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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

While many of us have not been blessed with the material things of life during 1938, yet we can look back twelve months and see ourselves rich in that rare and finer currency, Good Will.

Christmas is a time of sentiment and cheer :: we



take this opportunity to give tongue to our renewed sense of gratitude to our patrons :: and to express our earnest hope, for all of us, that Christmas Day will mark a new era of prosperity and happiness! This is our sincere wish!

### CAPTAIN RIECK, RANCHMAN DEAD

Stricken While Attending Sheep and Goat Raisers Association

Captain H. W. Reick, 49, operator of a large ranch at Roosevelt, near Junction, and a leader of the Texas ranching industry, died at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. Death was attributed to pneumonia-meningitis.

The Kimble county ranchman became ill while attending the annual convention in San Antonio of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association recently. He was a member of the executive committee of the stockman's organization.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in San Antonio and the body then shipped to Junction for burial there Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Born in St. James, Mo., June 9, 1889, Reick spent his early years in the railroad business, being employed by the Frisco. He was educated in Missouri. He came to Texas in 1911, locating at Crystal Springs, where he advanced rapidly in the railroad business until 1917, when he resigned to enter an officers' training school at Leon Springs. Commissioned a captain, he went overseas with the Ninetieth Division in June, 1918. He was in three major battles and was wounded.

After the armistice he was a member of the Inter-Allied Railroad Commission and was stationed in Germany. Receiving honorable discharge in 1919, he returned to Texas and taking over management of the Paterson Ranch as a partner with Mrs. James Paterson, mother of his wife. He had married Meta Bruce Paterson April 6, 1918, in San Antonio.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Meta Bruce Paterson Reick; two sons, James, 17, Hugh William, 14, and Margaret Ann, 11; two brothers, A. S. Reick of San Angelo and Urban Reick of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; a sister, Miss Frieda Reick, and his mother, Mrs. F. W. Reick of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

### Paving Work To Be Started Monday

Mayor W. C. Gilmore Tells Lions of City's WPA Project

Stating that the city commission had not as yet employed an engineer for street paving supervision, Mayor W. C. Gilmore said that several engineers were being considered for the place.

Mr. Gilmore said that preliminary work would start Monday. The first work he said would be the stripping of caliche pits. There is considerable work to be done in Sonora before the actual laying of pavement begins, the mayor stated.

Mr. Gilmore urges property owners to get busy lining up their several blocks. Someone in each block should accept responsibility in signing up the other residents of that block. Seventy cents per foot is being required by the city. The money, Mr. Gilmore stated would be placed in escrow to remain until the work was completed.

The Rev. R. F. Davis was in charge of the entertainment program and presented a quartet of young ladies who sang "No Candle Was There." The quartet was composed of Misses Robby Jo Wy-

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### Stores Closed Monday

As is the usual custom each year in Sonora, stores will close for the Christmas holiday. As Christmas Day falls on Sunday, merchants here will close their stores on Monday, the 26th.

Clerks, office help, drivers, even the office boy, will have opportunity to spend the day in anyway desirable—hunting, visiting, or just lying around the house after partaking of the turkey feast.

If none of these pastimes appeal to one's esthetic tastes, maybe Junior could be persuaded to let you have his toy train, scooter or bicycle with which to while away the afternoon.

This has been a busy year! Let's all rest!

### SONORA'S KEY RATE REDUCED

Six Cities in State Receive Similar Reductions

State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall has announced a key rate reduction of one cent for Sonora, due to fire department improvements. The city's old key rate was 39 which has been dropped to 38 cents.

Sonora is one of six cities to receive a reduction on account of improvements in fire-fighting equipment. The general reduction ranges from one to three cents. In his statements Mr. Hall praised officials of the various towns involved for their foresight in preparing themselves in fire-prevention equipment, and enforcement of fire ordinances.

Other cities with their old and new rates, together with the reasons for reductions, are:

Hale Center, 56-54, due to waterworks improvement; Round Rock, 48-46, fire department improvements; Luling, 32-30, fire department improvements and enforcement of fire limits ordinance; Olton, 60-57, enforcement of fire marshal's ordinance; New Braunfels, 14-13, waterworks and fire department improvements.

### Santa Claus & Co. Operating In Sonora

Various Organizations Co-operating in The Spread of Cheer

In a meeting at the city hall Wednesday night, nine local organizations were represented, either in person or by proxy. The purpose of the get-together was to form a co-operating body to spread Christmas cheer.

Heretofore this work has been undertaken by the Lions Club, with assistance of a few other organizations. This year it has been decided that a co-operative move would be more far-reaching, and could serve to a better advantage.

Saturday afternoon Christmas cheer will be dispensed by members of the Boy Scouts Troop 19 and

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### Fifteen Head Angora Goats Donated For Tech Project

According to the best authority fifteen of West Texas top-ranking, high-stepping registered and pedigreed Angora goats are to "attend" Texas Technological College, Lubbock, beginning immediately following the Christmas holidays.

It all started with Herbert Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields, of Sonora, who is about to finish four years of study at the West Texas institution. He will be graduated in February.

According to W. L. Stangel, head of the Animal Husbandry Department of Tech, it is customary for a student about to be graduated from the school to leave something in the way of a gift for the benefit of those students who come after him.

Herbert's gift to Texas Tech, is one of which all West Texas and the entire state should feel proud. He initiated the project of establishing an Angora farm as an adjunct to the animal husbandry department of the West Texas institution.

Through the interest of Angora breeders in this section a flock will be established at the college. Mr. Stangel and Mr. Fields returned Tuesday from a trip of inspection of animals which have been pledged to the institution.

Ranchmen who have given one or more goats each are:

B. M. Halbert & Son, Sonora, a billy; Fred Earwood, two does; a doe each comes from: O. O. Cowser, S. W. Dismukes, T. C. Hamilton, M. A. Cowser, all of Rocksprings; J. L. Gulley & Sons, Uvalde; G. A. Bonner and Sam F. Cooper, Leakey; Bob Davis, Rio Frio; C. A. Pepper, San Antonio; Adolph Stieler, Comfort; W. H. Rawlings & Son, Johnson City. These animals were pledged at the recent meeting of the Sheep & Goat Raisers Association in San Antonio.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Stangel and B. M. Halbert, Jr. were visitors in The News office and while here Mr. Stangel stated they were just in from the Halbert place three miles west of town, where he inspected the billy given the

### Fields New Home Started Recently

House of Five Rooms and Bath Faces East On Highway

Work was begun last week on the basement of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr. with Hugh Meyer of San Angelo as contractor.

The construction is to be of frame and stucco and the house will face east. It will be located on the San Antonio highway at the second turn going east.

Mr. Fields stated this week that the house would contain three bedrooms, living room, breakfast room and bath, with basement.

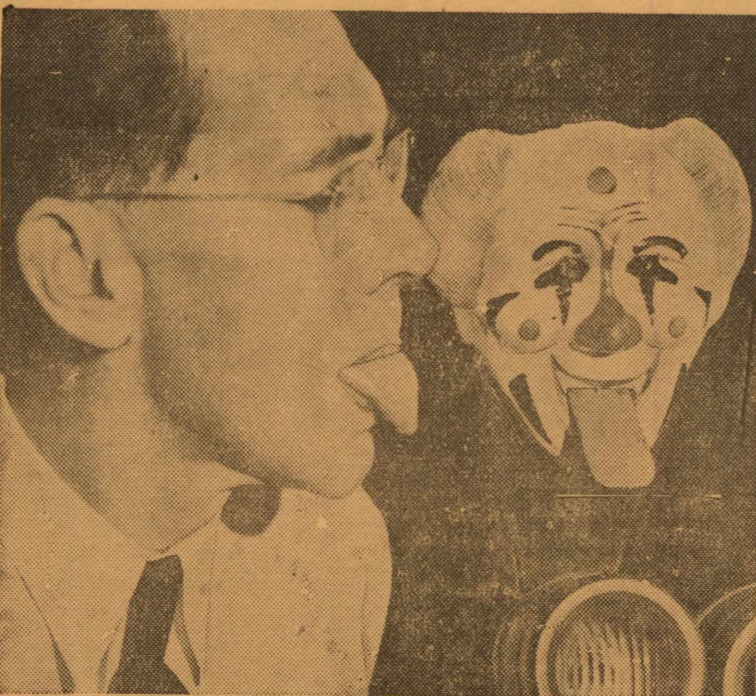
The construction of the Fields' residence will add one more lovely home to this fast growing section of Sonora. This house is on the same street with the Billy Penick, Hix Hall and John Fields homes, all built within the last two or three years.

The contractor has ninety days in which to complete the residence, according to Mr. Fields.

### Mother Stricken

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bird and daughter, Christine returned Tuesday from Miles where they had been called because of a sudden illness of Mr. Bird's mother, Mrs. W. J. Bird who suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was resting better at the time they left Miles.

### Horn Tooters Cheered—In Bronx Style



David Wilson, Santa Monica, Calif., true friend of the indignant motorist, recently patented a device which will express his contempt of the motorist who persists in blowing his horn at every available opportunity. Granted the enthusiastic approval of the United States patent office, the gadget is a combination of a light, a horn and a protruding tongue, to be attached to the rear of the automobile. The face resembles a clown mask and is operated from the front seat by means of a button on the dashboard.

