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From the Informer files for Dec 20 1918

Robert Strood of the S. A. T. G. at Wayland College, Plainview, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs L. A. Strood.

Carl Boston came up from Qsanah to spend Christmas with home folks and friends.

Will H. Strood came in Christ mss day from Camp McArthur and is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs L. A. Strood.

Ernest Craddock is here from Camp Bowie on a five days furlough, which he is spending at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs J. T. Craddock.

We were glad to see St. Richer son out this morning, following a rather severe siege under the blankets.

Tuesday's Star Telegram carried information that Arthur L. Greer of Hedley had been slightly wounded in action some weeks ago. From all reports that have reached Hedley, Bud has proved himself much of a man on the battlefield.

Rationing At A Glance

Gasoline—In states outside the east coast areas A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 good for 1 pair. Validity has been extended indefinitely. Stamp No. 1 on the "Alcians" sheet in \$80k Three good for 1 pair.

Sugar—Stamp No. 3 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamps L, M, N and P are valid and Q will become valid December 19 all will expire midnight January 1, 1944. R will become valid on December 26 and will be good through January 29.

Processed Foods—Book IV, A, B and C valid through December 20. Green stamps D, E, and F, which became valid on Dec 1, will be good through Jan 20, 1944.

Church of the Nazarene

W. E. Bond, pastor
Sunday School 10:30
Preaching 11:30
Evening Services
N. Y. P. S. 7:15
Preaching 8:00
W. F. M. S. meets Sunday afternoon at 8:00
Midweek prayer service 7:30

Church of Christ

Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday by Rev. Frank Obiow of Qsanah. Preaching every 2nd Sunday by Rev. McKinney of Memphis.

Howen Bus Schedule

NORTHBOUND
2:46 A. M. 8:06 A. M.
12:06 P. M. 4:21 P. M.
8:06 P. M. 11:21 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND
12:19 A. M. 6:34 A. M.
9:19 A. M. 12:19 P. M.
8:19 P. M. 6:49 P. M.

P. W. & D. Ry. Schedule

NORTHBOUND
7:13 A. M. 8:29 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND
1:45 A. M. 12:45 P. M.

LAKEVIEW WINS HEDLEY INVITATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT LAST WEEK END

Giles News

By Mrs. Arthur Ranson

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Foster and children of Amarillo spent the weekend with J. B.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster.

R. O. Kelley was down from Amarillo visiting his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Glass were business visitors in Clarendon last Monday.

Miss Nina Joe Foster is home with flu this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Johnson and Mrs. Ranson were shopping in Clarendon last Monday.

These shopping in Memphis Saturday were Mrs. R. O. Kelley and daughters Margaret and Martin Johnson and Arthur Sandrigo.

Give Bonds For Xmas

Give War Bonds or Stamps for Christmas this year so there will always be a Christmas. If you give bonds you will add about nine million names to your Christmas list, because the money will be used to buy food, clothing, arms and ammunition for the nine million boys who are fighting this war for us, so that we will always have a Christmas.

NOTICE

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 19, we will be open all day every Sunday for an indefinite period. Try our Sunday dinners.

Roxie's Cafe

Coolerator and separator for sale. See Mrs. D. W. Granger at Bray teachersage.

Mrs. B. C. Johnson and daughter Barbara went to Amarillo Monday.

METHODIST CHURCH

A. B. Cockrell, pastor

Our attendance was off some what last Sunday. We are sure that a part of it was due to the increased amount of sickness in our community. But let's all take our Church seriously, and if at all possible be in our place Sunday. In this Christmas Season, let us remember what the occasion for celebration is, and not give all our time to selfish enjoyment; but let us truly honor the Christ Child in worship and reverence. The Methodist Church will welcome you.

In the morning service the pastor will continue the Christmas theme from the standpoint of the Incarnation, the subject, "God in Man". The subject for the evening service will be "Trust, A Modern Highway to God".

We took our Christmas offering for the Methodist Home last Sunday. We are sure that some of our people who would like to contribute to this cause were absent. Our offering was not what we would like for it to be. If you were not present for the offering will you not bring it this Sunday or hand it to one of the officials?

W. P. Doherty, Supt. Church School 10:00 A. M. Preaching Service 11:00 A. M. Youth Fellowship 7:00 P. M. Evening Services 7:30 P. M.

The Lakeview Eagles defeated the Carey Cardinals 24-23 in the final game Saturday night to cap first honors in the Hedley tournament. Lakeview defeated Hedley 20-21 in the first round match. The best team showed up better in this game than any of the season. In the second round the Eagles had a bye and met the strong Class A A Pampa 5 in the semi-final. The score was 21-25 for Lakeview.

Other scores in boys bracket were: Wellington 42; Lella Lake 21; Carey 59; Groom 9; Lakeview 20; Hedley 21; Memphis 40; Vega 28; Goodnight 35; Quail 28; Vega 35; Lella Lake 22; Quail 28; Hedley 9; Pampa 34; Goodnight 25; Carey 35; Wellington 25; Memphis 29; Carey 34; Vega 35; Groom 25; Lakeview 30; Pampa 25; Quail 28; Vega 15 and Carey 23; Lakeview 24.

The Quail Bobwhites won the girls tournament by safe margins defeating Lakeview 41-18 in the finale after having beaten Goodnight 56-13 and Lella Lake 27-7.

The girls scores were Quail 56, Goodnight 13; Lakeview 19; Quail 41; Hedley 27; Vega 11; Quail 37; Lella Lake 7; Quail 31; Vega 9; Lakeview 22; Hedley 17; Quail 41; Lakeview 18; Quail 17; Goodnight 7.

The all tournaments teams boys were: 1st Team—Mills, Carey; Sanderson, Memphis; Kotter, Lakeview; Leuch, Wellington; Nicell, Goodnight; 2nd Team—Robinson, Q. A.; Brown, Goodnight; Brooks, Vega; Robbins, Pampa and Stone, Hedley.

Girls team—Alpha Nealey, Quail; Patricia Holland, Lakeview; Bonnie Hivens, Q. A.; Wainline Spler, Quail; Ernestine White, Lella Lake and Bonnie Everett Hedley.

Fisher-Tidrow

Sgt. John E. Fisher, Penn. Indiana and Eddie Mae Tidrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Land, Hedley, will be married at the First Baptist Church, Dallas at 4 o'clock December 25th. The couple will be attended by Corp. Leo Sutthoff and Miss Dorothy Land, sister of the bride elect; Miss Elisabeth Strayhorn and Miss Elisabeth Lewis of Dallas will furnish the wedding music. The Rev. Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, will perform the ceremony.

Sgt. Fisher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fisher, Penn. Indiana, and is stationed at the Fort Worth Army Air Base. The couple will leave following the ceremony for a short wedding trip, after which they will be at home in Fort Worth.

NOTICE

The CPA has designated Spare rations stamp No. 1 in Ration Book No. 4 as good for an extra five points in the purchase of pork. This stamp expires mid night Jan 2 and is to be used for the purchase of pork only.

Emmett Stiles and family of Tails are visiting home folks.

