Were I writing in the style of Walter Winchell I would say "Orchids to Hank Rogers." Although too young for the draft, he enlisted in the navy only a few hours after war was declared becoming the first from this part of the country to offer his services. He left for San Diego Monday.

Those wings over Kerrick Sunday were no occasion for an air raid warning being only the stork making a call at the Dickie Nobles home and leaving a 9 lb. girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree were Christmas shopping in Dalhart Saturday. On Sunday they were Christmas Tree hunting along the Cimarron River.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy James have completed repairs to their home recently damaged by an explosion. In repairing it they have added several improvements making it better than ever.

Transacting business in Stratford Monday were O. H. Ingham and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor were Christmas shopping in Dalhart Monday.

Clarence R. Tucker Assistant Manager Santa Fe Lines

Clarence R. Tucker, former superintendent of the Gulf Lines, assumes the position of acting general manager of the Santa Fe Western Lines, Southern district with headquarters in Amarillo. The appointment was announced following approval by W. K. Etter, vice president in charge of operations.

Tucker is one of the youngest officials to achieve that position. He fills the post vacated when G. H. Minchin was promoted as acting general manager at the time Gillies entered active army service as Colonel with an engineering corps.

Just Odds And Ends

(By Brown Ross)
Judge and Mrs. L. P. Hunter have just returned from a visit to his old home in Albany, Missouri. Judge Hunter became lost almost at the site of his old home place where he wandered over the hills as a boy. Hills had been cut down for modern paved highways and fine bridges cross the narrow streams. Armed guards patrol the bridges 24 hours a day.

I'll hand it to the high school students for new words. In case you find the words (also rans) in the Duster in a fashion which to all apparent reason makes no sense, just ask some 7 or 8 year old boy. He'll tell you the word means some one that runs and loses.

My apologies to L. M. Price. When we were preparing all that

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advance publicity for the China Relief Fund I couldn't help but believe he had picked a lemon. But the old boy raised the money, all the \$100.00, just like he said he would.

Sometimes it takes 15 years to build a road, but roads can still be built. U. S. 287 which Stratford business men have nursed for 15 years or more in the face of continuous set-backs will soon become a paved highway.

T. W. Klekamp of Litchfield, Illinois, complains that from reports in the Star he can not tell whether or not the threshing of wheat has been completed.

Mr. Klekamp that interpretation is about as accurate a description of the Panhandle as can be given at the present time. Wheat and barley cut with binders stands in shocks in many fields awaiting a threshing machine. Some farmers who have finished threshing this type of wheat have reported a loss of from 25 to 60 percent of the crop due to excess moisture. In many fields where farmers were preparing to thresh, the shocks were torn down and scattered to dry out just before the snow started falling Wednesday. A 25-percent loss was figured on most of this wheat before the shocks were disturbed. Moisture conditions will continue to determine when the harvest is over.

F. A. Reed of Belvidere, Illinois, asks us to advertise his land in the Spurlock community for sale. We are doing that for you this week, Mr. Reed.

CHRISTMAS

(By Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield, Sr.)
We celebrate the birth of Christ today.

Who as a babe in a lowly manger lay,
No dainty layette had he of silk and lace,
Only swaddling clothes wreathed his tiny face.

The three wise men from lands afar
Were guided by a shining star;
To the place where the holy baby lay.

On that cold December day,
Lonely shepherds watched and prayed,
And Mary and Joseph were not afraid;

As they guarded their precious child,
So tender, sweet and mild,
Costly gifts of frankincense and myrrh were given,
And holy angels rejoiced in heaven;

At the news of the Christ-child's birth,
And sang, "Peace and goodwill to all on earth."

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Honey bear, some candy and nuts. Please don't forget other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Carol May Sweny.

Dear Santa,
I would like very much for you to bring me a gun and holster set, and a wagon.

Your friend,
Billy C. White.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I wish you would bring me a wrist watch, a B-B gun and a foot ball.

Your little friend,
Gene Keenan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been as good as I could all year. Do you think you could bring me a doll, a Bingo set and some Christmas candy?