### To Discuss Program

Ranchmen of Sutton county are called to meet at the courthouse at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A committee is to be elected to manage the 1939 ranch project, according to H. C. Atchison, county agent.

Aside from the business to be conducted at this meeting, information on the 1939 range program will be discussed.

Mr. Atchison urges all ranchmen of Sutton county to be present Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock.

### SONORAN BUYS BUSINESS PLACE

New Improvements Proposed For Near Future

A deal was closed here this week whereby H. V. Stokes becomes owner of the fire-proof building in which he has managed a feed business since 1930.

The property purchased by Mr. Stokes consists of one 110x40 ft. building, three lots and also includes a half interest in the spur track which provides a loading rack.

The building, formerly owned by the West Texas Cotton Oil Company, from whom it was purchased by Mr. Stokes, was erected in 1930, and a business established here known as the Hall Feed and Grain Co., of which Mr. Stokes was an employee.

The business was purchased in 1934 by Stokes and has been conducted since as the H. V. Stokes Feed Co. Bill Cartwright has been office manager since Mr. Stokes assumed control.

The erection of a 50x40-ft. extension to house feed grinding and mixing machinery is scheduled as among the first improvement to be made, Mr. Stokes said Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes just recently built a \$5,000 home on the San Antonio highway east of town.

### BEAUTY CONTEST

An announcement Thursday morning made by Jodie Trainer, chairman of the Lions Club Welfare Committee, places the final closing date of the "Beauty and the Beast" popularity contest as of December 31st.

The standing of the three leading candidate to date were given as follows:

Elizabeth Elliott ..... 574  
Katha Lea Keene ..... 569  
Margaret Ada Martin ..... 539

Dr. I. B. Boughton is leading in the contest for men.

Every citizen of Sonora and Sutton county should join this worthy move by voting for a favorite candidate.

Voting boxes will be found in either of Sonora's drug stores. Get behind this movement and let's put it over big.

Proceeds derived from this contest will be used in community work being done by the Lions Club.

### SENIOR PLAY WELL ATTENDED

Large Crowd in Evidence; Class Realizes \$73.20

Twelve members of the senior class, 1938-39, Sonora high school were greeted by a full house Monday night when the class presented "Little Geraldine," a comedy of modern youth.

The play was directed by Jennings H. Flathers, assisted by Miss Lillie Owens. Miss Elizabeth Elliott was in charge of stage decorations.

Little Geraldine "the goat" played by Jimmie Langford, in the senior play by that name given in the high school auditorium Monday evening, led her unwilling sorority sisters through a tirade of mysterious events, and left them gasping for breath at the end of the play by captivating the heart of the campus hero.

C. T. Driskell portrayed the part of the campus hero.

Roles of the sorority sisters were played by Louise Briscoe, Ina Archer, and Robby Jo Wyatt.

Comedy parts were taken by Edward Archer and Basil Taylor, with Margaret Fay Smith and Robert Kelly as the villains. J. C. Norris took the roll of a "superior" upper classman. Daphne Jungk portrayed the part of Little Geraldine's mother, and Margaret Sandherr was seen in the role of house mother.

Entertainment between acts and before the first curtain was furnished by the school band under the direction of Peter A. Chase; Peggy Gilmore, Jane Neill and James Theodore Hunt, who danced, with Mrs. H. F. Gilley as accompanist; Robby Jo Wyatt, Margaret Ada Martin, Margaret Schwiener and Katha Lea Keene, who sang, with Miss Marie Watkins as accompanist.

Net profit from the play amounted to \$73.20, which will go toward buying a gift for the high school.

Boyd Caffey, Lions Club Welfare committee member announced the postponement of the final decision in the "Beauty and the Beast," contest which was scheduled for completion at the close of the senior play. The date has been set for December 31, according to Mr. Caffey.

### West Texas Yards To Receive Signs

W. E. Caldwell, manager of the local yard of the West Texas Lumber Co., has received notice from the Dierks lumber people that the Sonora yard, and all West Texas Lumber Co. yards in West Texas, are to receive Neon signs.

In a letter to Mr. Caldwell the company states: "The Dierks Lumber & Coal Co., of Kansas City, Missouri appreciate the fact that Mr. Hail spends quite a bit of money advertising Dierks lumber and they want to pitch in and help by giving you and each of the West Texas yards a Neon sign, which is about two feet long and will fit nicely in a front window...."

Mr. Caldwell received as personal remembrance from the Kansas City firm—a beautiful Seal Skin billfold with his name imprinted in gold.

Miss Jamie Gardner, who is teaching school in Lordsburg, N. M., is spending the holidays in Sonora with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Gardner.

# 'Lionism' EXEMPLIFIED

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS  
By WALTER F. DEXTER  
President Lions Club International

The month of December presents a peculiar challenge to all of us. At this season of the year we take inventory of our individual and collective resources. We examine our tangible and intangible assets; we survey our intellectual and social obligations; and withal, we become concerned about our temporal and spiritual qualities.

The observance of Christmas stimulates people in all walks of life to review the past, to evaluate the present, and to plan for the future. Throughout the centuries we have been gradually moving toward the accomplishment of an ennobling ideal—"on earth peace, good will toward men." The development of this concept has been gradual but persistent. It has survived because it is right.

Christmas celebration individualizes this philosophy. The exchange of messages, courtesies, and gifts creates within us a spirit of mutual understanding and neighborly appreciation. We do unto others as we would have them do unto us because we respond, at this time of year, in an unusual way to the compulsion of a kindly and considerate civilization. In reacting to the law of reciprocal rights we put feeling as well as thought into our acts of helpfulness. We motivate our program of service by inspiring impulses.

In order to accomplish all this, we must of necessity consciously control our attitudes. During this period of the year we give, forgive and forget. It is of course easier to give than to forgive, and by virtue of the same token, it is easier to forgive than to forget. In giving gifts we find strength to forgive injury, and in forgiving injury we develop the ability to forget injustice. We cannot dislike people for whom we do favors. We cannot remember grievances when we forgive offenses. In this sense we see merit in the statement that "remembrances embellish life, but forgetfulness alone makes it possible."

It is fortunate then that the Christmas season comes at the end of the year. It provides an objective toward which we look with enthusiastic anticipation. It reinforces our belief in the dignity and sanctity of human life. In short, it prepares us for the common co-operative tasks of the day. In this spirit we face the responsibilities of the new year with courageous confidence.

The News herewith prints the list of questions which were given twenty Sonora high school students in an examination conducted by Highway Patrolmen Hugh Shaw and Ralph Crowe last Monday. Three high school students made grades of 99, 98 and 97 winning the cash prizes offered by the Sonora Lions Club. How many of these questions can the average citizen answer. Try it out.

### How Many Citizens Can Answer Them

1. Why is it very important to have all four brakes equally tight?
2. If all four brakes are equally tight, will the condition of the tires tread have any effect on one's stopping safely? Explain.
3. What penalty besides a fine can be assessed for parking on the pavement?
4. Should a driver stop his car at the top of a hill or down in a valley? Why?
5. On which side of the car should one always get out? Why?
6. What is the advantage of two windshield wipers over one?
7. Who is responsible for the injury of a person riding on the outside of a car?
8. List three (3) precautions a driver should employ while traveling a winding road?
9. Explain what is meant by "emergency brake"; why is it of vital importance to keep this brake in good working condition at all times?
10. Why should a pedestrian never let himself be caught between two cars going in opposite directions at night?
11. Explain how a driver at night can always tell in time whether there is a change in direction or condition of the road ahead?
12. Name three general ways in which the nation can reduce highway accidents.
13. Which of the following cause the most serious accidents?
  - (a) Ignorance of traffic laws.
  - (b) Speeding.
  - (c) Defects in automobile.
14. Give one reason (and justify your selection) why a person will jay-walk in heavy traffic: (1) laziness (2) sophistication (3) urgent business (4) selfishness (5) love of adventure (6) ignorance.
15. What does the law require a driver or pedestrian to do if he should hear a siren or see a red light coming down the highway?
16. Upon seeing a drunk driving a car or truck or walking in the street or upon the highway; upon seeing a hit-and-run driver or other careless driving what is a witness' obligation as a citizen?
17. Explain how parked cars in front of a school building that faces a street or highway of through traffic create a traffic hazard?
18. Suggest one good method for protecting thoughtless pupils while at play on school playgrounds that are not fenced.

19. Select one of the following and write a short essay why you think it can be more instrumental in reducing traffic accidents:
 

- (a) Courtesy in driving.
- (b) Fear of penalty.

 20. Considering every person's individual responsibility as a citizen to help protect the lives and property of others—justify the following slogan: "It is smart to obey the law."