Margaret and Kathryn Baker of Giles spent last week end in the Harvey Stotts home.



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

THE INFORMER

Gins To Close For Xmas

Both Hedley gins will be closed all day Saturday, Christmas Day. Someone will be at the gin Friday to unload cotton. There will be no ginning either Friday or Saturday.

About Our Tournament

We wish to thank all persons who aided in any way to make the tournament a complete success. No one person did it. The housing committee, the finance committee, the women who worked in the kitchen—the teams room committee, all had their share. It did much to show to show that neither Hedley nor its schools were dead.

I doubt if we are really neighbors until we have eaten with each other and have shared our bedroom with some who do not have a bed room quite so comfortable.

We cleared around 200 dollars. This will form the nucleus of an athletic fund. After this we hope to have to say no one for donations to buy equipment. We hope to make our teams look as good as any. Now if we had our band in proper order, I would be contented for a few moments.

G. O. Hill

Joe Johnston of Lella Lake was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCasley visited in Amarillo Monday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Church had a good day Sunday. The pastor spoke on Missions Sunday a m and at the close of the service took up the Lottie Moon offering and got \$41 for foreign missions.

At the evening service the pastor spoke on the subject, God With Us.

The pastor will begin a series of services on Christ beginning next Sunday with His birth.

We will have the Church Christmas tree Friday night. Come and be with us. We are all children to come.

The pastor will preach at the Workers Meeting that meets at Clarendon church Tuesday night. The Church and pastor wish for everybody's Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. J. B. Riddie, Supt. Morning Services 11:00 A. M. Training Union 6:00 P. M. Evening Services 7:30 P. M. Rev. E. T. Harris, Pastor

Mrs. W. S. Swinney

Funeral services for Mrs. W. S. Swinney, who passed away last Thursday at her home in Clarendon, were held from the Methodist Church here Monday by Rev. A. B. Cockrell. Interment was in Rowe cemetery under direction of Austin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dick Vallance, Ross Adameon, Hollis Sanister, Chester Walker, Hobart Moffitt, Bill Clay, Grover Heath and Jess Pool.

Mrs. Swinney was born July 12 1875, and had lived in this vicinity since 1918.

She is survived by one daughter, Ethel of California, and seven sons, John, Charley, Seth, Ross and Muel of Clarendon, Vance of Vernon and Alvin of McKnight.

Lions Club News

As this weeks meeting is the first annual "Home Coming Meeting" of the Hedley Lions Club a good attendance is expected. The meeting time is now 8:05 p. m. All former members of the local Lions Club have been invited as guests of the club. A good program has been arranged.

Next weeks meeting of the club Thursday night Jan. 20th, will be ladies night in the form of a New Years party, with plenty of favors such as hats, horns and noise makers. The program committee will have a suitable program arranged.

The directors last week voted to again enter the Melvin Jones Birthday membership contest which this club won last year. The Lions will be divided into two groups, the Marines and the Air Corp which will see who gets the most new members, the losing side to feed the winning side in February. Earl Fortenberry was chosen General of the Marines and Alva Simmons General of the Air Corps.

There are a good many mighty good men in this neighborhood that should be in the club and the club has a mighty good chance of winning again this year.

Lt. M. L. Sims Decorated

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sims have received a letter from their son, Lt. Sims stating that he was released from the hospital in New Guinea Dec 3. He suffered four wounds in the lower part of his left leg and one in his right heel. M. L. received the Purple Heart Medal for being wounded in action and the Air Medal for giving aid to a wounded Jember crew member while wounded himself.

Mrs. Simmons Entertains

The Dorcas Class was entertained Tuesday night in the home of their teacher, Mrs. Alva Simmons with a Christmas dinner. After the dinner contents were enjoyed followed by the exchange of gifts from trees. Xmas carols were then sung.

Those present were Mesdames Robert Moffitt, Winfield Mealey, Barney Johnson, Bill McCasney, Harry Womack, Charles Rains, Frank Murray, W. C. Quisenberry, E. N. Mason, Muel Harris, and J. B. Riddie.

News from Our Soldiers

O. L. McQueen of Hedley is serving in the United States Marines finished his course at Norman, Okla and has been promoted to corporal. He is now returned to his old base, Kerney Mesa in California.

O. L. is a graduate of Hedley school and has many friends here.

The many friends of Staff Sergeant Eddie McQueen will be glad to hear of his return to the states from the South Pacific. Eddie has been in the Islands bombing Japs for the past year. He contracted malaria and has been returned to the United States for treatment. He is now in the Hoff General hospital, Santa Barbara, California.

Eddie was raised at Hedley and finished his High School here. He has been in the service five years, taking his basic training at Lowery Field, Colorado, and was among the first instructors sent to Sheppard Field. Most of his old boy friends are now in the service, but he will be remembered by many. As soon as he is well enough he will visit his mother, Mrs. E. M. McQueen at her home in Clarendon.

Gray-Williams

Sgt. Winson Gray and Miss Blanche Williams were united in marriage by Rev. A. B. Cockrell, pastor of Methodist Church at Hedley, Dec 7th. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wray.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Hedley. She graduated from Quail High School with the class of 1943 and is now employed by Western Union in Amarillo.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gray of Quail and is also a graduate of Quail High School. He is stationed in South Carolina with the armed forces at present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood of Fort Worth have been visiting this week in Mrs. Wood's parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Reed.

Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Hansard of Amarillo were Hedley visitors Tuesday.

W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. met Monday night with nine members present. A very interesting program was enjoyed.

Mrs. Masterson presided over the business session giving a report of the society's receipts and expenditures for the entire year. Old and new business was discussed and disposed of. At conclusion of business the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Kendall.

There ensued a beautiful program centered around the Christmas theme. Each member present had prepared and gave something on Christmas, all of which were enjoyed. The closing song was Silent Night.

At the close of the meeting the old president, Mrs. Masterson, gave up the chair to the incoming president with expressions of having enjoyed the privilege and wishing a successful term to her successor, Mrs. Cherry. Mrs. Masterson was accorded a rising vote of thanks by all present for her years of faithful leadership.

Under her leadership the society has done much good work.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Steady Progress Marks Allied Drive In Italy; Repulse Nazi Counter Blows; Steel Producers Open Wage Parleys As CIO Asks 17c an Hour Pay Boost

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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CONGRESS:

Surplus Funds

Government agencies with unspent appropriations would have to turn their surpluses over to the U. S. treasury under an amendment adopted by the U. S. senate.

Sponsored by Sen. Kenneth McKellar (Tenn.) the amendment was part of a \$308,000,000 deficiency appropriations bill later sent to a joint senate-house committee for settlement of differences between the two congressional branches.

The amendment was directly aimed against the budget bureau, which recently took control over \$13,000,000,000 saved by the army out of its \$71,000,000,000 appropriation. The amendment also prohibited the army from transferring 10 per cent of appropriations to other funds.

Said Senator McKellar: "We (congress) don't want to surrender our power to appropriate and designate the purpose for which money shall be spent."

Remove Feed Duties

To encourage additional feed imports for shortage areas, the house passed a resolution removing duties on wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, flax, cottonseed and hay for a 90-day period.