I'll be waiting for you,
LaNell Naugle

Dear Santa Claus,
I am much older and larger now than I was last year, so do you think you could bring me a B-B gun, a wagon, and a football. I'll take very good care of them.

Yours truly,
Carroll Reed.

Dear Santa Claus,
Since so many boys and girls want a certain thing, I won't ask for anything in particular. Just bring me anything you have left.

Buddy Palmer.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll with a suitcase full of clothes and a set of dishes.

Thank you, Santa.
Peggy Jo Coffman.

Dear Santa,
Please bring us a dy-dee doll, a

doll bed and a baby buggy.
Your twin friends,
Doris and Dorthea Beall.

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you have any extra drums? If you do, I would like to have one also. I would like to have a toy machine gun and a soldier suit. I want to learn to be a good soldier.

Billy Keener.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, nurse kit, and a bicycle.

Retah Caremon.

THE DUSTER
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from school last week.

The sixth graders have their tree up. The grade school is having its Christmas program Thursday afternoon. There is a hearty welcome to all, so please come.

Fifth Grade:
We fifth graders are all planning for a big Christmas this week. We are all peeping into closets and dark corners in search of mysterious packages.

J. B. Jacobs went to Texhoma to visit his grandfather.

Florence Alexander kept an appointment with the dentist in Dalhart.

Monday night is the music recital—a reminder for all of you to be there.

Those on the Distinguished List for the last six weeks were Joe Pete Flores, Rosemary Keener, Dixie Lee Lasley, Dolores Smith, and Jackie Williams. Those on the Honor Roll were Florence Alexander, Irene Beall, Ruby Dell, Harding, Loretta Houser, Opal Lowe, Virginia Mowrer, Darless Parker and Betty June Roper.

Correction: Opal Lowe was on the Distinguished List last six weeks.

Fourth Grade:
Marjorie Boney is back in school again after being ill.

Jack Reed is ill and was absent from school Monday.

We are having our Christmas program Thursday and our Christmas party in our room Friday.

Third Grade:
The third grade has a lovely Christmas tree. They are having assembly Thursday at 2:30 and their party at 1:30.

Bennie Earl DuVall was absent Monday.

Gene Harrison was absent Monday.

Second Grade:
The second graders are all looking forward to Christmas.

Mrs. Ernest Lovelace visited us last week.

First Grade:
All first graders were present on Monday except four who went visiting: Johnny Wilson to Kansas, Lola and Jerry Norris to Childress, and Merle Weston was absent.

We too are looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

FACULTY MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON

At a call meeting held in the home economics room on Monday, the teachers of the high school building agreed to enforce uniformly certain rules regarding conduct in halls and in classes. Although it has not been deemed necessary to hold a detention hall so far this year, it was decided to begin one immediately. The majority of the students in Stratford High School are to be commended for their attitude and behavior, but there are always a few who need to be reminded to keep in line.

A slight change of schedule was made to become effective on December 29, just after the holidays. Band practice will begin at 8:05 a.m., ten minutes earlier. First period classes will begin at 8:50. This enables the high school to complete its three-hour morning schedule in time for lunch at 11:50.

Afternoon classes will begin at 12:50, the extra ten minutes being made up in the last period study hall, 3:05 until 4:00.

TWO FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND A.A.U.W. MEETING

Mrs. Van Boston and Mrs. Nelle Alexander attended a luncheon given by the American Association of University Women at the home of Mrs. Schmitt in Dalhart on Saturday, December 13. Mrs. Boston and Mrs. Alexander recently became members of the organization.

FACULTY ENTERTAINED WITH FORMAL DINNER

Mrs. John Bird, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Pendleton and Miss Williams were hostesses at a formal dinner for the faculty in the home economics dining room on Saturday, December 13. The tables were effectively decorated in the Christmas spirit, while a lovely Christ-

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mas tree stood in the background. Following a three-course dinner, guests were called upon to furnish an impromptu program. Later dignity was cast aside and everyone had a really good time playing with the toy "Santa" left beside his plate.

Guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Tabor, Mr. and Mrs. Cleavinger, Mr. and Mrs. Hose Flores, Mr. Beene, Miss Ruby Bryant, Mrs. Nelle Alexander, Mr. and

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