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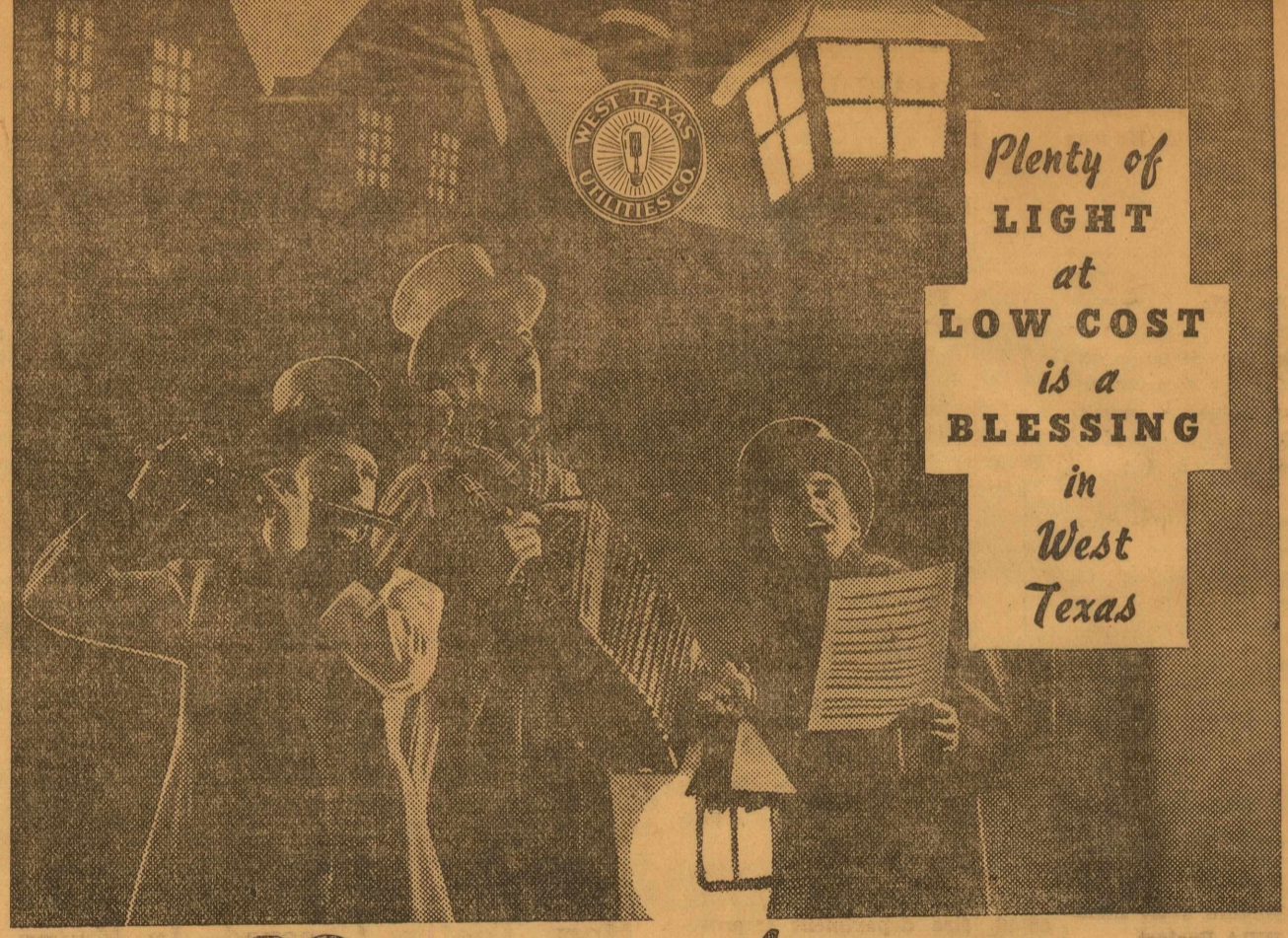
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## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

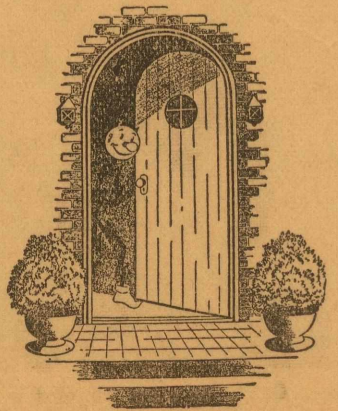
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**WITH THE CHURCHES**

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We want every one to be in Sunday School and the Morning Service Christmas day. Following the Morning Service we will dismiss for the day and give you the opportunity to observe this Yuletide season where you will.

May I take this opportunity to wish for everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. The years of service spent here as pastor in this community, have been pleasant, and sweet memories flood my heart as I think of the past two and a half years. May God bless you, each of you, and may we remember that this should be the most joyous day in all the year, for that little Babe in the manger in Bethlehem's barn was God's great gift to man—

"Hail, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free:  
From our sins and fears release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation;  
Hope of all the saints thou art;  
Long desired of every nation,  
Joy of every waiting heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child,—and yea a King,—  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious Kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit;  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne."

R. C. Brinkley, Pastor

**Business Men's Bible Class**

As we come up to this Yuletide season we are exceedingly anxious to have as many men as possible in attendance next Sunday. Come to a class where everybody is somebody, and may we worship the King of Kings together this Christmas morning.

**Methodist Church**

9:45-Sunday School-Last Sunday we had the largest attendance we have had in several years. The attendance passed the enrollment but this is a challenge to do greater things. On Christmas day let us have a still better attendance.

10:50-Morning Sermon-Subject: "The Meaning of Christmas." We are specializing on the attendance at Sunday School and morning preaching service. There will be no evening services; so let every member of the Sunday School and Church be in their places at the morning hour. Visitors are always welcome.

R. F. Davis, Pastor

**NEW COUNTY AGENT NAMED FOR UVALDE**

Uvalde, Tex., Dec. 19.—Word Sherrill, former resident of Rock-springs and for the past two years assistant county agent of Tom Green county, this week was named as Uvalde county agricultural agent to succeed Fred W. Hall, who has resigned effective Dec. 31. Sherrill graduated from Rock-springs high school and completed his training at Texas A. and M. Hall who has served as agent four years, will go to Eden Jan. 1 to assume charge of his new business, the Eden Wool and Mohair Company.

Phone us when you have news.

**Happiness Comes in Packages**

**35 Years Ago**

Does happiness ever come in packages? Yes, and by mail. Moreover, there are rosy prospects of a larger supply to meet the demand. Back of the announcement of a "happiness package" feature in the silver jubilee celebration of the United States parcel post is the story of a country woman in the St. Lawrence County hamlet of Winthrop, New York, close to the Canadian border. It was Mrs. Ada J. Folsom, assistant postmaster in the village, who hatched the idea of "making somebody happy with a happiness package," and her suggestion clicked with the Post Office Department in Washington.

The idea was born of her knowing how the average small town and farm resident, particularly the wives, respond to a gift package, and especially one that comes as a surprise. She observed that more gift packages were sent to the cities than to the country, but thinks that happiness should travel a two-way route. It is common for the folks in the country to mail parcels of meat, fruit, cakes and cookies to their relatives and friends in the cities, it seems but gift mailing to the country are not in proportion. Hence Mrs. Folsom's hint to city folks to mail some happiness to friends in the country:

"For years, I've grown accustomed to the inquiry: 'Hasn't my package come yet?' or, 'I'm sending a package to thus-and-so, they'll be so pleased.' So when I was thinking about what I could do in our little post office for the silver jubilee celebration of parcel post, I saw at our stamp window the happy face of a woman who had just handed me a parcel post package for mailing. I thought how fine it would be, if a lot of our country folk would get more 'Happiness Packages' from town. I wrote to some friends in the city about it, and the first thing I knew the idea had become part of the national celebration."

A salute to anyone who can increase the supply of happiness in the world! And, of course, happiness-givers are always happy themselves. Long ago Sydney Smith said: "There is only one way to be happy and that is to make somebody else so." This is the privilege of the highest and humblest.—Christian Science Monitor.

**MISS WATKINS PRESENTS PUPILS IN RECITAL**

Voice and piano pupils of Miss Marie Watkins were presented in their annual Christmas recital Saturday evening in the basement auditorium of the Methodist Church.

The room was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season with pot plants, a tinsel covered tree, and poinsettias.

After the recital punch was served, with Mrs. E. D. Shurley presiding at the punch bowl.

**1940 Census Big Job**  
Approximately 150,000 employees will be needed to take the U. S. Census of 1940.



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We wish our friends and loved ones all the good things of life: lasting health, prosperity, good cheer and happiness.

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TRADING AT HOME

Why the people of Sutton county will go to other places to do their trading, instead of trading in their own home town of Sonora, is beyond comprehension. We have the same old story this Christmas, everybody running off to buy their gifts, when all of our merchants have brought in nice stocks of Christmas goods to select from.

Many of our people have gone to other places and bought the same things they could have got at one of our own stores, and in many instances have paid more for them than they would have cost at home.

One person purchased an article in San Angelo at \$5.00, and returned home and found the same article in two different stores here for \$3.50. Another one purchased several articles and then later found he could have purchased the articles in Sonora at a saving of 75c to \$1.00 on each article.