Although approved by a 255 to 55 vote, the resolution was bitterly contested by many middlewestern congressmen, spearheaded by Representative Frank Carlson (Kan.) who said: "It will set a dangerous precedent by removing tariffs. It places the American farmer in competition with farmers of every nation of the world that produces these crops." Furthermore, they contended the action would not increase present imports, already hampered by shipping difficulties.

In advocating passage of the resolution, proponents declared current feed shortages are causing a loss of millions of pounds of milk and poultry production.

LABOR:

Open Steel Parley

With the United States Steel company leading the way, more than 150 steel producers agreed to enter into wage negotiations with the CIO, representing 500,000 workers in the industry.

Employing 168,000 workers, the United States Steel company is the nation's greatest producer, operating through five subsidiaries which turned out 21,094,000 tons last year. CIO demands a 17 cents an hour pay boost to offset rises in living costs which have allegedly increased 23 per cent since January, 1941, while wage raises have been limited to 15 per cent. Present hiring rates are 78 cents an hour.

In the meantime, the independent union of the National Steel company asked a minimum wage of \$1 an hour for 20,000 employees, who thrice previously had been granted wage increases while CIO and other steel producers haggled over terms.

Senate Votes Boost

An eight cents an hour raise for 1,100,000 non-operating rail workers was approved by the senate by a vote of 74 to 4 and sent on to the house for consideration.

Composed of clerks, machinists, and cleaners, the unions originally asked for a 20 cent increase. A special board appointed by the President recommended an over-all eight cent raise, but Economic Stabilizer Vinson opposed it, proposing a substitute plan embracing a sliding scale ranging from four to ten cents more per hour. This latter schedule would cost the railroads 18 million dollars a year less than the flat eight cent raise.

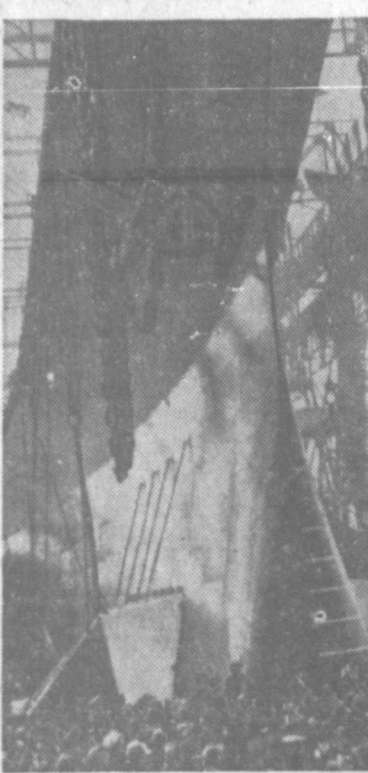
Opposition to the raise in congress was based on the anti-inflation policy of the administration, Vinson stating that in his opinion, the eight cent increase is a violation of the "Little Steel" formula, limiting wage increases to 15 per cent over January, 1941, levels.

Sen. Clyde Reed (Kan.) said that if the senate rejected the plan the workers would set a strike date, and then the government would have to seize the railroads "within four or five weeks."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

SUITOR: A 95-year-old war worker in St. Louis says that after the war he is going to seek another wife. He has been married five times so far.

DRUGS: The Red Cross has arranged for shipment of drugs worth \$97,000 to neutral Switzerland, whence they will be trans-shipped to Holland for distribution by Red Cross units.



Battleship Wisconsin
As more than 30,000 cheered, the navy's 52,600 ton super-battleship, Wisconsin, was launched at Philadelphia, Pa.

In the making for 33 months, the Wisconsin cost \$90,000,000. With a speed of 33 knots, the huge warhorse will pack nine 16-inch guns, and carry as many anti-aircraft fighters in an area less than one-tenth the size of an average city block as an entire anti-aircraft regiment.

With a bow towering higher than a five-story building, the Wisconsin is one of the navy's three super-battleships, the others being the New Jersey and the Iowa.

ITALY:
Overlook Rome Road

Having fought their way to the crest of mountain ridges overlooking the road to Rome, doughboys from Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army slowly pushed down the slopes toward the flatlands around the enemy's key bastion of Cassino.

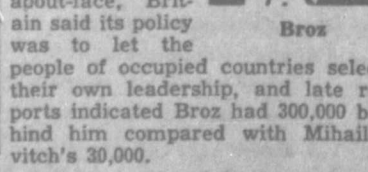
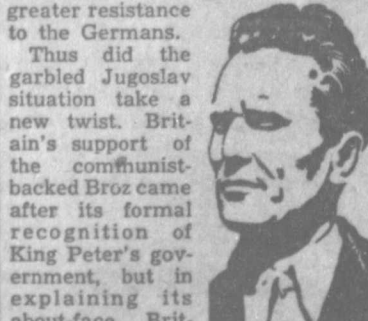
But in this sector, as well as the British sector along the Adriatic coast to the east, the Nazis bitterly counter-attacked, throwing in strong armored forces against Gen. Bernard Montgomery's men in an effort to slow his march toward the important center of Pescara, with its highway leading eastward to Rome.

As General Clark's doughboys edged forward, they left scattered points of resistance behind them, necessitating further action to remove these hot-beds and secure their lines. Continuing action, the Allies' air force pounded Nazi supply depots above Rome, which were being used to stock the enemy in his winter line.

Mihailovitch vs. Broz

While it was reported that Jugoslavia's Chetnik leader Gen. Draga Mihailovitch intended to throw his forces against his fellow countryman Gen. Tito Broz's Partisan guerrillas for setting up a state in opposition to King Peter's government-in-exile, it was revealed that the British were favoring Broz because he allegedly was offering

greater resistance to the Germans. Thus did the garbled Yugoslav situation take a new twist. Britain's support of the communist-backed Broz came after its formal recognition of King Peter's government, but in explaining its about-face, Britain said its policy was to let the people of occupied countries select their own leadership, and late reports indicated Broz had 300,000 behind him compared with Mihailovitch's 30,000.



SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
Pound Marshalls

With Old Glory fluttering over the Gilbert islands, the U. S. navy went to work on the Marshalls, lying to the west along our communications lines to Australasia.

Taking off from aircraft carriers, planes roared over the Marshalls to drop explosives, while warships hovered 15 miles offshore to pump heavy shells into the islands' strongholds.

Primarily air bases, the Gilberts and Marshalls not only were a thorn in the U. S. supply lines, but they also flanked any Allied movement toward the South Pacific war theater. Their presence posed a double threat to our forces.

As U. S. airmen softened up the Marshalls, the country was saddened by the navy's announcement that one of its No. 1 aces, Lieut. Comdr. Edward O'Hare, was missing in action. During the battle of the Coral sea, O'Hare singly covered an aircraft carrier menaced by a Jap aerial squadron, shooting down five enemy planes.