We have every kind of store in Sonora, and they are first-class stores, too, much better than are usually found in towns the size of Sonora. Our merchants are progressive citizens, and are carrying the very best stocks of merchandise you will permit them to carry by your trade; and they would all be more than glad to carry in stock everything that anyone could or might want, if only our people would trade at home. They, of course, cannot carry large and varied stocks of goods if you do not trade at home. It is no excuse for you to say that you cannot get what you want at home, because if you would only tell your merchant what you want, if they don't have it, they would be pleased to get it for you; and, in fact, they would have it for you if they could depend on you trading at home.

The improvements made in our store buildings and fixtures and stocks of merchandise carried on hand clearly show that our merchants are wide awake and are doing their part to make Sonora a real up-to-date town, where you can get anything wanted, and at the right price. It is up to you to do your part. Think it over. Let's all pull together and make Sonora the best little town in the world.

Paving Work to—

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att, Katha Lea Keene, Louise Briscoe and Margaret Schwiening.

Miss Keene sang a solo, "A Star Was His Candle." "Mother Nature's Lullaby" was sung by Margaret Schwiening, Katha Lea Keene, Robby Jo Wyatt and Margaret Ada Martin. Miss Marie Watkins played piano accompaniment to all the numbers.

F. T. Jones, superintendent of school, presented the club's cash award to the three winning high school students in the highway contest. C. T. Driskell, Grace Thomas and Margaret Fay Smith.

Guests of the luncheon were M. L. Girard of San Antonio; J. K. Harper of Dallas, and Robert Kelley, Sonora. Billy Penick, young business man of Sonora, was introduced as a new member of the club.

Elliott Teacher Ill

Harva Jones has been ill with influenza for several days.

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Methodist Ladies Hold Christmas Meeting

Mrs. M. G. Shurley, Mrs. W. L. Davis and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer were host to the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society when it met in Mrs. Shurley's ranch home Wednesday for a Christmas program.

Two Christmas Carols "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Silent Night," were sung by the society. Mrs. A. Bruneman read the scripture from Luke 16: 19-35. Mrs. R. F. Davis talked on the subject "Having and Using," and Mrs. W. L. Davis read a Christmas poem. A quiz on Methodist missionary work was conducted by Mrs. E. E. Sawyer. The prayer was read by Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

After the program, gifts were exchanged among the members. To Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, outgoing president was presented a gift from the society, and to Mrs. R. F. Davis a gift from her Sunday school class was given.

Refreshments, with plate favors of candy candle holders holding tiny lighted candles, were served to Mesdames J. D. Lowrey, J. Franklin Howell, W. B. Keesee, Rita Ross, Rose Thorp, Irving Willman,

E. W. Hutcherson, T. W. Sandherr, W. A. Ezell, J. W. Trainer and Robert Rees.

HOMEMAKING CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The sophomore homemaking class entertained Tuesday evening in the homemaking cottage with a four course Christmas dinner.

Betty Grace Vehle acted as hostess and Doris Meckel as host, with Mary Jo Rape as waitress. Assisting with the dinner were Doris McDaniel, Beatrice Kirchner and Georgia Nance.

Bear grass in a pot, and with cranberries on the points was used as the centerpiece.

The dinner was a regular project of the second year homemaking class.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Jones and Earnest Caraway.

LAS AMIGAS ENTERTAINED BY MISS ADA STEEN

Miss Ada Steen entertained the Las Amigas Club in her home Wednesday afternoon, at which time Mrs. P. J. Taylor won high score prize and Mrs. R. C. Vicars took the award for second high.

Table appointments were in the Christmas motif.

Pie and coffee was served to Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., Mrs. Sam Karnes, Mrs. Johnny Hamby, Miss Nann Karnes and to Mrs. R. A. Halbert who was a club guest.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Miss Rena McQuary entertained the Junior B. Y. P. U. with a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the Baptist Church.

After playing games and singing Christmas Carols, fruit and candy was distributed to the children.

Personals

Mrs. Lee Holland of George West is visiting her daughter Miss Viba Holland during the holidays.

Hattie Taylor of Denton is a guest during the holidays of her sister Mrs. Tom McKee and Mr. McKee.

Mrs. Rose Thorp and daughters, Zella Lee and Mrs. Howard Kirby spent Monday and Tuesday in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Neill and daughters Jane and Nancy, will spend Christmas in Cuero with Mrs. Neill's mother, Mrs. W. F. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lightfoot and son, Jimmy will spend Christmas in Junction with Mrs. Lightfoot's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Anderson. They will be accompanied by Jim Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Driskell and son, Claude Thomas left this morning for Dallas to spend Christmas with Mr. Driskell's uncle, George Bulton, whom he hasn't seen for twenty years, and sister, Mrs. Bertie Holmes.

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Santa Claus & Co.—

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the Volunteer Fire Department. No one is to be overlooked.

Organizations agreeing to the co-operative move are:

The Methodist Missionary Society, Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, the Parent-Teacher Association, Sonora Woman's Club,

The Sonora Music Club, the Young Woman's Episcopal Guild, the Episcopal Sunday School, two classes from the Methodist Church, the Sonora Lions Club.

This is a worthy undertaking as is being conducted upon the proper basis—that of co-operation.

Gift Party Wednesday Evening Honors Miss Drennan

Miss Violet Drennan was complimented with a shower Wednesday evening in the home of Mrs. John Reiley, with Mrs. Elmer Wilson and Mrs. H. L. Taylor assisting.

Mrs. Reiley, Miss Violet Drennan, Miss Florine Reiley and Mrs. O. E. Merriman received the guests. Mrs. M. C. McDurmet presided at the bride's book. Mrs. Raymond Morgan and Miss Audrey Rankhorn served punch. Others in the house party were Mrs. Howard Kirby and Miss Mildred Labenske.

Piano numbers were played throughout the evening by Mrs. Batts Friend and Miss Rena McQuary. John Stanley Hamby did a tap dance and sang with Mrs. H. F. Gilley at the piano. Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss McQuary and "Sweetest Story Ever Told," was sung by Miss Pat Reiley, with Mrs. Lightfoot as accompanist. Miss Elizabeth Taylor read "A Lesson With the Fan."

House decorations of white, silver and red were in keeping with the season. The mantle and buffet were transformed into a miniature snow scene with Santa and the reindeer in a village. On the buffet snow scene was an altar with tiny white wax figurines of a bride and groom standing in front of a small snowy white Christmas tree.

The guest list included Mesdames Harold Powell, J. W. Moffett, F. J. Wood, J. F. Sellman, E. H. Richey, E. E. Sawyer, H. V. Morris,

P. C. Lightfoot, B. C. McGilvray, Billy Penick, R. A. Halbert, H. G. Decker, R. C. Vicars, Joe R. Hull, Ward Sherrill,

O. C. Ogdan, J. C. Norris, O. G. Babcock, J. G. Barton, J. F. Howell, Johnny Hamby, Rosanna Hildreth, George E. Smith.

Misses Dorothy Penick, Wilma Louise Merriman, Bobbie Halbert, Marie Watkins and Gertrude Babcock.

"KING CHRISTMAS" THEME OF SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pupils of the L. W. Elliott school gave their annual Christmas program in the Elliott school auditorium Tuesday evening.

The theme of the program was "King Christmas and his Elves," with the scene of action being laid in King Christmas' palace.

Scenes from the Nativity brought the program to a close.

BAPTISTS PRESENT GIFTS FOR ORPHANS

Gifts for the children of Buckner Orphans Home were laid before a white cross on the altar of the First Baptist Church Sunday evening as the carol "Silent Night," was sung by Miss Rena McQuary, Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, and the Rev. R. C. Brinkley.

Immediately preceding this offering, a short operetta "Gift of Christmas," was given.

Mistletoe and lighted candles

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Christmas Party for Sophomore Class

The sophomore class was entertained with a Christmas party Wednesday evening in the home of Mrs. O. L. Richardson.

After playing games and singing Christmas Carols, gifts, which loaded the Christmas tree, were exchanged.

Hot chocolate and fruit cake were served to Gladys Eaves, Paty Gilmore, Mary Lee Hefflin, Doris Keene, Beatrice Kirchner, Doris McClelland,

Doris Meckel, Georgia Nance, Mary Jo Rape, Betty Grace Vehle, Harold Briscoe, Kelso Locklin, Odell Odum, Manly Randle, O. L. Richardson, Clayton White, Clayton White.

Mrs. Alvis Johnson, a room-mother was hostess with Mrs. Richardson.

Other guests were Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, Mrs. Viola Randall, and Jennings H. Flathers, class sponsor.

O. E. S. Holds Christmas Meeting Tuesday Evening

At the meeting of the Order of Eastern Star Tuesday evening in the courthouse, baskets in red and silver filled with cellophane wrapped Christmas gifts displaced the usual Christmas tree. Distribution of gifts was made by Mrs. J. C. Stephen, conductress; Mrs. D. L. Locklin, associate conductress; and Mrs. W. L. Davis, marshal.

The Worthy Matron, Mrs. Gene Lightfoot, presented a gift from the members to Mrs. Hillman Brown. Room decorations were in red and white.

A study class was organized for furtherance of Eastern Star work toward the school of instruction to be held in early spring.

Mrs. Gene Lightfoot, Mrs. W. P. McConnell, Jr., and Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson are to have charge of secret work. Mrs. Joe F. Logan and Mrs. Odum are in charge of the ritual, and the study of the constitution is under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Davis and Mrs. Joe Hull.

were in the windows. A nativity scene decorated the stage. The entire program was under the direction of Miss Rena McQuary.

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Best Citizens Of L. W. Elliott School Awarded

Best citizens of the L. W. Elliott school are to be rewarded for their efforts each six weeks for the remainder of the school year.

The best citizen for the entire school as well as the best citizen of each grade will be rewarded.

To be chosen as one of the best citizens in school, a pupil must speak English, use no bad words on playground, and make a grade of "A" in courtesy, citizenship and deportment on his report card. Also, there must be no loafing in saloons or pool halls.

Estela Jimenez, a fourth grade pupil, was awarded a fountain pen desk set for being the best citizen in school the past six weeks. The award was furnished by the League of United Latin American Citizens.

A ticket to the picture show, presented by H. F. Gilley, principal, was awarded to: Emma Cos-

tello, low first grade; Eva Gomez, high first; Gabriel Mata; second, Maria Rodriguez, third; Jesus Villereal, fifth; Armando Virgin, sixth; Mary Buendia, seventh; Claudia Ramirez, eighth and ninth; and to Esperanza Reina, tenth and eleventh, for being the best citizens in their respective grades.

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# SOCIETY NOTES

Parties...Clubs  
Future Events

Gertrude Babcock, Society Editor

## Step and Fetch It Club Has Christmas Party

A Christmas tree and multicolored balloons added to the festivities, when Otis Westbrook entertained the Step and Fetch It Club with a Christmas party at the Virgil Powell ranch home Saturday evening of last week.

Table games, dancing, and the exchange of gifts furnished entertainment during the evening.

Refreshments were served to Misses Elizabeth Caldwell, Althea Brister, Helen James, Frances Crook, Margaret Grantham, Emma Sessions.

Dorothy Calfee, Mary Frances McDade, Blanch Percifull, Alice Sawyer, Lura Ward and Nan Johnson.

Also V. J. Glasscock, Troy White, McClain Lattimore, Jim Morris, Jennings H. Flathers, Jake Morgan, Roland Allard, Cleveland Jones, Don Miller and Woodland Brown.

## Double Four Club Meets With Mrs. Wirt Stephenson

Mrs. Wirt Stephenson was hostess to the Double Four Bridge Club Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. A. Ezell.

A Christmas tree and other house decorations emphasized the spirit of the season. The Christmas motif was used in table appointments. At the tea hour gifts were exchanged.

Award for high club score went to Mrs. J. H. Trainer, and Mrs. Leonard Caldwell won the prize for high guest score.

A salad plate was served to Mrs. Henry Greenhill, Mrs. W. A. Ezell, Mrs. Earnest McClelland, and to the guests Mrs. George D. Chalk, and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

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## Freshmen Enjoy Hike Christmas Party

The freshmen class of the Sonora High School enjoyed a hike to the roadside park on the San Antonio highway Tuesday afternoon, where they had a picnic supper.

After supper the class returned to the home of Mrs. J. D. Wallace for games and a Christmas tree. Miss Johnnie Allison, class sponsor, was presented with a gift by the class.

Members present were Betty Jo Adams, Edith Bruce, Peggy Gilmore, Willie Nell Hale, Billy Jo Henderson, Louise Merriman, Vinagene Powell, Opal Randle, Fanny Sellman, Jo Beth Taylor, Addie Thorp, Jamie Trainer, Violet White, Mary G. Wyatt.

George D. Wallace, Wayne White, Ray Wallis Stephenson, Glen Richardson, Rex Merriman, Jack Lindsey, Willie B. Ory, Robert Hamer, Vernon Cook, K. C. Collier, J. H. Cartwright, Richard Boughton, Wilfred Berger, Wilton Baggett and Eugene Alley.

The room mothers, Mrs. P. J. Taylor and Mrs. J. D. Wallace sponsored the party.

Others present were Preston C. Lightfoot and F. T. Jones.

## SONORA MUSIC CLUB TO PRESENT INDIAN SINGER

Sonora people are due some unusual musical entertainment in January when the Sonora Music Club presents two outstanding artists from the Musical Art Series, under the management of Robert Hollinshead of Hollywood.

The first number will be Hote-ma-we, an Indian mezzo-soprano, with Roy Cooper, a seventeen year old pianist.

A second program of this series will be in March, with Alta Turk, soprano and Cleo Allen Hibbs, composer-pianist.

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## PLEASE!



NEW YORK—In the World of Tomorrow, there will be no such harsh, forbidding signs as "Keep off the Grass!" At least the New York World's Fair 1939 has already introduced, on the Fair grounds, signs reading merely "Please." The young lady in the picture, Miss Betty Rafferty, is regarding the sign with genuine pleasure.

"I never liked those signs 'Keep off the Grass.' It is certainly a happy and considerate thought to use the one word 'Please.' Surely the public will both understand the meaning and will appreciate the friendliness of the request."

## J. A. Wards Hosts to Monday Night Bridge Club

The Monday Night Bridge Club was entertained with one of the most unique parties of the season in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr., Monday evening.

Each time a guest made a grand slam or progressed, he was privileged to take from the lighted Christmas tree a gift.

Aside from these gifts, prizes were won by Mrs. Jack Mann and W. J. Fields, Jr., for high score, and Mrs. Sam Karnes was presented with a guest prize.

The table from which a buffet supper was served was decorated with poinsettias and red tapers. Bridge table appointments were in keeping with the season.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shurley, Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., and Jack Mann.

## Senior Class Honorees at Party Homemaking Cottage

Miss Viva Milstead, class sponsor, entertained the senior class in the Homemaking Cottage Monday evening after the senior play.

A program was furnished by Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, who played piano solos and Miss Margaret Ada Martin, who sang.

Decorations of holly, mistletoe and cedar, with a Christmas tree lent to the atmosphere of the Christmas season. Favors were senior play programs on which were Christmas seals and the class colors, red and white.

F. T. Jones played Santa Claus, and distributed presents from the gift laden tree.

Hot spiced punch and cream horns were served to Mary Sue Blanton, Lillie Owens, Robby Jo Wyatt, Margaret Schwienging, Katha Lea Keene, Daphne Jungk.

Margaret Sandherr, Elizabeth Elliott, Ina Archer, Louise Briscoe, Wanda B. Rape, Jimmie Langford, Margaret Fay Smith.

Groce Thomas, Margaret Ada Martin, Billie Partin, Thelma Andrews, Mary Al Adams, and Wirt Ellis Stephenson.

C. T. Driskell, Thomas Thorp, Basil Taylor, Edward Archer, J. C. Norris, Robert Kelley and S. H. Stokes.

Miss Mary L. Leatherwood, Mesdames L. W. Elliott, W. D. Martin, Velma Shurley, T. W. Sandherr, F. T. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. J. Thomson Mund of College Station, and Preston C. Lightfoot.

Guests this week in the home of Mrs. Velma Shurley are Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomson Mund of College Station, Texas.

## Geraldine Morrow Honored With Birthday Party

Mrs. J. C. Morrow complimented her daughter, Geraldine on her eleventh birthday, with a theater party Tuesday afternoon.

After the picture show, guests went to the Morrow home where they played games and were served refreshments. Favors were candy candle holders. Decorations were in red and white, with a Christmas tree as the center of interest.

Guests included Mary Burtle, Martha Jo Moore, David Shurley, Lila D. Chalk, Jean Cliff Johnson, Betty Jean Rankhorn, Frances Jo Lancaster, Mary Lou Nuerburg, Margaret Jackson, Juanita and Avonetta Eaves, Marguerite Howell, Marjorie Ann Dameron, Kathryn Ross, Ethel Mae Alley, John Stanley Hamby, Jimmie Morrow, Mesdames Arthur Stuart, John Hamby, and Stella Stanley.

## Mrs. Murphy Host to Two Tables of Bridge

Mrs. Mike Murphy entertained with two tables of bridge in her home Friday evening. A small silver and blue Christmas tree symbolized the spirit of the season.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Collier Shurley, Miss Ada Steen, Mrs. Sam Hull, George Wynn and Dr. Joel Shelton.

## Sonorans Visit Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat accompanied by Mrs. Nannie Wheat returned to Sonora last Friday after a trip of several days. The trio spent one night in Carrizo Springs where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. McKnight. From there they went to Corpus Christi for fishing and then drove to San Antonio for a day and a half visit.

## Edward Tipton Ill

Edward Tipton has been ill with influenza this week.

## Room Mothers Give Christmas Party for Juniors

Room mothers entertained the junior class with a Christmas party in the beautifully decorated homemaking cottage Wednesday evening.

While table games were being played, Santa Claus appeared on the scene and distributed bags of fruit, candy and nuts to the guests.