MEAT SUPPLIES:
Meat to Civilians

Civilians as well as the services will share the increased meat supply under a plan outlined by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The BAE also predicted a smaller spring pig crop in 1944, with greatest reductions outside of the corn belt because of feed shortages. While western cattle inventories have not been cut sharply, BAE said, there will be fewer long range stock in the next eight months, and less animals will be fed near beet factories because of the cut in sugar beet feed production.

As a step toward increasing civilian meat supplies, the OPA recently slashed ration point values on veal and lamb, mutton and pork shoulder and loins, and War Food administration lifted restrictions on deliveries of farm slaughtered pork. The services will get a big chunk of increased beef production, partly through acceptance of utility grades.

PRODUCTION:
Sees Long War

Declaring 1944 munitions output should rise to a peak of 30 per cent over this year, War Production board's executive vice chairman Charles E. Wilson said the nation would have to make full use of its economic muscle to beat Germany and Japan.

A long, hard struggle lies ahead before Germany will fall, Wilson said, adding: "If anyone still clings to the silly delusion that the Japanese will be a pushover for us . . . let him talk to some of the officers and men who have come back from the Pacific theater . . ."

In 1944, aircraft production should reach a rate of 100 per cent above 1943, Wilson said. Naval construction should hold around this year's level of 73 per cent over 1942. Merchant ship construction should rise slightly. Reductions are planned in ordnance, signal equipment and tank output.

Because the services will require 2,000,000 men to build up the armed forces to 11,300,000 by July, 1944, approximately 1,000,000 fathers face induction, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey declared.

The other 1,000,000 men will be obtained by recruiting 100,000 17-year-olds for the navy or marines, and drafting 400,000 18-year-olds, 300,000 formerly deferred because of occupations, and 200,000 reclassified 4F's and farm-exempts.

Deferments will be more difficult to obtain and older workers will be favored, Hershey said. Once the services have attained their goal, only about 100,000 men will be drafted a month, he added.

For the home front, the War Manpower commission trimmed estimates for new workers by 300,000 to 1,100,000.

RUSSIA:
See-Saw

Fighting see-sawed in Russia, with the two giants clawing at each other along 600 miles of snowy, wintry front.

To the west of the Ukraine's capital of Kiev, the Russ fell back under the heavy pressure of the Germans, while farther to the south, the Reds chewed deep into Nazi lines above the iron center of Krivoi Rog.

Russian positions along the front disrupted German use of north-south railroads. In the Kiev region, the Reds broke the line to Leningrad and the south, while in the Krivoi Rog area they snapped a railroad running along the whole German defense system.

METAL SALVAGE

Stock piles of strategic metals are now considered sufficient for any foreseeable needs, apparently, as the Steel Recovery corporation has just been dissolved, its task fulfilled. Only a week earlier, the Copper Recovery corporation began dissolution. Similar action has been taken by the tin organization.

There are no supplies in the hands of thousands of dealers, jobbers, retailers and customers, it is stated. The metal stocks were uncovered by questionnaires.

Bethlehem's Star Puzzles Scientists

Theories Are Advanced for Celestial Guide.

What was the "Star of Bethlehem" that blazed in a midnight sky and led the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child's humble bed in a stable outside Jerusalem?

Science does not know. There is no such star now and all the evidence astronomers have been able to assemble throws no actual light on the subject.

However, Miss Maude Bennet, director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, says astronomers "do not refute" the story of solemn beauty and simplicity which has endured 2,000 years:

" . . . and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."—St. Matthew. The "Star of Bethlehem" has intrigued students of infinite space for many centuries.

Many Theories Advanced.

Miss Bennet said: "Astronomers cannot be accused of not trying to solve the problem the story presents. But all efforts have failed to reveal that the 'Star of Bethlehem' was an actual star."

"In the first place, stars do not 'stand still.' They appear to make a professional nightly across the heavens. But of course it is the earth which is moving."

Among the many theories to account for the "Star of Bethlehem" is that of a German named Edeler who announced after years of study that the Star was in his opinion, actually the conjunction of two bright planets moving in the same direction, creating one very brilliant image.

May Have Been 'Nova.'

Miss Bennet said: "It also might have been a 'nova,' or new star. They shine with great brilliance for a few days, then vanish."

"There was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn about December 15 in 7 B. C., and since the exact year of Christ's birth is a matter of dispute, that may have been what the Three Wise Men saw."

"Another possibility is that it was Halley's comet which reaches its zenith about December 25 over Bethlehem."

Miss Bennet believes that the brightest of all planets, Venus, which is seen as a star, most nearly fulfills the Wise Men's description of their celestial guide to the humble birthplace of Christ.

Just Star Gazing.

She said: "It always is near the sun. It is seen only in the early morning, and now rises about three hours ahead of the sun—in the east, of course. Many who see it may believe they are gazing upon the 'Star of Bethlehem.'"

The brightest of all stars, Sirius, now is visible crossing the sky most of the night, and many also may take that for the holy star, Miss Bennet said. She concluded: "It appears foolish to try to authenticate the story scientifically."

Good Friends



There's a benign look in Santa's eye as he looks over pictures of his very good friends, the boys in the armed services of their country. They are the last ones he would neglect.

Yule Trees in Water

Hold Needles Longer
If a Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture.

Felt Poinsettias
Women who make their own Christmas cards will be additionally clever if they carry the theme of the cards into their home decorations.

A felt poinsettia of red, yellow and green makes a pleasing Christmas card. The yellow felt center of the flower is surrounded by one-inch petals cut from red felt. The stem and two leaves are made of green. A Christmas greeting is written on the card with colored ink.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



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First Choice in the Service

If you've ever noticed the top of a Marine Officer's visor cap, you've seen on it something you won't find on any other cap worn in Uncle Sam's service—a neat "X" of looped braid.

There's a story back of that braided "X", and it goes back more than 150 years, to a time shortly after the U. S. Marines were first organized.

In those days of sailing ships, naval battles often ended in close hand-to-hand fighting, as the crew of one ship tried to board the other—and Marines, of course, were in the thick of the fight. Some were in the boarding party, and some were posted in the rigging to fire down on the enemy. It was because of those men firing from high on the masts that Marine officers—whose uniforms from above resembled the enemy's—fixed "X's" on their hats.

In other words, that braid meant to the Marines in the rigging, "X marks the spot—not to shoot at!"

Since those days, the "X" on the cap has become a standard part of the Marines' uniform. Another piece of "standard equipment" you'll notice among Marines these days—whether they're wearing dress uniform or combat dungarees—is the American cigarette they carry with them wherever they go. In all those news pictures you've seen of Uncle Sam's fighting men, snapped as they are relaxing while "off duty," you'll find that in most cases they will be smoking a cigarette. And what brand do they prefer? Well, actual sales records show that the favorite with men in the Marines—as in the Navy—is Camel. Likewise, according to the sales records, Camels are first choice with men in the Army.

Fighting men who have come back from jungles, deserts, and mountains—wherever Uncle Sam's forces are stationed—give one pretty good reason for this choice. They say that Camels stay fresh—that out in the jungles of Guadalcanal, for instance, the Camels they get are actually just as fresh-tasting and full-flavored as the ones they used to get back home.