Refreshments were served to Juanita Cartwright, Marjorie Davis, Sue Glasscock, Dorothy Henderson, Kathleen Largent, Louise Morris, Merle Org, Pat Reiley, Mildred Trainer, Libbye Jo Wallace.

Marion L. Adams, Dorcas Dav-enport, R. W. Hill, Rex Hutcherson, Leon Morris, Myron Morris, Paschail Odom, James Potter, Dock Simmons, Nelson Stubblefield, James D. Trainer, James Wilson.

The room mothers are Mrs. Libb Wallace, Mrs. G. H. Davis, Mrs. Auther Simmons, and Mrs. H. P. Largent. Miss Mary L. Leatherwood is class sponsor.

Milo E. Clark II. is spending Christmas in Dallas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clark.

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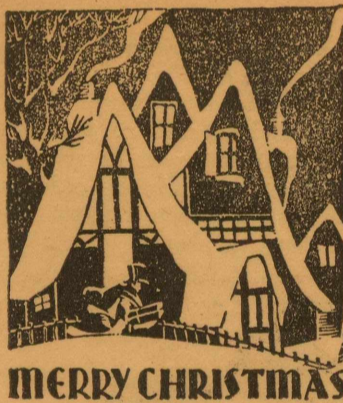


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Dec. 24

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TEXAS ORANGES 216 Size per dozen <b>16c</b>	WINESAP OR DELICIOUS APPLES 150 Size per dozen <b>18c</b>	
ONE CAN EACH OF PEACHES- APRICOTS- PEARS-ALL NO. TWO AND A HALF <b>55c</b>	FRUIT Cocktail, no. 1 Tall can <b>13c</b>	FANCY SWEET PICKLES MIXED, WHOLE OR RINGS Quart Jar <b>30c</b>
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### Little Stories

By  
The DREAMER

Testing the pulling power of The News' advertising columns, George Barrow, proprietor of Barrow Jewelry Store, has arrived at the conclusion that a porous plaster has nothing on the "Devil."

Mr. Barrow has carried a sizable advertisement—in fact, two ads—in The News for the last two weeks, advertising a free gift. One of the considerations was that his advertisement be clipped and presented to him at his store for registration. George says he is literally swamped with replies.

Tomorrow at 2 o'clock Mr. Barrow will present some lucky man or woman with a beautiful Bulova watch. There is no catch to the jeweler's proposition. But you must have the ad. clipping and you MUST visit his store to present your entry. That's all. You don't even have to be present when the final decision is posted.

Carrying one of the most complete stocks of jewelry in West Texas, Mr. Barrow is proud of his store and he wants everyone in this section to see and inspect that stock. So, clip his ad. from this issue of The News and join his happy crowd of voters. It isn't too late—you still have tomorrow.

A new band of entertainers has been organized in Sonora. It is the colored quartet and chorus. G. B. Rankhorn is said to be the discoverer of this harmonious group of singers. Anyway he was responsible for their appearance on the program at the Business Men's Bible Class at La Vista Theater Sunday morning.

Mr. Rankhorn says one member of the group plays a guitar, and it is being suggested that Sonora citizens make up a purse for the purpose of purchasing an instrument for the group. No doubt this will be done. He also states these entertainers will be available by

any organization where they are needed on a program.

The group appearing at the theater Sunday morning was composed of the following colored people: quartet—George Washington, baritone; Forrest Sheffield, tenor; Hoyle Summers, soprano; Herbert Alexander, bass: The chorus members include the quartet and the following: Mary, Burnell and Orrlyn Sheffield and Earnest Henderson.

According to advance announcement Lavelle Meckel will be guest singer of KTSA San Antonio tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Don't fail to tune-in.

Meckel is studying music in San Antonio under David Griffin and Frederick King. He also sings in a church choir under the direction of Oscar J. Fox, eminent Texas composer. During the holidays Lavelle will be in Sonora with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Meckel.

Re-decoration of the Corner Barber Shop was completed this week with the laying of new linoleum. Mr. Long, in charge, says the place is now ready for all comers. Jack Brown who has been with the shop since "heck was a pup," supervises the back chair.

It was supposed to be a secret to be revealed at the Methodist Church Sunday night, therefore, The News had no notice of the matter in the last issue. Now it is all over with so it may be told freely.

Reference is made of the first project of the Youth's Crusaders of the above church organization, which was revealed in two large displays in the foyer of the church Sunday night.

On the right was a portrayal of the Madonna and Child with a background scene of the manger wherein the child was born. On the left was a picture of the angel appearing to the shepherds.

Columns of the recesses were constructed by the Rev. R. F. Davis assisted by Richard Boughton and

Sidney Awalt. The figure of the Madonna was constructed by the pastor. To Flora Jean Hildreth, Edith May Babcock and Marjorie Nisbet fell the task of arranging draperies which clothed the Madonna.

Miss Gertrude Babcock, artist, did the chalk drawings. Electrical wiring required for the two scenes was done by T. A. Paul of the West Texas Utilities force. The whole affair was financed by the Men's Bible Class, sponsored by the Methodist Church.

"Wednesday was the biggest day in the history of the postoffice," said T. C. Murray Thursday morning. "The stamp sales for that day amounted to \$94.98." From Tuesday at 3 p. m. up to this morning (Thursday) Mr. Murray stated the office had cancelled 6,749 pieces of letter mail.

"Wednesday Mail Carrier Askev left San Angelo with 74 pouches of mail on his truck," Mr. Murray said. "He left eleven sacks at Christoval, 30 at Eldorado and unloaded 33 in Sonora." Outgoing mail has been very heavy, Mr. Murray said.

A. J. Owens will be one of the many Sutton officials to take office January 1, who will be fully equipped to handle the affairs of constableness.

Mr. Owens is the recipient of a highly prized six-shooter presented him by his friend, B. M. Halbert. The Sutton ranchman thinks the gun will serve its purpose, but doubts if Owens is able to salvage enough of his salary to keep himself supplied with ammunition. The gun is one of the late model "cap shooters" of the play-boy type.

#### Youth Crusaders Enjoy Dicken's "Christmas Carol"

The Youth's Crusade, after a short business meeting, and the singing of Christmas carols, was entertained Sunday evening by the reading of Dicken's "Christmas Carol," by Jennings H. Flathers. The meetings are held each Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Church.

#### Carolers Sunday Night

Late last Sunday night in various sections of town were heard the strains of Christmas carols sung with accordion accompaniment. The carolers were members of the Sonora Music Club. Afterwards, they met in the home of Mrs. F. T. Jones, where they enjoyed a social hour and held a brief business meeting. A box of toys was packed to be donated to the Lions Club welfare committee. They also voted to make a \$2.00 gift to the committee.

### Plan Model Prison Like No Other Pen

#### To Stress Rehabilitation at McNeil Island.

TACOMA.—Alcatraz still gets the publicity, but the United States government has turned to its other island prison for a modern program of convict rehabilitation. The "other island" is McNeil, at once similar to and far different from the dread San Francisco bay rock where "incorrigible" federal prisoners are confined.

A ten-year building program is under way to make McNeil's 4,400 acres into a penal institution like no other in the federal system. Established more than 60 years ago, the prison has just expanded from a small area to take over the entire island. The government pre-empted 140 private places last year and even dug up the graves of pioneers to continue the expansion. Orchards and tillable lands have been added to the prison farm.

McNeil island lies in lower Puget sound near Tacoma and like Alcatraz, is separated from the mainland by more than a mile of swirling, cold salt water. McNeil is low and wooded, with snow-capped mountains on its horizon. Prisoners can see green forests and smell Scotch broom in the air.

Officials at McNeil rely considerably on the natural surroundings to discourage escape attempts.

While Alcatraz is an institution for convicts supposedly beyond hope of reform, McNeil stresses rehabilitation and training. Its aim is to make inmates forget they ever were criminals, and to prevent them from becoming such again. Any convict may learn one of a dozen trades, may attend school or study arts, such as painting and music. Athletics are virtually compulsory, and a good library is available.

#### Sorority Sisters Beat Men in Intelligence Test

COLLEGE PARK, MD.—Women are smarter than men and sorority women show a higher I. Q. than their non-sorority sisters, according to a survey among students of the University of Maryland, released today.

Delta Delta Delta sorority compiled a point average of 2.89 to nose out its nearest competitor, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, which led the list in 1936-7 and was second this year with a 2.83 average. Alpha Phi Delta placed third with an average of 2.672.

The highest rating among the men was 2.50 for Alpha Gamma Rho, placing far down the list behind seven sororities. Sigma Alpha Mu had an average of 2.46 and Phi Alpha with 2.35 were second and third, respectively.

The all-sorority rating for women was 2.71, while the all-fraternity rating for men was 2.13. The all-women average was 2.43, while the all-men average was 2.12.

#### Old Civilization Wiped Out by Oregon Volcano

WASHINGTON.—Hot lava from a volcano wiped out a primitive civilization in southern Oregon 10,000 years ago, according to a report submitted to the Carnegie institution.

The report was made by Dr. L. S. Cressman, professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon, after he had led an excavation party through caves at Roaring Springs ranch, Paisley and Fort Rock, Ore.