Of course, the millions of men in training camps here at home want their cigarettes just as much as soldiers. Your dealer now has Camels in special Christmas cartons, gay and colorful—and he will be glad to wrap them for you for mailing.—Adv.

White and Black Swans

All the native swans of Europe and North America have white feathers. The only swans with dark feathers are those which have their native homes south of the equator. Australia has black swans and the southern end of South America has black-necked swans in great numbers.

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COLD 666
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By VIRGINIA VALE
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

ED PAWLEY, one of Hollywood's better known bad men, will get a chance to reform now that "Big Town" is returning to the air. Pawley, who has appeared in "G Man," "Jesse James," and several hundred other pictures, will play the part of the crusading "Steve Wilson," Managing Editor of the Illustrated Press, in the new "Big Town" series, Tuesdays over CBS. This



ED PAWLEY

season the series will be concerned with the American press' unceasing battle against subversive influences and fifth column activities.

Nancy Kelly sang and danced as a child performer in vaudeville, but only in her latest picture does she get a chance to do it for the cameras. She's the feminine charmer of "Tarzan's Desert Mystery"—plays a chorus girl stranded in the Sahara. Looks as if there'd been some drastic changes made in the Tarzan background, but Johnny Weismuller still has the leading role.

There's a lot of sentiment attached to the fact that Amos 'n Andy are again appearing on the National Broadcasting company after a two-year absence from its air waves. It was on NBC that they first appeared, and rose to radio fame.

James Jordan, 19-year-old son of Fibber McGee and Molly, makes his screen debut as one of the sons of Maj. Frank Cavanaugh in RKO's "The Iron Major," which stars Pat O'Brien. The fact that young Jordan was honorably discharged from the Air Force, in which he had enlisted, gave him the chance to play Phil Cavanaugh—who in real life is a lieutenant in the United States army.

United Artists, topping the bids of two other major studios, acquired distribution rights to "Voice in the Wind," which U. A. executives think is a "sleeper"—in other words, one of those pictures that are made without hullabaloo and coin a mint. It was made on rented stages by Arthur Ripley and Rudolph Monter—with no guarantee of a release, they gambled on their ability to turn out a box office attraction. It's "the story of two gentle people, a man and a woman, whose love beats against the grim events of a world at war."

Gloria Holden says a compliment Spencer Tracy paid her has influenced her acting career more than any other one thing. Appearing in "Test Pilot," with Tracy and Clark Gable, she played the widow of a pilot killed on the eve of their honeymoon. She finished the scene in which Gable gave her the prize money that was to have paid for the honeymoon; Victor Fleming, the director, had made her cry steadily for 15 minutes before she went into it. "Honey," said Tracy, "You don't have to ask anybody for anything when you can act like that!"

One sure-fire way to make an Australian mad is to let him hear an American actor use a cockney accent when playing an Australian. Alan Carney, one of the best dialect actors in radio, perfected his "Aussie" accent by talking to Australian newsmen at their News Service headquarters in New York. After the broadcast they phoned him their congratulations.

Kate Smith has begun her 14th year on the air with Ted Collins acting as producer-director; he discovered her and guided her to the top. One of the best talent scouts of radio, he discovered and introduced Rudy Vallee, Abbot and Costello, Tommy Riggs and Henny Youngman, among others. He insisted that Kate introduce "God Bless America"—thinks the new "Old Acquaintance" will be a hit.

ODDS AND ENDS—Blue Network's "Keepsakes" pays five dollars for each of those sentimental mementoes that it uses . . . Mickey Mouse is growing up; he's fifteen now . . . Joe Roland, who played the policeman who helped "Abie's Irish Rose's" "Abie" and "Rose" get married, is now the moving man who's trying to get them moved to a new home . . . Julia Sanderson does not feel that she can return to radio, now that her husband and partner, Frank Crumit, is gone; Julia of the lovely laugh and charming singing voice will devote her talents to entertaining servicemen—but the radio public hopes that eventually she'll return to them.

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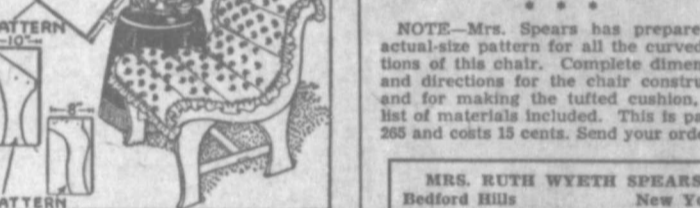
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Perhaps you have made lawn chairs all with straight cuts of the hand saw. Have you ever stopped to realize that it is almost as easy to cut curves with a compass saw? Curves add comfort as well as beauty and a tufted cushion distributes the weight so that springs are not missed so much. The curved pieces of the charming chair sketched here are shown at

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Medical men who have investigated such deaths apply the term "obsession and persecution complex" as the cause of death.

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Household Hints

For the children's sandwiches add chopped raisins to peanut butter, also a speck of salt, and use as a filling between slices of whole-wheat bread.

If pillows are forced into pillow cases that are too small for them, the cases will soon wear out.

Dried fruit, if cooked in the oven, need not be soaked first. Cover fruit with water. Bake in a covered dish. Slow oven cooking seems to bring out the sweetness of the fruit. If sweetening is needed, add a little sugar or honey.

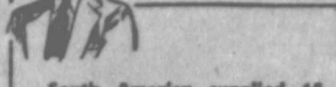
If coconut is a little hard for desserts, soften it by soaking several minutes in milk or fruit juice.

Oilcloth covering for cupboard and pantry shelves is a real work-saver. To keep crumbs and dust from collecting under the edges, seal them with cellulose tape.

When making a dress sew the collar and collar-facing in place before closing the under-arm seams, so that the work lies flat on the machine.

When dampening and rolling up the wash before ironing, put at the bottom of the basket the pieces you like to iron best and which are the easiest. That way, the last of the ironing will go fast and seem easy.