He said he had found two throwing sticks, a bison-hide moccasin and a sinew-back bow in the Roaring Springs cave. In the three caves he found some 75 sandals charred, apparently, by hot pumice showered from the skies.

#### Sightless Man Produces Two Dozen Brooms a Day

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Asa James, 40-year-old broom maker, who never has seen one of his products, manufactures two dozen brooms daily in his small factory for salesmen who, like himself, are blind. He says a person can be blind and still specialize on quality. Despite the fact that he works entirely alone and by the sense of feeling, he is an expert broom maker.

He does every job in making the brooms except growing the materials. And he does it quickly and neatly, even to arranging and stitching the straw.

James, who has been blind since he was six years old, has been making and selling brooms since 1916.

#### Dances as Were Dances Recalled by Old Playboy

WINNIPEG.—Frederic Genthon, 81-year-old merry-maker who has celebrated his golden wedding anniversary, laughs at young persons "who complain of being fatigued after an evening of dancing."

Dances in his time, the pioneer said, lasted for days and nights. There was a relief fiddler and dancers were in three groups—dancing, eating and sleeping.

Shoes were a novelty, he said. People would take two or three pairs of moccasins to the dance—and invariably were disappointed if they did not wear them out.

### Texas Tech Alumni Hold Football Rally

Dallas, Dec., 20.—Dallas students of Texas Tech have completed plans for the largest pre-game football rally in the history of the college on the eve of the third Cotton Bowl Classic which matches Texas Tech against St. Mary's of California.

The rally, to be held in Fair Park Auditorium Sunday night January 1, will feature the famous 150-piece Red Raider band, Coach Pete Cawthon, and at least two other outstanding Texans as speakers.

Hundreds of the school's 30,000 exes will join more than 2,000 students of the college for the event.

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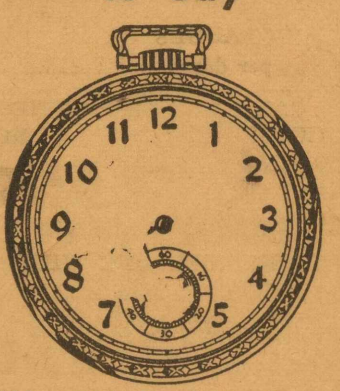
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# Students...

Christmas festivities have truly begun when the college students arrive home for the holidays.

Representatives of eleven colleges and universities in Sonora during the Christmas season are:

**A. and M. College**  
Harrel Turney Espy, Marvin Smith, Jack Shurley, Joseph Logan, Jim Taylor, Robert Allen Simmons, Junior Schwiening and Lem Eriel Johnson.

**Southwestern**  
Wynona Hutcherson, Emmalou Logan, and Reggie Trainer.

**Texas Tech**  
Herbert Fields.

**John Tarleton**  
Louis Davis, Muriel Reiley, Nettie Adair Reiley and Bill Reiley.

**Hockaday**  
Jo Nell Miers.

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Kathryn Brown, G. W. Archer and A. W. Awalt.

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Margie Tyler.

**Galveston**  
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**Texas Military Institute**  
R. W. Johnson and Armor Earwood.

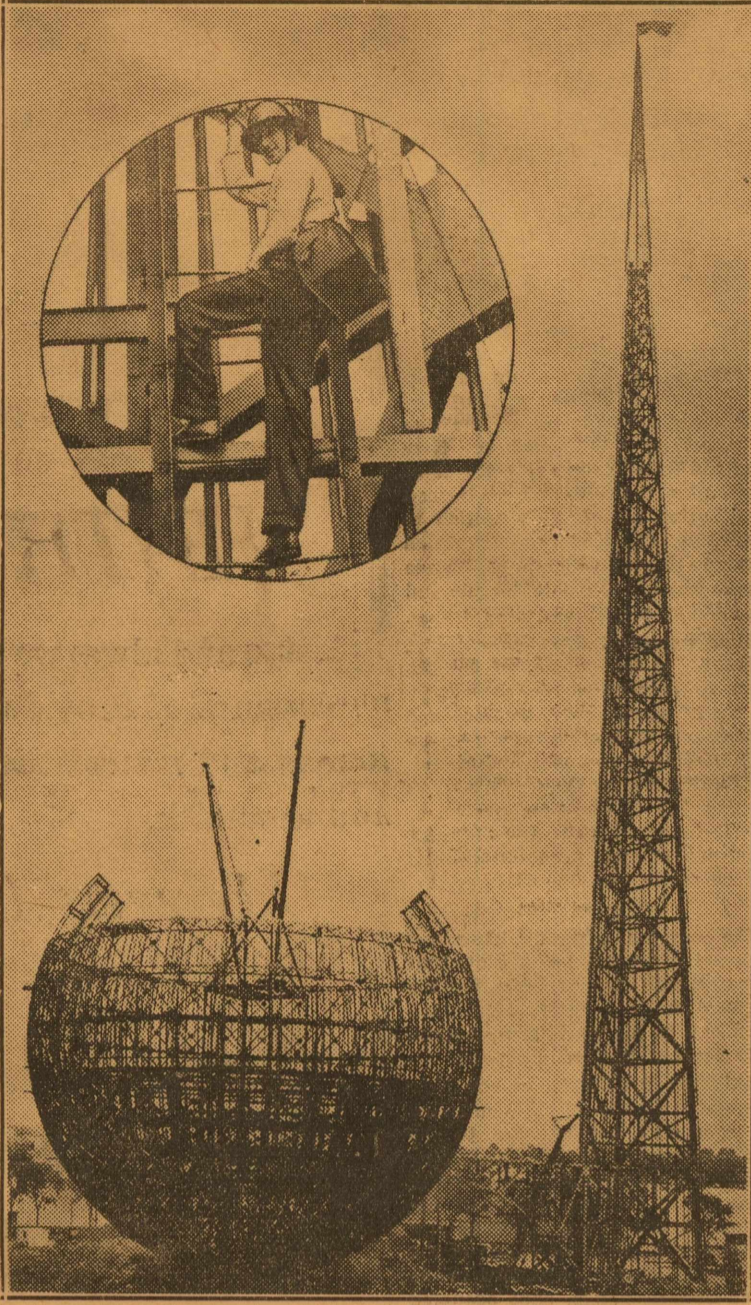
**University of Texas**  
Rena Glen Shurley, Cathryn Trainer, Lillie Marie Smith, Wesley Sawyer, Dickie Vehle, Web Elliott, Marion Elliott, Kenneth Babcock, Alvis Johnson, Jr., J. O. Mills, Pat O'Leary and J. T. Shurley.

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## UP THE LADDER TO FAME



**NEW YORK**—It took Ross McKee of the New York Daily News 35 minutes to climb to the top of the 700 foot Trylon on the grounds of the New York World's Fair 1939. Once up he squeezed out on a 14-inch ledge and took panoramic pictures of the Fair grounds and snapshot of the giant 200 foot Perisphere, the framework for which is nearing completion.

McKee was the first cameraman to accomplish this feat. He followed in the footsteps of steel "birdmen" who had just planted the U. S. flag marking the finish of the steel frame of the Trylon.

These two structures will be covered with stucco and, as the Theme Center of the Fair, will set the pace for the \$150,000,000 Exposition.

## Savings Clubs

**BANKING** institutions in thirty-eight States are now operating New York World's Fair 1939 Savings Clubs, according to a report just made to Grover A. Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation.

The popularity of these clubs arises from the fact that they enable individuals and families easily to finance a trip to the Fair next year through gradual accumulation of the necessary funds instead of by single demand upon financial resources. The slogan of the plan is: "Save Today to See the World of Tomorrow."

Some of the banks which have instituted the World's Fair Savings Clubs are operating them in connection with Christmas and Vacation Clubs, these having for long been in successful existence.

In one of the Southern States, such Fair clubs have been organized in colleges to aid students to set aside part of their allowances to provide means of visiting the Exposition next Spring. Banks are also utilizing the plan to encourage saving by school children.

Attendance at the Fair is expected to reach 60,000,000, according to present estimates.

## MAIL UNUSUALLY LIGHT THIS YEAR

In the past year the average mail out of Fort Worth destined for this section has been very heavy during the Christmas rush. According to P. W. Askew, star route carrier between San Angelo and Sonora, the average has run around 2,500 sacks.

For some unknown reason, so far this year the mails are running below the average. Up until Monday the heaviest mail consisted of only 600 sacks.

However, since Monday there has been noticeable increases in the amount of mail for Sonora, and citizens here and in the county certainly are receiving the lions share of Christmas mail.

Wednesday Mr. Askew left San

Angelo with 74 sacks of mail, of which number 33 were delivered at the local office. This amount of mail kept the postoffice force busy until late in the evening.

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## Thousands Enroll in WPA Classes

San Antonio, Dec. 21.—During the month of December the fifty thousandth adult Texan started the task of learning the rudiments of reading and writing in WPA literacy classes, it was reported today by Carl W. Huser, state director of adult education for the federal agency.

Currently enrolled in WPA literacy classes are 16,400 students, Huser said. More than 33,000 men and women, unable to read and write upon being admitted to WPA classes, have completed literacy courses.

"These adults who have spent their evenings studying under WPA teachers are now able to read newspapers and are competent to perform the scores of normal every-day tasks which require the ability to read and write," Huser stated. "In short, this release from the bondage of illiteracy has opened a new world for the thousands of persons who have been able to obtain educational advantages after reaching adulthood."

Although emphasizing their efforts to diminish illiteracy in Texas, WPA officials pointed out that the adult education program in this state includes numerous other

types of training. Courses are taught in homemaking education, vocational educational, general adult training which ranges into early college level studies, and education in leisure time activities.

Huser stated that the major purposes of the education program is to provide useful work for needy and competent teachers and that there are now 1,116 teachers employed by WPA. Practically all of these instructors hold classes at night in schools and other public buildings as the majority of the 54,890 persons enrolled in WPA classes are men and women whose daylight hours are spent in earning a livelihood.

Also conducted in connection with the education program are 37 nursery school units in which 2,392 pre-school age children from low income families receive daily care.

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**U. S. Has 130,215,000**  
 The population of Continental United States on July 1, 1938, was 130,215,000, according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Bureau of the Census. This represents an all-time high population for the United States.

**Bicycles Near Record**  
 Bicycle production in the United States in 1937 neared the all-time high of 1,182,691 reported for 1899. Last year 1,130,736 bicycles valued at \$22,223,431 were manufactured, according to preliminary reports of the U. S. Census Bureau.

**Farm Workers Decline**  
 In 1870, over one-half of all gainful workers in the United States were engaged in agriculture. In 1930, only 21.4 per cent were employed in this basic industry, according to the United States Census Bureau.

**More Transport Workers**  
 From 1870 to 1930, the number of gainful workers in the United States engaged in transportation and communication increased more than 600 per cent, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.

## School Faculty On Vacation

Sonora schools closed Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will open again January 2, 1939.

Faculty members took advantage of the holidays to visit relatives and friends in five states Superintendent and Mrs. Jones and daughter, Sandra Ruth, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jones of Goree.

H. F. Gilley will spend the holidays in Hollandale, Miss. with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Gilley. Mrs. Gilley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Smith of Fort Stockton.

Preston C. Lightfoot will visit in Abilene, and then motor to Corpus Christi with his parents Dr. and Mrs. A. Lightfoot. Later he will join Mrs. Lightfoot and daughter, Marjorie Ann, who are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gray of Gorman.

Miss Annie Duncan will divide her time between San Antonio and Devine, visiting her brother Joe T. Duncan, and sister Mrs. W. E. Russell.

Miss Mary L. Leatherwood will spend the holidays in Itasca with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Leatherwood.

Miss Marie Watkins will visit in San Antonio in the home of her cousin, Mrs. L. B. Denney and Mr. Denney.

Miss Johnnie Allison will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Allison of Rockwood.

Miss Viva Milstead is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Milstead of Hamlin.

Peter A. Chase will drive to Chicago for a day or two and will go from there to Ft. Atkinson, Wis., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chase.

Ernest Caraway, accompanied by his sister Miss Lula Mae Caraway, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Caraway, will join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caraway, in Sugartown, Louisiana.

Miss Leeta Mae Garrett expects to spend part of her vacation in Sonora and the rest in Brownwood visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lovelace.

Miss Nan Johnson will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Canyon.

Miss Althea Brister will spend holidays in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brister in Abilene.

Miss Mary Ruth Quisenberry will be a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jerl Gage of Slidell.

Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth expects to stay in Sonora during the holidays and have as guests her daughter, Helen, of Hollywood, and son Martin of San Angelo.

Miss Elizabeth Caldwell and Miss Harva Jones expect to take their vacations in Sonora.

Miss Rena McQuary will visit in Abilene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McQuary.

Miss Pauline Davis will spend the holidays in Temple visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davis.

Mrs. M. O. Britt will be a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. O. J. McCoy and Dr. McCoy of Rosebud.

Miss Frances Crook will visit in Martinsdale with her parents.

Miss Maggie Stuart will visit in Abilene with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stuart.

Miss Lura Ward is spending the holidays in Oakwood with her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Ward.

Miss Dorothy Calfee is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Calfee of Abilene.

Miss Mary Frances McDade will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McDade of Abilene.

Miss Helen James is spending her vacation in Denton with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. S. James. his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLain Lattimore is visiting Lattimore in Fort Worth.

Miss Margaret Grantham will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grantham of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Miss Blanch Perciful is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Perciful of Christoval.

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## Science Set to Help Fishermen

**Casts Bountiful Net of Research to Gather Useful Statistics.**

WASHINGTON.—Science has cast a net of research into the north Atlantic, and has brought aid to fog-shrouded fishing banks where for three centuries fishermen of many nations have struggled for a livelihood.

After the improvements in ship motors, refrigeration, packing and marketing methods turned the tide of adversity that had beset New England fisheries in early stages of depression, the United States bureau of fisheries turned its attention to measures of conservation which promise to give permanence to the fish supply of the north Atlantic and promote its economical exploitation.

Most extraordinary development, however, is the project of the bureau to determine the abundance of many species of New England groundfish. This ultimately may enable a scientific system of forecasting for the annual fishermen's catch comparable to the forecasts made by the department of agriculture for farm products but far more difficult due to many variable factors.

**Sixty Different Varieties.**  
 The various scientific programs promise ultimately to have great international importance, since the north Atlantic fisheries long have been one of the world's most valuable sources of food supply.

Although the fishing on the New England banks is largely controlled by American capital, due to the tariff-free entry of fish caught by American vessels, large numbers of Portuguese, Italians and other nationalities are engaged. With new motorized vessels, the range of the fishermen has been extended to the Nova Scotian banks, once occupied chiefly by Canadians. Beyond are the Grand Bank, visited by Canadian and French fishermen and the larger American vessels.

Modern statistical methods for counting the fish in the sea are being employed in a study of the abundance of nearly a dozen species of New England groundfish, according to Acting Commissioner of Fisheries Charles E. Jackson.

In addition to New England's "sacred codfish" on which the groundfish industry was founded, haddock, pollock, hake, cusk, wolf-fish, rosefish and the various flat fishes are being included in the survey being launched by the bureau.

**Potential Supplies Sought.**  
 By an elaborate statistical analysis of the catches made by vessels fishing the offshore banks, the bureau's scientific staff expects to discover the potential supplies of each important food fish studied.

Bottom feeding fish or groundfish made up more than half the catch of New England fishermen or some 380,000,000 pounds. As recently as 1929 haddock made up two-thirds of the catch by trawling vessels. Last year, however, owing chiefly to the recent phenomenal increase in the use of rosefish and whiting, haddock formed only a third of the groundfish catch.  
 By modern processing methods, six or eight species besides haddock and cod are now prepared for market as boneless filets, according to Jackson. This fact, together with the lack of sufficient haddock to supply the increasing market for packaged fish has resulted in increased catches of species formerly neglected by the trawlers.

### New Building Material:

**Ashes, Sand and Cement**  
 JOHANNESBURG. — A house made of ashes and waterproofed with soap has been built at Sonop, in the Transvaal.

It has six rooms, complete with bathroom, kitchen, pantry and veranda. It cost \$1,075.

Sonop is a government settlement where impoverished farmers are settlers on the land. More experimental houses of the same kind are being built, and if they prove successful, the Transvaal may save \$30,000,000 by adopting this form of construction generally.

The material used consists of 95 per cent ashes and 5 per cent sand, cement and soap. This is poured into molds in a liquid state and quickly solidifies.

### Town Passes 12 Years

**With No Auto Fatality**  
 HOLDREGE, NEB. — Sheriff G. Royal Hanson believes Holdrege is entitled to a traffic safety record of some sort.

There have been no fatal automobile accidents in the town during the past 12 years. Holdrege has a population of 3,500.

### Baby Has Six Living

**Great Grandparents**  
 HIGHLAND, ILL.—Patrice A Tibbetts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mort Tibbetts, born a week ago, has six living great grandparents, out of a possible eight.

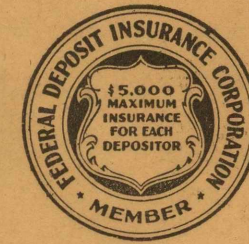
The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bardill and Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Tibbetts, all of Highland, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beck of Merrick, Ill.



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CRANBERRY Sauce, Tall can 2 for	25c	STUFFED Olives Tall bottle	33c
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SWANS DOWN Cake Flour, Large box	25c	ASPARAGUS No. 2 can	27c
MINCE MEAT- 3 pkgs.	25c	CHRISTMAS MIX Candy 2 lbs.	25c
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SPINACH fresh 2 lb.	13c	SQUASH, Baby White Pound	10c
ORANGES, Navels Large, dozen	25c	APPLE, Delicious Large Size	29c
APPLES, Delicious small doz.	15c	APPLES, Winesaps, each	1c
GRAPEFRUIT Dozen	19c	GREEN ONION, 2 bunches	5c

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