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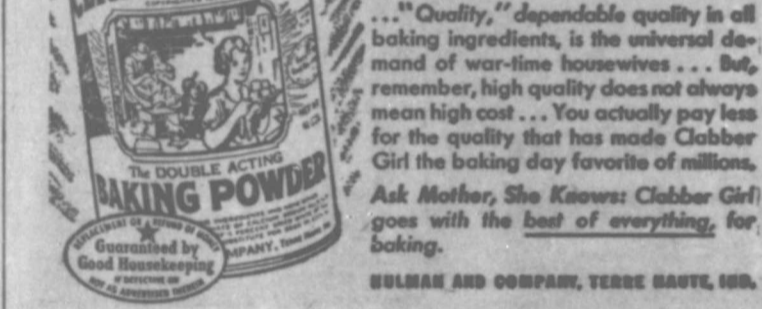
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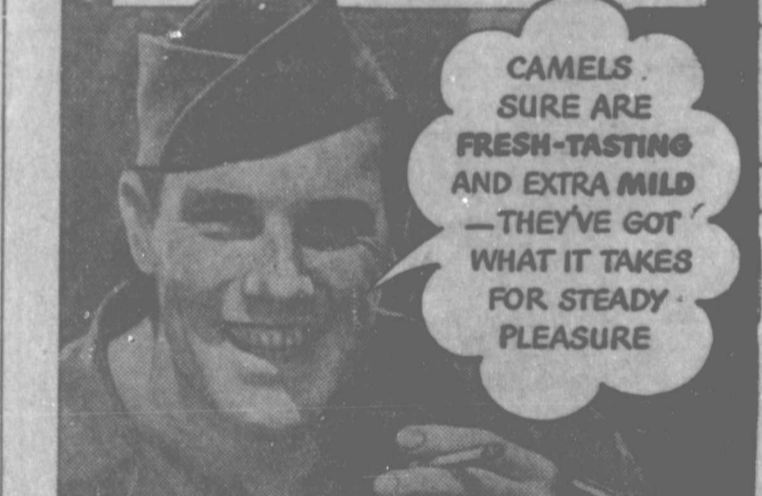
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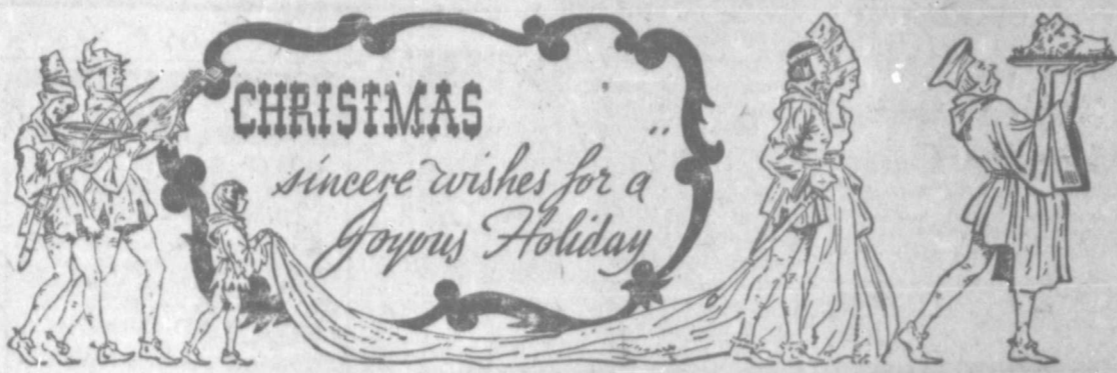
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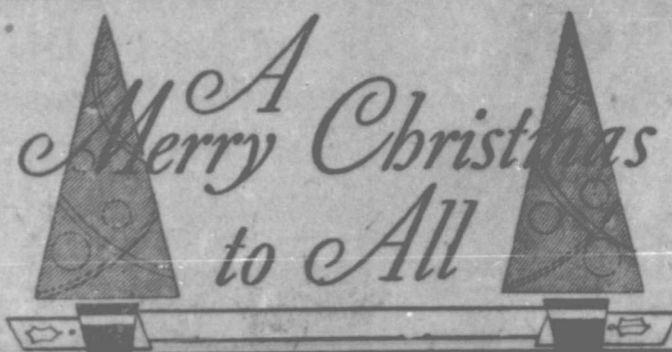
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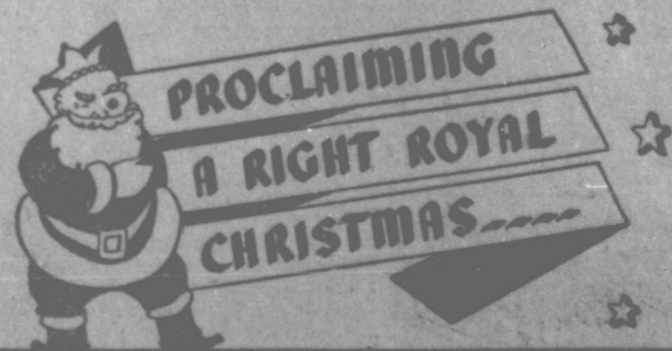
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That Nagging Backache

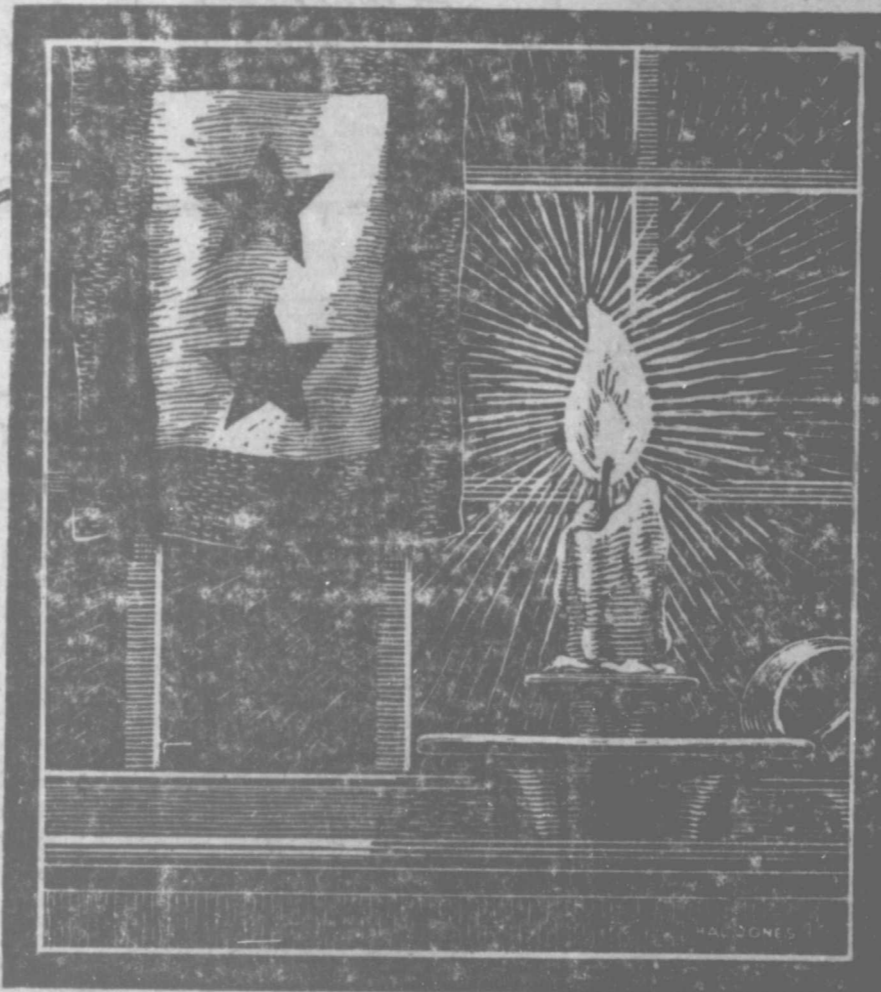
May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—the risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

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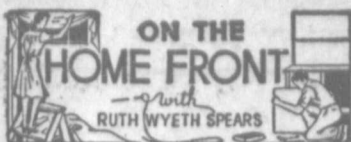
Is it worth it?...the blood, sweat and tears—the deprivations and sacrifices of our sons, husbands and loved ones.

Is it worth it?...to preserve and safeguard the right to think and speak and act as free human beings—to love and fight for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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planned to repeat tones in the wall paper of the room in which the chairs were to be used. The bold stripes of the putty tan, green and wine red material gave just the right contrast with the flowered pattern on the wall. Narrow green fringe was used for edging and the sketch shows how the two pieces of the slip cover were made.

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The Star That Shone O'er Bethlehem Will Forever Be a Mystery to Science

Could It Have Been A Comet, a Group of Planets, or a Nova?

By ELLIOTT PINE

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

When they had heard of the king, they departed; and in the night, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it stood over the spot where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

—Matthew 2: 2-10

THE Star! Matthew calmly records the appearance of this marvelous heavenly portent as a historical fact. For 1900 years many millions have believed that the majestic and unimaginably beautiful herald of the Messiah actually shone over Bethlehem, casting a beam of effulgent glory on that stable "where the young child was."

It has seemed entirely fitting that the birthplace of Christ should be pointed out in so magnificent a manner. Few laymen ever thought of questioning the reality of that star, although nothing like it ever was known before or after the momentous event. But astronomers, being exact scientists, have tried to reconcile the evangelist's words with the known facts on the nature and motions of heavenly bodies. The other three Gospels, by the way, do not mention the star.

In the 17th century, Johann Kepler, one of the greatest of the early astronomers, while calculating the orbits of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, extended his figures back to the time of Christ. He discovered that these three planets were in conjunction in the year 7 B. C., according to the calendar. Making allowance for the well known error in dating the year of Christ's birth, it was possible to call the year 7 of our era as actually the year in which Christ was born. Now if, as Kepler calculated, the three planets were very close together in that year, they would form a brilliant glow in the sky, during the month of December. So, Kepler reasoned, the conjunction of these planets was the Star of Bethlehem.

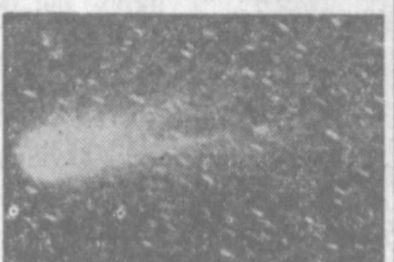
In Sign of Pisces.
This conjunction appears in the sign of Pisces, or the Fishes, every 800 years. Since the sign of Pisces had a special meaning to the Jews, it was entirely logical for the Magi to interpret an apparently new star within this sign as the long awaited

messenger from heaven, and to start on the long journey.

Kepler's theory satisfied pretty well until 1826, when Professor Ideler of Berlin pointed out that at no time are the three planets in absolute conjunction so that they would appear as a single star, even to the naked eye.

Another piece of evidence tending to cast doubt on the Kepler theory was brought in by the geographers. They showed that there were no roads or trails through the mountainous regions that the wise men had to traverse on which they could keep the planets in sight for any length of time. So this attractive explanation gradually faded out. It will not be until early in the 25th century, however, that scientists can test the full possibilities of Kepler's conjecture. It is not entirely ruled out until this time comes.

Perhaps a Comet.
In the last century came a new attempt to explain the Star. Prof. R. A. Proctor propounded the theory



WAS IT A COMET?—Theory that the Star of Bethlehem might have been a comet was advanced in the 19th century. This photo, taken in 1940, shows Cunningham's Comet.

that the mystic sign was really a comet. These celestial travelers of space, flaring up suddenly, moving across the sky often for days or weeks, and then disappearing, always impressed the ancients as mighty portents.

There are a few flaws in this theory, too, as several historians quickly declared. First, a comet was a fearful thing to all peoples of antiquity, a harbinger of evil to come, a warning of retribution for sin. The Magi, being learned in astrology, would know this, of course, and would not likely consider a comet an announcement of the Saviour's arrival. It is possible that these wise men did not follow the prevailing superstition. They might have called some comet his star. It is objected, however, that any comet bright enough to attract the wise men's attention would be noted down in some secular history—Josephus, in particular. There is no such confirmatory account.

The Nova Theory.
Lately, a plausible and poetic theory has been presented. The Star of Bethlehem may have been a "nova" or suddenly blazing star. For a brief time a nova may outshine every star in the sky. The most brilliant on record flared up in 1572. Another was observed by the aforementioned Kepler, and by Galileo, in 1604. Novae that can be seen by the human eye are rare. It is only since photography has been applied to astronomy that much is known about them. What causes the flaming phenomenon is not known, but possibly it is occasioned by the collision of two "dead" stars. The impact liberates the fiery interiors of the two bodies, and the seething gases swirl and shoot in a glorious display of light. The nova may burn for some time, but eventually it cools and fades, and generally dis-

appears from sight. Seldom do they last more than a few days.

So if a nova of extraordinary brilliance did burst forth a few days or weeks before the birth of Christ, this could be the Star toward which the wise men hurried, so long ago. It must be remembered, however, that the nova, if such it was, actually had burned out long before the first Christmas eve, because most of the stars are so distant that light takes many years to travel from them to the earth. Only lately the Nova Hercules has been seen, but its light has been traveling through space for 1300 years, at 186,000 miles a second.

Learned Guesses.
But these conjectures and scientific guesses are simply that—guesses. No one knows just what the Christmas Star was, or how it directed the wise men from the east to the little town of Bethlehem. It may be that, since there were prophecies to guide the Magi to that village in Judea, the Star did not exactly point the way, as some fanciful legends have put it, but merely indicated to the wise men the glorious day was near at hand.

The director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago comments that no star could "stand still" in the heavens while the three Magi plodded wearily onward. It would swing with the other stars in the daily round, as the earth turns on its axis. And again, a star could not remain fixed over the stable on that night of nights, casting down a great broad beam of purest light. That is, no "natural" star could. It would move onward with the procession of the heavens, until it set below the horizon.

A Miracle.
But the world has believed in that Star for 19 centuries. Scientists do not deny that it could have been a miracle—that "Star of Wonder, Star of Hope" that shone over the crib of the Saviour. It is no more difficult to believe that a star could send its beams down on that sacred spot than that angels sang to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest." It is one more marvel among many marvels.

From the Scriptures and from tradition it is known that the three wise men or Magi ("Magi" was the term for astrologer in the East) saw a great light in the sky, and took it for the Star that heralded the birth of the King of the Jews, who would deliver mankind from bondage. The three learned men, called kings by tradition, mounted their carrels, and came together, one from Chaldea, one from Persia, and one from Arabia. Their names, according to Bede, were Kaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

When they came to the stable in Bethlehem, they knelt in reverent wonder, like the simple shepherds gathered about the Babe, and offered their rich gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrrh." Today, although scientific knowledge has advanced a thousand-fold since the time of Christ, the mystery attached to all that sacred story remains.

The Star of Bethlehem is still a mystery to science. It will always remain so, for there is no way to recreate the physical conditions of that night, so long ago, and to investigate the phenomena with precise instruments. But millions of Christians will continue to believe that the glorious symbol of hope, the Star, shone over the little stable on that first Christmas, while celestial music floated over the countryside, and all the world was hushed in wonder.

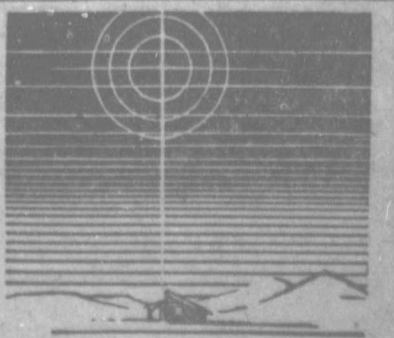


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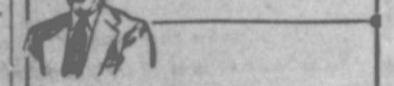
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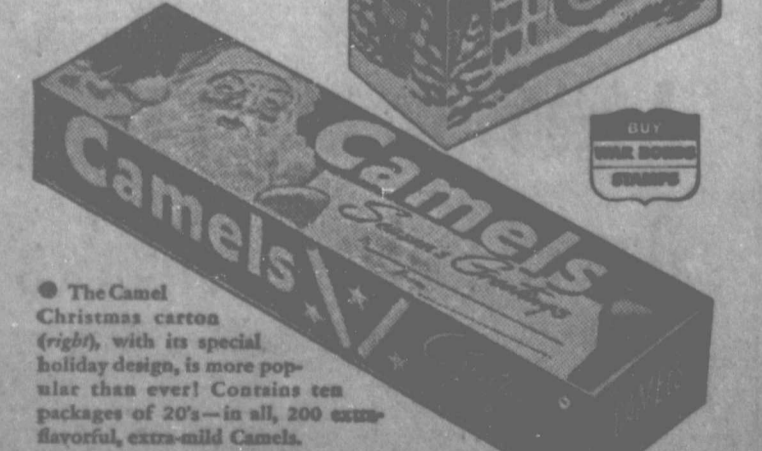
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5. What city in Italy is known as "the Bride of the Sea"?
6. What chief justice presided over the trial for impeachment of President Andrew Johnson?
7. Where did the Aztecs have an empire?
8. Who patented the saxophone and when?

The Answers

1. White gold.
2. Pitcairn.
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4. Odysseus (Ulysses).
5. Venice.
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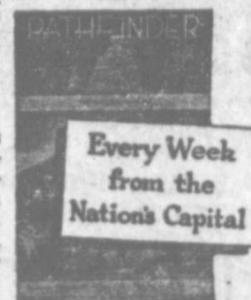
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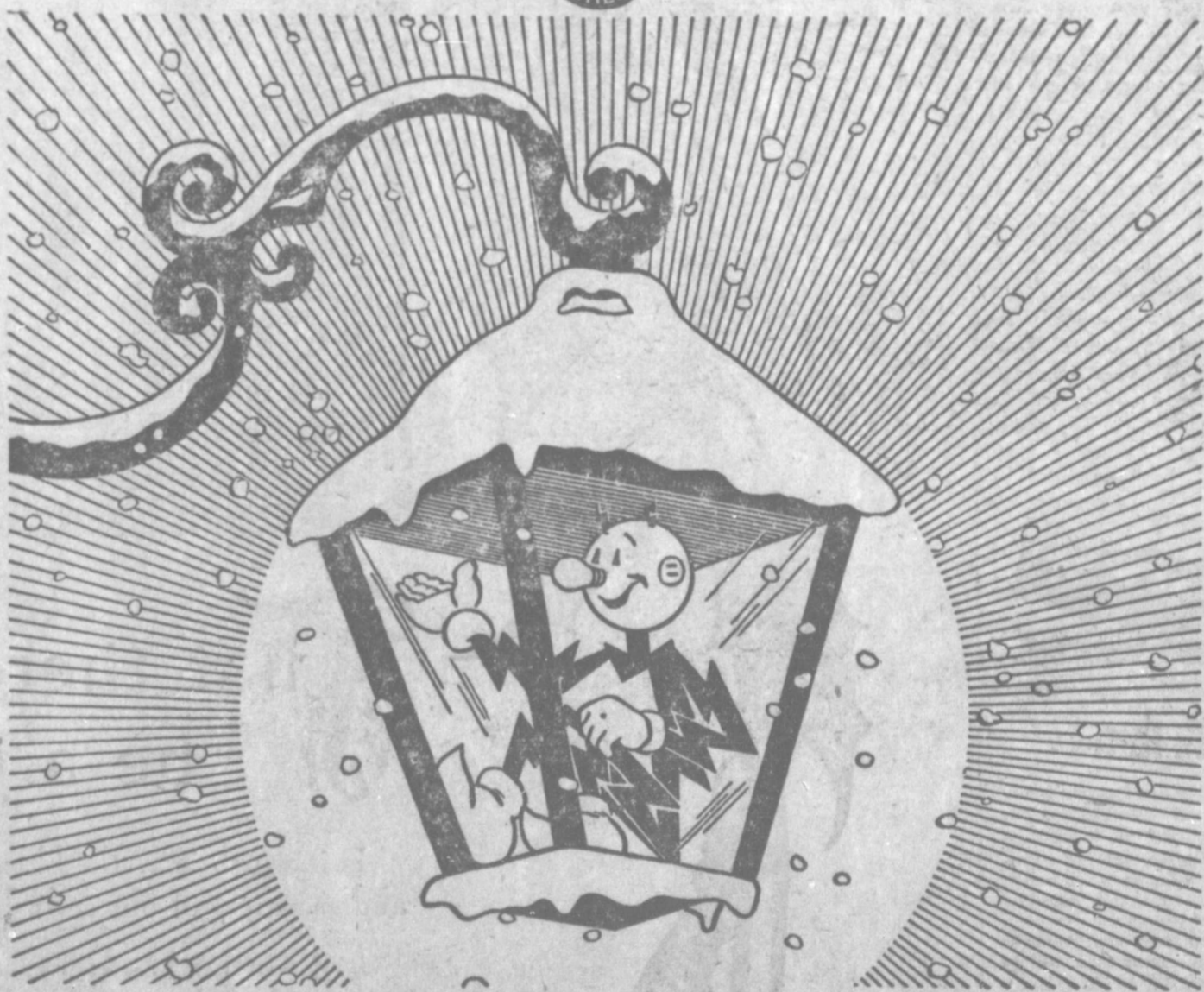
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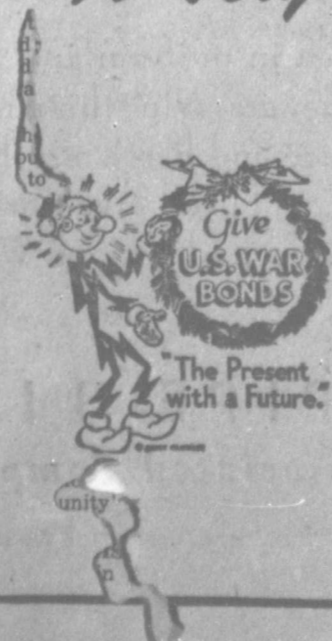
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